USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2022 UCI MTB DH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Elite, Jr Women and Men
August 24-28, 2022 Les Gets, France

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2022 UCI MTB DH 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 Women and Men - racing age 19 years and older.
Jr Women and Men – racing age 17 and 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**
Athletes who are selected to the Team and do not receive level 1 funding 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 $1,000.00. This fee includes: 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 athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses. 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.

**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 competition clothing 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. 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: July 21, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: July 28, 2022
- Confirmation of intent to participate: July 30, 2022
- Submission of Team Service Fee: August 2, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: August 2, 2022

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

**Elite Downhill –Men and Women**

**Maximum Start Positions:** Elite Men 7 & Elite Women 7

**Level 1 Funding**

1. 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 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 who wins a Downhill Final in a 2022 UCI Downhill World Cup race between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team.

Level 2 Funding

3. Any eligible athlete finishing in the top three (3) in the Downhill Final in a 2022 UCI Downhill World Cup race between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team. Up to two (2) athletes may be nominated from this criterion. If more than two (2) athletes meet this criterion the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first and the second highest placing will be nominated 2nd. In the event of equal placings the nomination will be made based on recency and the athlete with the most recent placing will be nominated first.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria the top two (2) ranked male and top two (2) ranked female eligible athletes if ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2022 UCI Individual World Cup Overall Elite Downhill rankings as of July 21, 2021 will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be selected first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling Elite MTB DH National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria the top two (2) ranked male and top two (2) ranked female U.S. athletes in the 2022 UCI Elite Downhill World Overall rankings, as of July 21, 2022 if ranked in the top fifty (50). If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be selected first.

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

**Junior Downhill –Men and Women**

**Maximum Start Positions:** 6 Junior Men & 7 Junior Women

Level 1 Funding

1. 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 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.

Level 2 Funding

2. Any eligible athlete who earns a top three (3) in the Downhill Final in a 2022 UCI Jr Downhill World Cup race between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team. Up to two (2) athletes may be nominated from this criterion. If more than two (2) athletes meet this criterion the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first and the second highest placing will be nominated 2nd. In the event of equal placings the nomination will be made based on recency and the athlete with the most recent placing will be nominated first.

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria the top two (2) male and top two (2) female eligible athletes if ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2022 UCI Individual World Cup Overall Jr Downhill rankings as of July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be selected first.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling Jr MTB DH National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

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

USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process

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