USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2021-2022 UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

2021-2022 UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP SCHEDULE:
(Subject to change)

October 10, 2021 Waterloo, WI, USA
October 13, 2021 Fayetteville, AR, USA
October 17, 2021 Iowa City, IA, USA
October 24, 2021 Zonhoven, Belgium
October 31, 2021 Overijse, Belgium
November 14, 2021 Tabor, Czech Republic (M U23, M&W Junior races)
November 21, 2021 Koksijde, Belgium
November 28, 2021 Besançon, France
December 5, 2021 Antwerpen, Belgium
December 12, 2021 Val di Sole, Italy
December 18, 2021 Rucphen, Netherlands
December 19, 2021 Namur, Belgium (M U23, M&W Junior races)
December 26, 2021 Dendermonde, Belgium (M U23, M&W Junior races)
January 2, 2022 Hulst, Netherlands
January 16, 2022 Flamanville, France (M U23, M&W Junior races)
January 23, 2022 Hoogerheide, Netherlands (M U23, M&W Junior races)

ATHLETE QUOTAS

The UCI Cyclocross World Cup event rider quotas are as follows:

In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for Elite Men and Elite Women, riders ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI cyclo-cross ranking published when the registration process starts are pre-qualified. Federations entering less than 8 pre-qualified riders can expand their selection to a total of 8 entries.
Pre-qualified riders are eligible for selection at the discretion of the federation of their nationality, with a maximum of 12 riders per nation and in respect of the 6 following cases:
- A federation having 6 prequalified riders will select its 6 best ranked riders and 2 riders of its choice,
- A federation having 7 prequalified riders will select its 7 best ranked riders and 1 rider of its choice,
- A federation having 8 prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 1 rider of its choice,
- A federation having 9 prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 2 riders of its choice,
- A federation having 10 prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 3 riders of its choice,
- A federation having 11 or more prequalified riders will select its 8 best ranked riders and 4 riders of its choice.

For the Elite Women races, each national federation entering 8 or more riders, may, in addition, enter 2 women Under 23 riders.

In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for Under 23 Men, Junior Women and Junior Men, each federation may enter 6 riders. The federations concerned may additionally enter the reigning world champions and (except for the first UCI cyclo-cross world cup event of the season) the leaders of the last UCI cyclo-cross world cup ranking published before the closing date for entries.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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- All riders must submit a petition/online entry request for each World Cup in which they wish to compete. Athletes must submit an entry request via the race-specific forms found
on USA Cycling’s website at USACycling.org following the link for: Team USA> Cyclocross>Major Events https://usacycling.org/team-usa/cyclocross#events

- The deadline for all riders to submit a petition/online entry request to USA Cycling is by 3 p.m. Mountain Time on the date indicated for each race in the chart above.
- World Cup Pre-qualified riders will be determined by the UCI Individual rankings on the dates indicated in the chart above.
- When applying for nomination to a UCI Cyclocross World Cup, only submit a petition/online entry request form for those races that you will definitely be attending. It is the athlete’s responsibility to notify the USA Cycling Cyclocross Director if he/she is withdrawing from a World Cup after having applied for a start position either by pre-qualification, automatic or discretionay nomination.
- The announcement of each USA Cycling World Cup Roster will be released on the final selection date indicated for each race in the chart above.
- USA Cycling coaching staff will register all qualified riders not on UCI registered cyclocross teams for each World Cup.
- If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is attending a World Cup event, he/she will attend the manager’s meeting and pick up all of the race numbers, pit passes and other pertinent materials for riders not on UCI registered cyclocross teams. Each rider is responsible to contact the USA Cycling team manager/coach to make arrangements to pick up their individual race numbers, pit passes and other pertinent materials for each World Cup event.
- If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is not present at the World Cup event, each rider is responsible for delegating a representative to attend the manager’s meeting and pick up their race numbers, pit passes and other pertinent materials.
- Each athlete will be responsible to pay any applicable UCI fine for cancellation or non-participation.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USA Cycling does not assume financial responsibility for athletes or trade teams who wish to race in UCI World Cup events. USA Cycling may choose to send a National Team to select World Cup events. In that case, USA Cycling may provide support for riders selected to compete in these events. In any case where a rider is racing at a UCI Cyclocross World Cup event with the support of the USA Cycling National Team or Development Program, the rider will wear all USA Cycling National Team clothing and use all USA Cycling provided sponsor materials.

COMPETITION CLOTHING

All U23 Men (when racing in the U23 Men’s races), Junior Men and Junior Women are required by the UCI to compete in the competition kit of their respective National Teams. USA Cycling will make National Team kit available to these athletes for a reasonable fee. If U23 Men race in an Elite Men’s World Cup, they are not required by the UCI to wear National Team kit.

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
ELITE MEN

Quota Positions: 8, to a possible maximum of 12

Eligible Participants: USA Cycling International License Holders; Ages 19 and over

Athletes will receive World Cup nominations based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. All eligible athletes ranked in the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date for pre-qualification per each individual round of the World Cup listed above will be nominated to the team.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the U23 Men’s or Elite Men’s category will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in an Elite Men’s UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than quota positions available the highest placings will be nominated first. If there are equal placings athletes will be nominated in order of the current World Cup ranking at the time of selection.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Elite Men’s National Cyclocross Champion will be nominated to the team.
5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USAC Discretionary Selection criteria listed below. If the round of the World Cup in consideration does not include a separate Men’s U23 event, up to two U23 athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling coaching staff as development prospects.
6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes will be nominated to the team in the order of the UCI Individual ranking as of the dates outlined in the chart above with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

U23 MEN (For World Cups which include a separate U23 Men’s race)

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 19-22.

Maximum Quota Positions: 6

Athletes will receive World Cup nominations based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the U23 Men’s or Junior Men’s categories will be nominated to the team. If more
athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the U23 Men’s or Junior Men’s category will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than quota positions available the highest placings will be nominated first. If there are equal placings athletes will be nominated in order of the current UCI World Cup ranking at time of selection.

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling U23 Men’s National Cyclocross Champion will be nominated to the team provided he is racing in the same age category.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, eligible athletes may be nominated to the team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Criteria listed below.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes will be nominated to the team in the order of the UCI Individual ranking as of the dates outlined in the chart above with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

JUNIOR MEN (For World Cups which include a Men’s Junior race)

Eligible Participants: Male USA Cycling International License Holders; Ages 17-18.

Maximum Quota Positions: 6

Athletes will receive World Cup nominations based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same category will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first. If there are equal placings athletes will be nominated in order of the current UCI World Cup ranking at time of selection.

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Junior Men’s Cyclocross National Champion will be nominated to the team provided he is racing in the same age category.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, eligible athletes may be nominated following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection criteria listed below.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes will be nominated to the team in the order of the UCI Individual ranking as of the dates outlined in the chart above with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.
ELITE, U23 WOMEN

Quota Positions: 8, to a possible maximum of 12, plus 2 additional U23 athletes.

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Ages 19 and over.

Athletes will receive World Cup nominations based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. All eligible athletes ranked in the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date for pre-qualification per each individual round of the World Cup listed above will be nominated to the team.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the Elite Women’s or U23 Women’s category will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in an Elite Women’s UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first. If there are equal placings athletes will be nominated in order of the current UCI World Cup ranking at time of selection.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Elite Women’s National Cyclocross Champion will be nominated to the team.
5. The additional two (2) U23 Women quota positions may be nominated following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection criteria below.
6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then Elite and U23 athletes may be nominated following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection criteria listed below.
7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes will be nominated to the team in the order of the UCI Individual ranking as of the dates outlined in the chart above with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

JUNIOR WOMEN (For World Cups which include a separate Junior Women’s race)

Eligible Participants: Female USA Cycling International License Holders; Ages 17-18.

Maximum Quota Positions : 6

Athletes will receive World Cup nominations based on the following prioritized criteria:
1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same category will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than quota positions available the highest placings will be nominated first.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a Junior Women’s UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions the highest placings will be nominated first. If there are equal placings athletes will be nominated in order of the current UCI World Cup ranking at time of selection.

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the current USA Cycling Junior Women’s Cyclocross National Champion will be nominated to the team provided she is racing in the same age category.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be selected following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection criteria listed below.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes will be nominated to the team in the order of the UCI Individual ranking as of the dates outlined in the chart above with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

**DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

USA Cycling may choose to fill open quota positions through the selection criteria below.

USA Cycling has established automatic criteria by which athletes, through extraordinary achievement, have demonstrated very clear evidence of high potential for winning medals. USA Cycling will use a discretionary selection process to select all athletes who have not qualified automatically.

**Discretionary Criteria**

If quota positions remain after the automatic criteria above have been applied, the USA Cycling National Team Coach(s) may nominate athletes for discretionary selection according to the criteria below. The USA Cycling Selection Committee will review and approve the nominations. The Selection Committee will also review data from all petitioning athletes when considering the nominations.

The USA Cycling National Team Coaches and Selection Committee will consider the following criteria in the priority order A., B. and C. when making selections.

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 the most recent 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 medalists or current top UCI world ranked athletes in International Competition on courses similar to the event for which the athlete is being selected on multiple occasions in the past 12 months; or

- A top three finish on a course with similar profile and against similar competition to those expected for the event for which the athlete is being selected within the last 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 to three years at a World Championship or Olympic Games by:

- Demonstrating a trend of improving performance in International Competition that, when logically extended out two to three years, in consideration of the athlete’s development path, intersects the future World Championship or Olympic standard for the event under consideration; or

- Winning medals at Junior or U23 World Championships in the last 24 months with ongoing additional supporting results in International Competitions competitive with the top ranked Elite athletes.

C. Best Predicted Finish - If quota positions remain available after the application of all Automatic Selection and Discretionary Selection principles A. and B. above, USA Cycling coaches may nominate athletes for discretionary selection who are most likely to finish the highest in the event.

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 competition that the discretionary selection is for. 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

When petitioning athletes are eligible for discretionary selection, due to the availability of quota slots after automatic selection, petitioning athletes and the National Team coach will
be given the opportunity to submit data to the Selection Committee for consideration in the discretionary selection.

In addition to performances in International Competition or competitions specified in the Athlete Selection Procedures, the Selection Committee may consider for discretionary selections, as appropriate to the discipline, the following:

- For all selections – Validatable and credible performance data such as times on courses (or portions of courses) of similar length or course profile and/or in similar environmental conditions to the event being selected for; athlete power data; or aerodynamic drag data (if relevant); or event and specific role demand data.

- 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;

USA Cycling Selection Committee

Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff. The USA Cycling Selection Committee (see the USA Cycling website for the list of Selection Committee members) will review and approve ALL athlete nominations using the criteria outlined above.

Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. Another member of the Selection Committee may also raise a potential conflict of interest of another member. For any conflict raised, the remainder of the selection committee will decide if the conflict is material by vote. In the case of a tie, the tie will be broken by the USA Cycling Vice President of Elite Athletics. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.