USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2022 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS
U23 MEN
September 18-25, 2022 – Wollongong, Australia

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2022 UCI U23 Road 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](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](https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations)

ELIGIBILITY

U23 Men- Racing age 19 – 22

U23 athletes who have participated in the Elite Men’s individual road race or time trial at a previous World Championships may not ride the individual road race or time trial for U23 athletes.

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 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: August 11, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: August 18, 2022
- Confirmation of intent to participate: August 20, 2022
- Submission of Team Service Fee: August 22, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: August 23, 2022

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

U23 Men Time Trial

Maximum start positions: 2

Level 1 Funding

1. Any 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 until all quota positions are filled.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the highest placing U23 athlete, if in the top three (3) places, at the 2022 USA Cycling Professional Time Trial National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

Level 2 Funding

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

U23 Men Road Race

Maximum start positions: 5

1. Any athlete who has been nominated to ride the Time Trial event at the 2022 UCI World Championships.
Level 1 Funding

2. Any eligible athlete(s) 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 until all quota positions are filled.

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who wins a UCI World Tour or a European UCI 1.PRO (1.UWT, 1.PRO) one day road race event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and August 11, 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

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who earns a top-three (3) at a 1.UWT or a European 1.Pro event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and August 11, 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.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who earns a top-three (3) General Classification at a 2.UWT or a, European 2.Pro, between the dates of January 1, 2022 and August 11, 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.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria any eligible athlete placing in the top ten (10) 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 ten (10) 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 until all quota positions are filled.
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7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the highest placing U23 athlete, if in the top three (3) places, at the 2022 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

8. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria any eligible athlete who is ranked in the top fifty (50) of the UCI Individual Elite Rankings as of August 11, 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.

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

**Team Time Trial – Mixed Relay**

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 for team events.

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**

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