USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2022 UCI MTB XCO, XCC and XCR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Elite, U23, 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 XCO 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
XCO
Elite Women and Men- racing age 23 years and older.
U23 Women and Men -racing age 19-22 years old.
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 Women and Men XCO

Maximum start positions: Women 7, Men 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 ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete who wins an Elite UCI World Cup XCO event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions athletes will be nominated based on recency with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

Level 2 Funding

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who earns a top-three (3) in an Elite UCI World Cup XCO event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 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 the athletes with those equal placings will be nominated based on recency with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2022 UCI Individual World Cup Overall Elite Cross Country 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 placed athlete will be selected first, the second highest placed athlete will be selected second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling Elite Mountain Bike Cross Country National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top fifty (50) in the UCI Individual Elite World 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 placed athlete will be nominated first, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team following the USAC Discretionary Selection Process.
**U23 Women and Men XCO**

**Maximum Start Positions:** Women 7, Men 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 ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete who wins a U23 UCI World Cup XCO event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions athletes will be nominated based on recency with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

**Level 2 Funding**

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who earns a top-three (3) in a U23 UCI World Cup XCO event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 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 the athletes with those equal placings will be nominated based on recency with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2022 UCI Individual World Cup Overall U23 Cross-country 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 placed athlete will be selected first, the second highest placed athlete will be selected second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling U23 Mountain Bike Cross Country National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top seventy-five (75) in the UCI Individual Elite World
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 placed athlete will be nominated first, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

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 Women and Men XCO**

**Maximum Start Positions: Women 7, Men 6**

**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 athlete 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. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete who wins a European round of the 2022 UCI Junior Series cross-country race between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions athletes will be nominated based on recency with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

**Level 2 Funding**

3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing among the top-three (3) of a European round of the 2022 UCI Junior Series cross-country race between the dates of January 1, 2022 and July 21, 2022 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 the athletes with those equal placings will be nominated based on recency with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2022 USA Cycling JR Mountain Bike Cross Country National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the two highest ranked eligible athletes in the UCI Individual Jr World Rankings as of July 21,
2022 if in the top fifty 50 places in the rankings will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest placed athlete will be nominated first, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

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

**Elite Women and Men XCC**
Maximum start positions: Women 7, Men 7.

As per UCI regulations the XCC team shall be comprised of athletes already selected to and registered for the XCO event.

In the event of there less XCC start positions than athletes selected to the XCO team the USA Cycling Coaching Staff will select the XCC participants following the USA Cycling Discretionary selection Process.

**USA Cycling XCR**

If the UCI extends an invitation to USA Cycling for this event, and USA Cycling chooses to enter a team, selection for the team shall be 100% USA Cycling Coaching Staff discretion following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

The team would be comprised of eligible athletes already selected to the 2022 USA Cycling World Championship team for other events.

**USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process**