USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2022 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ELITE TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS
June 15 – 30 (TBD) Lima, Peru

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2022 Pan American Continental Elite Track 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 Championships at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the UCI website under rules and regulations - https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations

ELIGIBILITY

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

Athletes 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 athletes 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.
USA CYCLING STRATEGY FOR THE PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Cycling has historically used the Pan-Am Continental Championships as an opportunity to gain crucial UCI points towards UCI Individual and Nations Rankings, which can assist in ensuring maximum start positions at Nations Cup, World Championships, Pan-Am Games and Olympic Games.

The strategy and commitment to the 2022 Pan American Championships will remain fluid and be determined at a time closer to the Championships due to the Covid Pandemic and the final dates of the Championship (which are TBD at the time of publishing). USA Cycling will also determine funding levels for each of the events (Level 1 or Level 2) at a time closer to the Championships.

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 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 Pan American Championship Team, representing USA Cycling 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: May 16, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: May 19, 2022
- Confirmation of intent to participate: May 21, 2022
- Submission of Team Service Fee: May 24, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: May 24, 2022

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION TO THE TEAM**

**Team Pursuit**
If USA Cycling elects to enter a Team Pursuit squad - Maximum possible quota positions, Men and Women – 5 Athletes

**Men’s and Women’s Team Pursuit – Long Team**

1. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Pursuit team placing in the top three (3) at the 2021 World Championships will be nominated to the Long Team.

2. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Pursuit team which earns a top-three (3) result at a 2022 UCI Nations Cup between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Long Team.

3. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Pursuit team (teams made up of International athletes are excluded) that rides a 2022 International Elite Time Standard in a UCI or USAC sanctioned event between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Long Team. Time standard Men: 3:52.47 or faster. Time Standard Women: 4:18.15 or faster.

4. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the Discretionary Selection Process.

**Men’s and Women’s Team Pursuit – Final Team**

Athletes will be nominated to the Team Pursuit- Final Team based upon the following criteria:
1. All nominations for the Final Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.

2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on C. “Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance” as outlined in the Discretionary Selection Process.

**Madison**

If USA Cycling elects to enter a Madison Team -  
Maximum possible quota positions, Men and Women – 2 Athletes

**Men’s and Women’s Madison – Long Team**

1. Any athlete who is a member of a Madison team placing in the top three (3) at the 2021 UCI World Championships will be nominated to the Long Team.

2. Any athlete who is a member of a Madison team who earns a top-three (3) result at a 2022 UCI Nations Cup between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Long Team.

3. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the Discretionary Selection Process.

**Men’s and Women’s Madison – Final Team**

1. All nominations for the Final Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.

2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on C. “Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance” as outlined in the Discretionary Selection Process.

**Omnium**

If USA Cycling elects to enter the Omnium -  
Maximum possible quota positions, Men and Women – 1 Athlete

**Men’s and Women’s Omnium**

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 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. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest placing athletes in the prior year’s World Championships will be nominated.

2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top-three (3) result at a 2022 UCI Nations Cup between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Team. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the best final placing will be nominated. If the athletes have the same best placing then the athlete with the most top three (3) placings in Nations Cup Omnium events will be nominated. If the athletes have the same number of top three (3) placings, then the athlete with the highest placing in the Omnium at the 2022 USA Elite National Track Championships will earn the nomination.

3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria an athlete may be nominated by the USA Cycling coaching staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

Team Sprint
If USA Cycling elects to enter a Team Sprint Team - Maximum possible quota positions, Men and Women – 3 Athletes

Men’s and Women’s Team Sprint –Long Team

1. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint team placing in the top three (3) at the 2021 UCI World Championships will be nominated to the Long Team.

2. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint team which earns a top three (3) result at a 2022 UCI Nations Cup between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Long Team.

3. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint team (teams made up of International athletes are excluded) that rides a 2022 International Elite Time Standard in a UCI or USAC sanctioned event between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Long Team. Time standard Men: 43:49 or faster. Time Standard Women: 47.90 or faster.

4. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the Discretionary Selection Process.

Men’s and Women’s Team Sprint –Final Team

1. All nominations for the Final Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on C. “Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance” as outlined in the Discretionary Selection Process.

Keirin
If USA Cycling elects to enter the Keirin-
Maximum possible quota positions, Men and Women – 2 Athletes

Men’s and Women’s Keirin

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 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. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest placing athletes in the prior year’s World Championships will be nominated.

2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top three (3) result in the Keirin at a 2022 UCI Nations Cup between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest final placing at a 2022 Nations Cup will be nominated to the Team. If the athletes have the same equal placings then the athletes with the most top three (3) placings in 2022 Nations Cup will be nominated. If the athletes have the same number of top three (3) placings then the athlete with the highest placing at the 2022 USA Elite National Championships will earn the nomination.

3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling coaching staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

Sprint
If USA Cycling elects to enter the Sprint-
Maximum possible quota positions, Men and Women – 2 Athletes

Men’s and Women’s Sprint

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
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. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest placing athletes in the prior year’s World Championships will be nominated.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top three (3) result at a UCI World Cup is a 2022 UCI Nations Cup between the dates January 1, 2022 and May 16, 2022 will be nominated to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest final placing at a 2022 Nations Cup will be nominated to the Team. If the athletes have the same equal placings then the athletes with the most top three (3) placings in 2022 Nations Cup events will be nominated. If the athletes have the same number of top three (3) placings the athlete with the highest placing in the at the 2022 USA Elite National Championships will earn the nomination.

3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria an athlete may be nominated by the USA Cycling coaching staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

Men’s and Women’s Individual Non-Olympic events- Points Race, Scratch Race, Elimination, Individual Pursuit; Men’s 1k TT; Women’s 500m TT

If USA Cycling elects to enter these events -
Maximum possible quota positions:
Men and Women,
Points Race – 1 Athlete
Scratch Race – 1 Athlete
Elimination – 1 Athlete
Individual Pursuit – 2 Athletes
Men’s 1K TT – 2 Athletes
Women’s 500M TT – 2 Athletes

1. Athletes may be nominated for these events by the USA Cycling coaching staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process.

USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process

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