USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2021 UCI JUNIOR TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sept 1-5 2021 – Cairo, Egypt

2021 World Championships Selection Criteria

The USA Cycling organization has been significantly affected by the COVID pandemic. Travel remains restricted and very challenging. The domestic and international competition calendar has undergone many changes, amendments and cancelations. As a result, USA Cycling has adopted the following guiding principles when creating or amending selection criteria.

The USA Cycling guiding principles are:

1. Selections that have a strong probability of producing a World Championship medal.

2. Selections that are critical in supporting the team execution required to win World Championship medals.

3. Selections that are in alignment with USAC organizational policy, goals and resources.

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Athletes may be selected to the USA Cycling (USAC) 2021 Junior Track Cycling World Championship Team by meeting certain selection criteria listed below. Athletes will be selected to the Team through a selection process administered and approved by the USAC Selection Committee according to the USAC Principles of Athlete Selection. 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 USAC 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

The primary objective of USA Cycling for the 2021 Junior Track World Championships is to select individuals and compose teams capable of medal winning performances. The secondary objective is to select athletes who show potential of being future medal capable and competitive in Olympic medal events.

Entering an athlete/team to any event is at the sole discretion of the USAC should they deem an athlete/team to be medal capable.

ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid USAC International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USAC 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 with a valid passport.


USA CYCLING TEAM SELECTION REGARDING TEAM SIZE

USAC may choose to not fill all positions if it is deemed there are no medal capable athletes in an event. USAC may also choose to fill positions with an athlete nominated to the team in another event.

EVENTS

Men and Women with maximum participants by nation.

1. Omnium (1 athlete)
2. Sprint (2 athletes)
3. Keirin (2 athletes)
4. Team Pursuit (1 team)
5. Team Sprint (1 team)
6. Madison (1 team)
7. Individual Pursuit (2 athletes)
8. Points Race (1 athlete)
9. Scratch Race (1 athlete)
10. Elimination (1 athlete)  
11. 1km/500m TT (2 athletes)

**FUNDING**

All athletes who are selected for the final 2021 World Championship team will be required to purchase a roundtrip airfare to Egypt and pay a $500 team ground fee for the championships.

USAC 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.

**COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of the USAC JTCWC Team, representing USAC 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 August 1, 2021
- Selection of Final Team: August 5, 2021
- Deadline confirmation of participation. August 8, 2021
- Final announcement of the Team: August 10, 2021

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

For All Events - Entering an athlete/team to any event is at the sole discretion of the USAC.

1. **Men’s and Women’s Omnium**

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

1. The winner of the Omnium event at the USA Cycling Junior Track National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety, run under UCI regulations and has a minimum of 10 entrants.
2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria then the USA Cycling Coaching staff may nominate any petitioning athlete that has demonstrated the ability to be a medal capable athlete at the 2021 UCI Junior World Championships. This assessment will be based on race performances and where applicable, validated competition timing.

2. **Men’s and Women’s Sprint**

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

1. The winner of the Sprint event at the USA Cycling Junior Track National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety, run under UCI regulations and the athlete has produced a validated minimum sprint qualifying time of: Men – 10.67 indoor / 10.89 outdoor, Women 11.95 indoor / 12.19 outdoor.

2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria then the USA Cycling Coaching staff may nominate any petitioning athlete that has demonstrated the ability to be a medal capable athlete at the 2021 UCI Junior World Championships. This assessment will be based on race performances and where applicable, validated competition timing.

3. **Men’s and Women’s Keirin**

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

1. The winner of the Sprint event at the USA Cycling Junior Track National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety, run under UCI regulations and the athlete has produced a validated minimum sprint qualifying time of: Men – 10.67 indoor / 10.89 outdoor, Women 11.95 indoor / 12.19 outdoor.

2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria then the USA Cycling Coaching staff may nominate any petitioning athlete that has demonstrated the ability to be a medal capable athlete at the 2021 UCI Junior World Championships. This assessment will be based on race performances and where applicable, validated competition timing.

4. **All remaining Men’s and Women’s Events**

1. The USA Cycling Coaching staff may nominate any petitioning athlete that has demonstrated the ability to be a medal capable athlete at the 2021 UCI Junior World Championships. This assessment will be based on race performances and where applicable, validated competition timing.
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.