USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2022 WORLD BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS
July 26 – 31, 2022 Nantes, France

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2022 USA Cycling UCI BMX Racing World Championship Team. In cases where there are available start positions after the automatic qualification process, any available positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process https://usacycling.org/team-usa/selection-criteria-document. Athletes who are seeking a discretionary nomination may submit a petition for the event.

There are extensive UCI requirements for entry into the World Championships at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the UCI website under rules and regulations – World Championships.
https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations

ELIGIBILITY

Elite Men and Women: Racing age 19 or older
U23 Men and Women: Racing age 19-22
Junior Men and Women: Racing Age 17-18

Athlete 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 nominees must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination.

TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY

USA Cycling will determine team size and prioritization of events prior to the
Championship based on event goals and strategy, available resources and available athletes. USA Cycling may not fill all available quota positions for all events.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Funding Levels

**Level 1: Funded**
USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes up to 3 pieces of luggage: Up to two bikes or one bike and one wheel case, plus one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are the 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 travel insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**
All athletes participating on the team at Level 2 Funding will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food and lodging costs associated with the event. USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility for any athletes selected to team. In addition, all athletes will be responsible for payment of a Team Service Fee of $400.00 which will cover one week of UHC Safe Trip Insurance, registration, 2 jerseys and administration expense.

USA Cycling will manage the registration process and notify all riders that have qualified for the Championship event of how to register and when. All riders will be required to sign digital waivers during the registration process. USA Cycling will then notify all riders of when and where to collect event number plates, transponders, wristbands and bike security tags once they’ve been collected by the Team Manager prior to the event.

USA Cycling will NOT be responsible for, or manage logistics for professional team managers, private coaches, professional team staff, athletes’ families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make.

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 with 2 jerseys which they will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally, athletes will be provided casual clothing that they will be required to wear at official team functions and while participating as a member of the team. An
option to purchase additional jerseys is available. 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: June 16th, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: June 23rd, 2022
- Confirmation of intent to participate: June 25th, 2022
- Submission of Team Service Fee: June 28th, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: June 28th, 2022

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

**Elite Men**

**Maximum Start Positions:** 5 plus any athletes qualified under criteria #1 below

**Level 1 Funding:**

1. By UCI rules, any eligible athlete ranked in the top sixteen (16) of the UCI Elite Men World Rankings as of December 31st, 2021 will be nominated to the Team.

2. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.

3. Any eligible athlete who places top three (3) in a 2022 UCI BMX World Cup event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and June 12, 2022 will be nominated to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions the athletes with the highest number of podium finishes earned between January 1, 2022 and June 12, 2022 will be nominated first. For ties between athletes with the same number of podium finishes, priority will go to the athlete with the most first place finishes, then second place finishes, and then 3rd place finishes. Any remaining ties will be broken by the UCI Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2022.
Level 2 Funding:

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete placing in the top sixteen (16) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top sixteen (16) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling National Championships will be nominated to the Team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

Elite Women

Maximum Start Positions: 5 plus any athletes qualified under criteria #1 below

Level 1 Funding:

1. By UCI rules, any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Elite Women World Rankings as of December 31st, 2021 will be nominated to the Team.

2. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.

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5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling National Championships will be nominated to the Team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

U23 Men

Maximum Start Positions: 3

Level 1 Funding:

1. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI U23 Men Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2022 will be nominated to the Team.

Level 2 Funding:

1. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (16) of the UCI U23 Men Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2022 will be nominated to the Team.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling National Championships will be nominated to the Team.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

**U23 Women**

**Maximum Start Positions:** 3

**Level 1 Funding:**

2. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI U23 Women’s Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2022 will be nominated to the Team.

**Level 2 Funding:**

4. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (16) of the UCI U23 Women’s Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2022 will be nominated to the Team.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling National Championships will be nominated to the Team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team following the USAC Discretionary Selection Process.

**Junior Men**

**Maximum Start Positions:** 5

**Level 1 Funding:**

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top eight (8) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.

2. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Junior Men Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2022 will be nominated to the Team.
Level 2 Funding:

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete placing in the top sixteen (16) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top sixteen (16) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated first and the next highest second and so on.

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**Junior Women**

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**Level 1 Funding:**

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top eight (8) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.

2. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI Junior Women Individual Ranking as of June 14, 2021 will be nominated to the Team.
Level 2 Funding:

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete placing in the top sixteen (16) at the prior year’s World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top sixteen (16) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated first and the next highest second and so on.

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