USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2022 UCI GRAVEL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELITE MEN AND WOMEN
AGE GROUP CATEGORIES
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SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2022 UCI Gravel 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 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.

The specific UCI qualification system for the 2022 UCI Gravel World Championships can be found here:

[UCI Gravel World Championships Rules & Regulations](https://usacycling.org/team-usa/selection-criteria-document)
ELIGIBILITY

Riders taking part in the UCI Gravel World Championships must hold a valid license issued by their respective national federation (one-day licenses being excluded), must hold a UCI ID, and must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility in the country in which the UCI Gravel World Championships are held as per article 15.6.013.

Riders who are a member of a UCI registered team (Road, MTB, Track, or Cyclocross) are required to compete in the open category, not the age group World Championships. Riders who qualified or received a wildcard from the national federation but do not belong to a UCI registered team are required to compete in the age group categories (19-34, 35-39, 40-44, …etc.). Age groups are defined by riders’ age on December 31st of the year of the World Championships.

The UCI has granted USA Cycling the ability to provide an exemption for USA Gravel Professional riders who do not belong to a UCI registered team to compete in the open categories. This exemption is provided at the discretion of USA Cycling.

All nominees 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 or a USA Cycling 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.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Athletes who receive automatic invitations from the UCI or receive a discretionary nomination from USA Cycling are responsible for the full expense associated with this event. USA Cycling will not be providing any support for the UCI Gravel World Championships.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

Professional athletes competing in the open categories are required by the UCI to wear the official uniform of the national team. That uniform is a Cuore Jersey, Cuore Short, and Cuore Sock. The National Team Cuore uniform is available for purchase through the Team USA Cuore store at https://shop.cuore.ch/category/usacycling?page=1
The UCI permits Age Group athletes competing in the age group categories to wear a less restrictive jersey of their nationality, provided the jersey uses the same colors and design as the national team uniform. Age Group athletes are also able to purchase the National Team uniform through the Team USA Cuore store at https://shop.cuore.ch/category/usacycling?page=1

Failure to comply with the UCI team clothing rules can lead to disciplinary actions that may include warnings to fines levied by the UCI against an athlete.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- Deadline for submission of athlete discretionary petitions: September 11, 2022
- Selection of Discretionary Nominations: September 15, 2022
- Final announcement of the Team: September 16, 2022

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

1. **Qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series**

   Each [UCI Gravel World Series event](https://www.asracing.com/gravel) grants qualification rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. This is only related to one-day UCI Gravel World Series events; multi-day races part of the UCI Gravel World Series will not grant qualification rights for the UCI Gravel World Championships. Based on the results of each race, the first 25% of athletes in each age group will be qualified for the UCI Gravel World Championships. The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group and not on the number of riders having finished the race.

   In addition, the first three riders of each official age category will qualify directly for the UCI Gravel World Championships, independently of the number of starters in that age group. Riders must finish the race to gain the qualification.

   As per article 15.6.016 of the UCI Regulations, the age categories of the UCI Gravel World Championships are:

   - 19 – 34
   - 35 – 39
   - 40 – 44
   - 45 – 49
   - 50 – 54
   - 55 – 59
The names of riders having gained qualification through the UCI Gravel World Series will be communicated on the [UCI Gravel World Series website](https://www.uci.org) and will receive an official email from the UCI inviting them to register for the UCI Gravel World Championships via the dedicated online registration portal.

2. **Outgoing UCI Gravel World Champions**
   The outgoing UCI World Champions may participate in the first UCI Gravel World Championships following their title. (not applicable in 2022)

3. **Gravel National Champions**
   All Gravel National Champions from the current year may enter the UCI Gravel World Championships without qualification via the UCI Gravel World Series. (not applicable in 2022)

### USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Process

If there are more athlete discretionary petitions than the available National Federation quotas the UCI provides, USA Cycling may choose to fill open quota positions 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 seeking a discretionary nomination may submit a petition for the event.

4. **National Federation – Quotas**
   Each National Federation can enter 20 quotas in total for all categories across both genders.

5. **National Federation of the country of the UCI Gravel World Championships – Quotas**
   The National Federation of the country of the UCI Gravel World Championships can enter 40 quotas in total for all categories across both genders.

6. **Wild cards**
   Wild cards can be given at the discretion of the UCI only.

[2022 UCI Gravel World Championships Athlete Discretionary Petitions link](https://www.uci.org)