



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **2022 UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

November 9, 2022 Abu Dhabi

#### **SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2022 UCI BMC Freestyle 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 - PART VI BIS: BMX FREESTYLE  
<https://www.uci.org/regulations/3MyLDDrwJCJJ0BGGOFzOat#part-vi-bis-bmx-freestyle>

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Men Elite ages 15 and over

Women Elite ages 15 and over

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 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 participating on the team who do not receive level 1 funding will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food and lodging costs associated with the event. USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility. In addition, all athletes will be responsible for payment of a Team Service Fee of \$150.00 which will cover one week of UHC Safe Trip Insurance and administration expense.

## **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: September 29, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: October 6, 2022
- Confirmation of intent to participate: October 8, 2022
- Submission of Team Service Fee: October 11, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: October 11, 2022

## **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

### **Elite Men's and Women's Freestyle Park**

**Maximum Start Positions:** up to 6 per gender

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 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 placed athlete will be nominated first, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second and so on until all quota positions are filled.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete who wins a UCI Freestyle Park World Cup event between the dates of January 1, 2022 and September 29, 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.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria the highest ranked eligible athlete in the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Elite Individual Ranking if in the top 10 positions of that ranking will be nominated to the team.

#### Level 2 Funding

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

#### **Elite Men's Freestyle Flatland**

**Maximum Start Positions:** No limit.

#### Level 2 Funding

1. Eligible athletes **may** be nominated to the team following the USAC Discretionary Selection Process.

#### **USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process**

<https://usacycling.org/team-usa/selection-criteria-document>