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 Road 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 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 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.

**USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR THE PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

USA Cycling has historically used the Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to gain crucial UCI points towards UCI Nations Rankings which assist in ensuring maximum start positions at the World Championships. In many cases, the Pan-Am Continental Championships have also served a dual purpose providing future medal capable athletes the opportunity to experience the stress and challenge of an international championship. Specifically, for the Women’s Road Time Trial USA Cycling has historically used these Championships as an opportunity to secure additional start positions at World Championships via winning Pan-Am Continental Championship TT.

**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. 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.

**USA CYCLING POLICY FOR FUNDING CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**
As per the current UCI rule, 9.2.009 the Continental Champion may earn an additional quota position by name in the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.

Because the Continental Championships are held months prior to the actual World Championships, and the level of competition at the Continental Championships is not the International Standard found in most automatic qualification criteria for USA Cycling’s Team Nominations for World Championship Teams, USA Cycling has established the following policy:

**Funding of Continental Champions by USA Cycling for World Championship Teams**

Funding of Continental Champions by USA Cycling for World Championship Teams is contingent upon the rider meeting the funding levels as outlined in the World Championship Team selection document. If a rider does not meet these requirements, but chooses to ride the World Championships they will do so at their own expense.

**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 with competition clothing which they will be required to wear 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: April 7, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: April 14, 2022
- Confirmation of intent to participate: April 16, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: April 19, 2022

**CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

**Elite Women Time Trial**

Quota Positions – 2

Level 1 Funding:

1. The two (2) highest ranked athletes on the UCI Elite Women Individual Ranking as of April 7, 2022 provided the athlete is ranked in the top fifty (50) of the rankings.

Level 2 Funding:
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion eligible athletes may be nominated to the team following the USAC Discretionary Selection Process.

**Elite Women Road Race**  
Quota Positions – Up to 6

**Level 1 Funding:**

1. The three (3) highest ranked athletes on the UCI Elite Women Individual Ranking as of April 7, 2022 provided the athlete is ranked in the top fifty (50) of the rankings.

**Level 2 Funding:**

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

**USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process**