



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2019 UCI TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA

Athletes may be selected to the USA Cycling Track Cycling World Championship Team by meeting certain automatic selection criteria for these events. If all positions on the Team are not filled through automatic selection, athletes may also be selected to the USA Cycling Team through a discretionary selection process administered by the USA Cycling Selection Committee according to the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection described herein. Athletes seeking discretionary selection must 1. Submit a Discretionary Nomination Form by the deadline in the Important Dates and Deadlines section below or 2. Receive a discretionary nomination from the USA Cycling coaching staff. **It is the athlete's responsibility to submit a Discretionary Nomination Form on time. Late submissions will not be considered.**

USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR UCI TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the 2019 UCI Track Cycling World Championships, USA Cycling aims to obtain the best results possible in order to maximize our start quotas for the 2019/2020 World Cup season which is the second season of the Olympic qualifying period for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Secondly, USA Cycling will look to provide athletes with valuable experience against world class fields to develop their skills and tactics for future success.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) at the time of nomination. All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination. Athletes must have been born on or before Dec. 31, 2001.

USA CYCLING POLICY FOR PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

Per the current *UCI rule, 9.2.027* In addition to the positions qualified through the UCI track individual classification, according to the quotas indicated in the articles *UCI rules 9.2.022 and 9.2.023*, the following persons will also be qualified for Elite World Championships Team: Continental Champions (Men and Women) in individual events (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Madison excluded) who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Points Race, Omnium, and Scratch Race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation). USA Cycling reserves the right to select and fund Continental Champions to World Championship teams.

USA CYCLING TEAM SELECTION PRIORITY REGARDING TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SIZE

The UCI has set forth event qualification procedures that make it possible for a nation to qualify more athletes than a national selection is permitted at the World Championship competition. **The maximum UCI World Championship team size for a national selection is 10 men and 8 women.**

USA Cycling will make nominations in the order of priority below. Positions will be filled by event in the order of priority. First by automatic qualifiers followed by discretionary nominations. If there are no automatic qualifiers for an event USA Cycling may choose not to fill that position with a discretionary nomination or to fill the position with an athlete nominated to the team in another event.

USA Cycling will prioritize selection of the World Championships as follows:

1. Men Events: (in order of priority)
 - i) Men Team Pursuit (Maximum of 5)
 - ii) Men Madison (Maximum of 2)
 - iii) Men Omnium (Maximum of 1)
 - iv) Men Team Sprint (Maximum of 3)
 - v) Men Keirin (Maximum of 1)
 - vi) Men Match Sprint (Maximum of 1)
 - vii) Men 4km Individual Pursuit (Maximum of 1)
 - viii) Men Points Race (Maximum of 1)
 - ix) Men Scratch Race (Maximum of 1)
 - x) Men 1km TT (Maximum of 1)

2. Women Events: (in order of priority)
 - i) Women Team Pursuit (Maximum of 5)
 - ii) Women Madison (Maximum of 2)
 - iii) Women Omnium (Maximum of 1)
 - iv) Women Team Sprint (Maximum of 2)
 - v) Women Keirin (Maximum of 1)
 - vi) Women Match Sprint (Maximum of 1)
 - vii) Women 3km Individual Pursuit (Maximum of 1)

- viii) Women Points Race (Maximum of 1)
- ix) Women Scratch Race (Maximum of 1)
- x) Women 500m TT (Maximum of 1)

FUNDING LEVELS

USAC will provide funding for athletes selected to the team as follows:

Level 1: Funded

For athletes qualifying for the team via Automatic Selection criteria, and at USA Cycling's option for Discretionary Selection criteria, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes two pieces of luggage: One bike and one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are responsibility of the athlete). USA Cycling will also provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

Level 2: Self-Funded

Athletes who do not meet the Automatic Qualification criteria but are selected to the team via USA Cycling Selection Committee Discretionary Selection criteria will be responsible for self-funding through a "Team Service Fee" payable on or before the date outlined in this document. The Service Fee for this event and this level is \$500.00. This fee includes: competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed Insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling. Level 2 self-funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses as well. All athletes travel will be booked arriving 5 days before the first day of their competition, and returning the following day after their last competition. USA Cycling may, completely at its own discretion, provide Level 1 funding to an athlete who is not an Automatic Qualifier.

PODIUM COMPENSATION

Any Level 2: Self-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2019 UCI Track Cycling World Championships will be refunded the Team Service Fee (if applicable) as well as a fair market value for an economy class round-trip airfare to the event (if applicable; all excess baggage costs are the responsibility of the athlete).

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the USA Cycling World Championship Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, athletes will be provided competition clothing which will be required during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally athletes will be provided casual clothing that will be required at official team functions and while participating as a member of the team. Failure to comply with team clothing rules can lead to disciplinary actions including removal from the team.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Deadline for submission of petitions: January 28, 2019
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Automatic Nominations: January 30, 2019
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations and Final Selections: January 31, 2019
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Discretionary Nominations and Final Selections: February 1, 2019
- Deadline for submission of Service Fee for Self-Funded riders: February 4, 2019
- Final announcement of the Team: February 4, 2019

MANDATORY TRAINING

If an athlete accepts a nomination to the World Championship Team they will be required to participate in all USA Cycling training camps and race programs as prescribed by the USA Cycling Coaching staff from February 4, 2019 to February 26, 2019 unless excused in advance, in writing from the USA Cycling V.P. of Elite Athletics.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

1. Elite Men's and Women's Team Pursuit – Long Team

Athletes will be nominated to the Team Pursuit - Long Team based upon the following criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Team Pursuit team placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 World Championships. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, and time standards where applicable.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Team Pursuit team which earns a top-three (3) result at a UCI World Cup during the 2018/2019 UCI World Cup Track season.
3. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Pursuit (Teams made up of International athletes are excluded) that rides a 2018 International Elite Time Standard* in a 2018-2019 UCI World Cup event. Time standard Men: 3:57:19 or faster. Time Standard Women: 4:22:44 or faster.
4. Any eligible athlete who is a member of the winning team of the 2018 Pan American Track Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. Additional athletes may be selected for nomination to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

Elite Men's and Women's Team Pursuit –Final Team

Athletes will be nominated to the Team Pursuit- Final Team based upon the following criteria:

1. Should USA Cycling choose to enter a team in the event, all final nominees for the 2019 UCI World Championship Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on the “Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance” section of the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection criteria described in the Discretionary Selection section below. The Team Pursuit squad will be not be comprised of the best individual athletes, but rather the athletes that comprise and make up the best team as determined by the USA Cycling Selection Committee.

2. Elite Men's and Women's Madison – Long Team

Athletes will be nominated to the Madison Long Team based on the following criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Madison team placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 UCI World Championships. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, and time standards where applicable.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Madison team who earns two top-three (3) results at UCI World Cups during the 2018/2019 UCI World Cup Track season.
3. Any eligible athlete who is a member of the winning team of the 2018 Pan Am Track Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. Additional athletes may be selected for nomination to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

Elite Men's and Women's Madison – Final Team

Athletes will be nominated to ride the Madison based upon the following criteria:

1. Should USA Cycling choose to enter a team in the event, all final nominees for the 2019 UCI World Championship Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on the “Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance” section of the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection criteria described in the Discretionary Selection section below. The Team Pursuit squad will be not be comprised of the best individual athletes, but rather the athletes that comprise and make up the best team as determined by the USA Cycling Selection Committee.

3. Elite Men's and Women's Omnium

Athletes will be nominated to ride the Omnium based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 UCI World Championships. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, and time standards where applicable.
2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns two top-three (3) results at UCI World Cups during the 2018/2019 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion in the event, the athlete with the highest total placings will be nominated.
3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who wins the 2018 Pan Am Track Championships Omnium provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, and USA Cycling chooses to enter a team in the event then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

4. Elite Men's and Women's Team Sprint –Long Team

Athletes will be nominated to the Team Sprint Long Team based on the following criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint team placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 UCI World Championships. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, and time standards where applicable.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint (Teams made up of International athletes are excluded) team that rides a 2018 International Elite Time Standard* in a 2018-2019 UCI International event (below 1500 meters altitude), between the dates of March 01, 2018 – January 27, 2019 will be nominated to the 2019 UCI World Championship Team Sprint Long team. Time Standard Men 44.211. Time Standard Women 33.253.
3. Any eligible athlete who is a member of the winning Team Sprint team of the 2018 Pan Am Track Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. Additional athletes may be selected for nomination to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

Elite Men's and Women's Team Sprint –Final Team

Athletes will be nominated to ride the Team Sprint based upon the following criteria:

1. Should USA Cycling choose to enter a team in the event, all final nominees for the 2019 UCI World Championship Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on the “Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance” section of the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection criteria described in the Discretionary Selection section below. The Team Pursuit squad will be not be comprised of the best individual athletes, but rather the athletes that comprise and make up the best team as determined by the USA Cycling Selection Committee.

5. Elite Men's and Women's Keirin

Athletes will be nominated to ride the Keirin based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, and time standards where applicable.
2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top 3 result at a UCI World Cup during the 2018/2019 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest final placing will be nominated. . If there are athletes with equal placings the nomination will be earned by the athlete who produced the result in a European World Cup. If the athletes remain with equal placings after the preceding criteria the athlete with the highest placing in the Keirin at the USA Elite National Championships will earn the nomination.
3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who wins the 2018 Pan Am Track Championships Keirin provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be named to the Team.
4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, and USA Cycling chooses to fill this position, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

6. Elite Men's and Women's Match Sprint

Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and time standards where applicable.
2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top 3 result at a UCI World Cup during the 2018/2019 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest final placing will be nominated. If there are athletes with equal placings the nomination will be earned by the athlete who produced the result in a European World Cup. If the athletes remain with equal placings after the preceding criteria the athlete with the highest placing in the Match Sprint at the US National Championships will earn the nomination.
3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who rides a 2018 International Elite Time Standard* in a 2018-2019 UCI International event (below 1500 meters altitude), between the dates of March 01, 2018 – January 27, 2019 will be nominated to the 2019 UCI World Championship team. If more than one athlete meets this criteria available positions will be filled with the fastest times first. Time Standard Men, 9.889. Time Standard Women, 10.924.
4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who wins the 2018 Pan Am Track Championships Match Sprint provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, and USA Cycling chooses to fill this position, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

7. Elite Men's and Women's Individual Non-Olympic events- Points Race, Scratch Race, Individual Pursuit; Men's 1k TT; Women's 500m TT

Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2018 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on

- results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top-three (3) result at a UCI World Cup in an event during the 2018/2019 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest final placing will be nominated. . If there are athletes with equal placings the nomination will be earned by the athlete who produced the result in a European World Cup. If the athletes remain with equal placings after the preceding criteria the athlete with the highest placing in that event at the USA Elite National Championships will earn the nomination.
 3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who wins their respective event at the 2018 Pan Am Track Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
 4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, and USA Cycling chooses to fill this position, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection as described in the Discretionary Selection section below.

*International Elite Time Standard- 102% of the average winning time of the previous 3 World Championships

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

If positions remain after the automatic criteria have been applied, athletes may be selected to the Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee through discretionary selection. The USA Cycling Selection Committee will consider the following criteria for all events:

- A. Medal Capable Athlete– A medal capable athlete is one who has clearly demonstrated the ability to produce a medal winning result in the competition for which the athlete is being selected for by achieving one of the following criteria:
 - Winning a medal (top 3 finish) within the last 24 months at a UCI World Cup or World Championships and demonstrating the continuing ability to perform at that level or higher based on performances in International Competition in the last 12 months or
 - Beating previous year's Worlds or Olympic medalists or current top UCI world ranked athletes in International Competition on multiple occasions in the past 12 months;
- B. Future Medal Capable Athletes– An athlete who is future medal capable is one who has the potential to produce a medal winning result within two future Olympic Games cycles at a World Championship or Olympic Games by:
 - Demonstrating a trend of improving performance in International Competition that, when logically extended out two future Olympic cycles, in consideration

of the athlete's development path, intersects the future World Championship or Olympic standard for the event under consideration; or

- Performing at a high level at World Cups or World Championships, despite competing a relatively short time in the sport or being biologically immature compared to the average peak age of World Cup or World Championship medalists;

For team events (Team Pursuit, Madison, and Team Sprint) the USA Cycling Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

- C. Athletes Who Enhance Team Performance- These selections are essential for team events where the team members must work together as a single unit. An athlete who can enhance team performance is one who, based on her or his experience, tactical proficiency, physical abilities, and willingness to work selflessly for the team objective, is expected to contribute to the performance of a medal capable team or designated team strategy. An athlete who can enhance team performance must have the right combination of power, knowledge and attitude.

Importance of International Competition

As used herein, "International Competition" includes any competition in which the field of athletes is sufficiently strong that performances in that competition are indicative of how an athlete can perform in the World Championships. International Competitions need not occur outside the United States, as "international" refers to the competitiveness of the field (i.e., includes many of the best riders from leading cycling nations around the world), not the location of the event.

Data to Support Discretionary Selections

- For all selections – Validated and credible performance data such as times, athlete power data, or aerodynamic drag data.
- For "Athletes Who Enhance Team Performance" selections – Documentation of successful execution of relevant race tactics and/or evidence of being able to meet the physical requirements of the event being selected for.
- For choosing between two athletes in a selection category – Data may include any or all of the following in no specific order of priority. The inclusion and order of priority for any data set may be different from event to event as determined by the USA Cycling Coaching staff and USA Cycling Selection Committee.
 1. Race results in top international competitions;
 2. Race results in top national level competitions;
 3. Head to head competition results or performances between multiple athletes in consideration for a discretionary position;
 4. Technological data on athlete and or event which is validated and credible. By way of example this could include but is not limited to: times on similar tracks or events, athlete power data, aerodynamic drag data (if relevant) or event demand data.