USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2020 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
October 24, 25 2020 –Sakarya, Turkey

2020 World Championships Selection Criteria Amendment

USA Cycling has made significant revisions to previously posted world championship selection criteria due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As the result of an amended cycling calendar and the USA Cycling organization being significantly affected by the pandemic, we have adopted the following guiding principles when revising selection criteria.

The USA Cycling guiding principles are:

1. Selections that increase or protect Tokyo medal probability
2. Selections that have a strong probability of producing a World Championship medal.
3. Selections that are critical in supporting the team execution required to win World Championship medals.
4. Selections that are in alignment with USAC organizational goals and resources.

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2020 UCI Marathon World Championship MTB Team. In cases where there are still available start positions after the automatic qualification process, any available positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the discretionary selection criteria below.

ELIGIBILITY

USA Elite Men and Women: UCI International License Holders; 2020 Racing Age 19 and over

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

All athletes selected to the 2020 Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship Team 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 the Mountain Bike Marathon World Championship team. In addition, all athletes will be responsible for payment of a Team Service Fee of $200.00 which will cover competition clothing and TravMed Abroad coverage throughout the duration of the event, as well as team registration expenses.
IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Deadline for submission of petitions: August 14, 2020
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: August 25, 2020
- Confirmation of intent to participate: August 27, 2020
- Final announcement of the Team: August 31, 2020
- Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: August 31, 2020

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men Marathon (Maximum of 6)
Elite Women Marathon (Maximum of 6)

**Elite Men Marathon**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Racing age of 19 and over in 2020

**Maximum Start Positions:** 6

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2019 World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top 3 at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.


3. Any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a 2020 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series event between the dates of January 01, 2020 and August 17, 2020.


5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be selected to the team following the USAC Discretionary Selection process. Athletes may petition using the Discretionary Petition form on the USA Cycling website.

**Elite Women Marathon**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over in 2020

**Maximum Start Positions:** 6

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2019 World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top 3 at the World Championships during the
current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international
competition and ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.

2. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top thirty (30) in the UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series
Rankings as of August 17, 2020.

3. Any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a 2020 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon Series
event between the dates of January 01, 2020 and August 17, 2020.

4. Any eligible athlete ranked in the top fifty (50) in the UCI XCO Mountain Bike Rankings as of
August 17, 2020.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be selected
to the team following the USAC Discretionary Selection process. Athletes may petition using the
Discretionary Petition form on the USA Cycling website.

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

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

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 priority order A through C:

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 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 athletes in their division.

C. **Best Predicted Finish**—If positions for the Team remain open after the application of all Automatic Selection and Discretionary Selection principles A. and B. above, the USA Cycling Selection Committee may choose the athlete or athletes who are most likely to finish the highest in the event based on the data below in the “Data to Support Discretionary Selections” section.

**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 MTB 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(s) 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.

- For choosing between two athletes within a selection category (medal capable, future medal capable, or best predicted finish) – 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 determined by the USA Cycling Coaching staff and USA Cycling Selection Committee.

1. Race results in top international competitions
2. Race results in top domestic 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 validatable and credible. By way of example this could include, but is not limited to: times on the same courses in the same events or event demand data.

USA Cycling Selection Committee

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.