QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the USA Cycling 2023 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid USA Cycling 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 USA Cycling, the UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination.

- Elite Men and Women- Age 19 and over as of December 31st, 2023 (born on or after January 1, 2004)
- U23 Men and Women- Age 19-22 years old as of December 31st, 2023 (born in 2000 through 2004)
- Junior Men and Women- Age 17-18 years old as of December 31st, 2023 (born in 2005 and 2006)

FUNDING LEVELS

**Level 1: Funded**

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 the event location, all mechanical/race support, and SafeTrip insurance throughout the 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 $750.00. This fee includes competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at the event location, all mechanical/race support, and SafeTrip Insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. Level 2 self-funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses. All athletes' travel should 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, each athlete 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: December 22, 2022
Selection of Discretionary Nominations: January 5, 2023
Confirmation of intent to participate from all riders: January 6, 2023
Announcement of the Team: January 10, 2023
Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: January 13, 2023

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

Elite Men and Women
Maximum quota positions: Up to 7 each
Level 1: Funded

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.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at a UCI Elite World Cup event between October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this time period. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing, those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 3, 2023.

Level 2: Self-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top three (3) at an X2O Badkammers Trofee Elite UCI Cyclocross event between the dates of October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are positions available on the team, then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in these events. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing, those positions will then be nominated in the order of the 2023 UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 3, 2023.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2023 UCI Elite individual Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Elite Cyclocross National Championship provided that the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top twenty (20) in the 2023 UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection process.

U-23 Men

**Maximum quota positions:** Up to 7

**Level 1: Funded**

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.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at a UCI U23 Men’s World Cup event or placing in the top three (3) U23 Men at a UCI Elite Men’s World Cup event where there is no separate U23 category between October 31st, 2022 and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this time period. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI U23 Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 3, 2023.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top three (3) at an X2O Badkammers Trofee U23 Men’s UCI Cyclocross event or placing in the top three (3) U23 Men at an X2O Badkammers Trofee Elite Men’s UCI Cyclocross event where there is no separate U23 category between the dates of October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are positions available on the team, then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in these events. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 3, 2023.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the UCI U23 Men’s individual World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling U23 Cyclocross National Championship provided that the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top thirty (30) in the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to
the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated in the order of the ranking until all available quota positions are filled.

7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection process.

**U23 Women**

**Maximum quota positions:** Up to 7

**Level 1: Funded**

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.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top three U23 Women (3) at a UCI Elite Woman’s World Cup event between October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this time period. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 3, 2023.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top three (3) U23 Women at an X2O Badkammers Trofee Elite Women’s UCI Cyclocross event between the dates of October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are positions available on the team, then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in these events. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 3, 2023.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) U23 Women in the UCI individual Elite World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling U23 Cyclocross National Championship provided that the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top thirty (30) in the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection process.

**Junior Men**

**Maximum quota positions:** Up to 7

**Level 1: Funded**

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.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top three U23 Women (3) at a UCI Elite Woman’s World Cup event between October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this time period. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 3, 2023.
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.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at a UCI Junior Men’s World Cup event between October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this time period. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Junior Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 3, 2023.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top three (3) Junior Men at an X2O Badkammers Trofee Junior Men’s UCI Cyclocross event between the dates of October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are positions available on the team, then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in these events. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Individual Junior Ranking as of January 3, 2023.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the UCI Individual overall Jr Men’s World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Jr 17-18 Cyclocross National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top two ranked athletes based on UCI points gained at Rochester Cyclocross, Kings CX, North Carolina Grand Prix, and the US National Championships will be nominated to the team.

7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection process.

### Junior Women

**Maximum quota positions:** Up to 7

**Level 1: Funded**

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.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at a UCI Junior Women’s World Cup event or the top three (3) Junior Women at a UCI Elite Women’s World Cup event between October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this time period. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Individual Junior World Cup Standing as of January 3, 2023.

**Level 2: Self-Funded**
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top three (3) at an X2O Badkammers Trofee Junior Women’s UCI Cyclocross event or the top three (3) of junior women in an X2O Badkammers Trofee Elite Women’s UCI Cyclocross event between the dates of October 31, 2022, and January 2, 2023, will be nominated to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are positions available on the team, then athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in these events. If two or more athletes have achieved the same placing those positions will then be nominated in the order of the UCI Individual Ranking as of January 3, 2023.

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the UCI Individual overall Jr Women’s World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 3, 2023, will be nominated to the team. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions then the positions will be nominated with priority going to the highest ranked athletes first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Jr 17-18 Cyclocross National Championship provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be nominated to the team.

6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top two ranked athletes based on UCI points gained in the UCI Jr Women’s races at Rochester Cyclocross, Kings CX, North Carolina Grand Prix, and the US National Championships will be nominated to the team.

7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria eligible athletes may be nominated to the team by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff following the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection process.