



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2019 UCI JUNIOR TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW

The first step for nomination to the USA Cycling (USAC) 2019 Junior Track Cycling World Championship (JTCWC) Team is qualification or nomination to the Long Team as described below for each event. The second step for nomination to the USA Cycling (USAC) 2019 Junior Track Cycling World Championship (JTCWC) Team is selection to the Final Team through the discretionary selection process administered and approved by the USAC Selection Committee according to the Discretionary Selection to the Final Team criteria below. Athletes seeking discretionary selection must; 1. Submit a Discretionary Nomination Form by the deadline in the Important Dates and Deadlines section below or, 2. Receive a discretionary nomination from the USAC coaching staff. It is the athlete's responsibility to submit a Discretionary Nomination Form on time. Late submissions will not be considered.

USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY

The primary objective of USA Cycling for the 2019 UCI JTCWC is to select individuals and compose teams capable of medal winning performances. The secondary objective is to select athletes who show potential of being future medal capable and competitive in Olympic medal events. The JTCWC are considered a step on the pathway to long term elite athlete development.

Entering an athlete/team to any event is at the sole discretion of the USA Cycling. There is no guarantee any athletes who have met one of the criteria for the Long Team below will be selected for the final team.

ELIGIBILITY

Athlete must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid USAC International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USAC and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) at the time of nomination. All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination with a valid passport.

- Junior Men - 2018 USAC International License Holders racing age 17-18 in 2019.
- Junior Women - 2018 USAC International License Holders racing age 17-18 in 2019.

USA CYCLING TEAM SELECTION PRIORITY REGARDING TEAM SIZE

The total USAC team for the 2019 UCI JTCWC has a maximum possible size, determined by the UCI, of 18 athletes (10 men, 8 women). USAC will make nominations in the order of priority below. USAC may choose to not fill all positions if it is deemed there are no medal capable athletes in an event. USAC may also choose to fill positions with an athlete nominated to the team in another event.

USAC will prioritize selection to JTCWC Team as follows:

Events Men: (in order of priority)

1. Men Team Pursuit (Max of 5)
2. Men Team Sprint (Max of 3)
3. Men Madison (Max of 2)
4. Men International Omnium (Max of 1)
5. Men Match Sprint (Max of 2)
6. Men Keirin (Max of 2)
7. Men 3km Individual Pursuit (Max of 2)
8. Men Points Race (Max of 1)
9. Men Scratch Race (Max of 1)
10. Men 1km TT (Max of 2)

Events Women: (in order of priority)

1. Women Team Pursuit (Max of 5)
2. Women Team Sprint (Max of 2)
3. Women Madison (Max of 2)
4. Women International Omnium (Max of 1)
5. Women Match Sprint (Max of 2)
6. Women Keirin (Max of 2)
7. Women 2km Individual Pursuit (Max of 2)
8. Women Points Race (Max of 1)
9. Women Scratch Race (Max of 1)
10. Women 500m TT (Max of 2)

If the maximum team size is met per gender before considering all events USAC may choose to fill any remaining open start positions with athletes already named to the Final Team in another event.

TIME STANDARDS AND FUNDING

Indoor Sea Level:

The indoor time standards are representative 102% of the average 5th place qualifying time for the specific event at the last four editions of the UCI JTCWC that took place on indoor 250m sea level (<1500m) velodromes.

Outdoor and Altitude:

The outdoor sea level time standards are representative of 102% of the indoor sea level times for each event. A reduction of 3% was applied to compensate for tracks at an altitude above 1500m to both the indoor and outdoor sea level standards respectively.

Automatic time standards will only be approved for selections if provided from a USAC, UCI or other officially recognized NGB sanctioned event with electronic timing to the 1/100th (0.01) of a second. In the event of multiple athletes achieving time standard during the qualification

period, priority will be given to the athlete who produced the faster performance at the most recent competition where both/all the athletes competed. Should such a comparison not be available, priority will be given to the individual by the location hierarchy below:

1. Indoor Sea Level
2. Outdoor Sea Level
3. Indoor Altitude
4. Outdoor Altitude

Should a determination still not be able to be made, a ride-off date and location will be set by the USAC V.P. of Athletics.

2019 Junior Worlds Time Standards								
EVENT	Men				Women			
	Indoor		Outdoor		Indoor		Outdoor	
	<1500m	>1500m	<1500m	>1500m	<1500m	>1500m	<1500m	>1500m
Team Pursuit - 4km	04:14.9	04:07.3	04:20.0	04:12.2	04:46.4	04:37.8	04:52.1	04:43.4
Team Sprint (250m track)	46.74	45.34	47.68	46.25	35.87	34.79	36.58	35.49
Sprint/Keirin 200m TT	10.67	10.35	10.89	10.56	11.95	11.59	12.19	11.82
Individual Pursuit - 3km/2km	03:24.3	03:18.1	03:28.4	03:22.1	02:30.2	02:25.7	02:33.2	02:28.6
Time Trial - 1km/500m	01:05.4	01:03.5	01:06.7	01:04.7	36.48	35.39	37.21	36.10

Funding:

Athletes who are selected for the final 2019 World Championship team will be provided with one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes up to 2 pieces of luggage: One bike plus one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are responsibility of the athlete). USAC will also provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed insurance throughout duration of the event.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the USAC JTCWC Team, representing USAC and the United States of America, athletes will be provided competition clothing which will be required 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

- Qualification period: March 1 to July 7, 2019
- Deadline for submission of petitions/time standards for consideration: July 8, 2019
- Long-Team nominations announced: July 9, 2019
- Selection of Final Team: July 11, 2019
- Deadline confirmation of intent to participate for Team Selections: July 15, 2019
- Final announcement of the Team: July 16, 2019

MANDATORY TRAINING

If an athlete accepts a nomination to the 2019 UCI JTCWC Long-Team or Final-Team at any point during the qualification period, they will be required to participate in all USAC training camps and race programs as prescribed by the USAC coaching staff from July 16 to August 13, 2019 unless excused in advance, in writing from the USAC V.P. of Athletics.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE LONG TEAM

ALL EVENTS: Any athlete, who, as an individual or as part of a team in a team event, placed in the top three at the 2018 Junior World Track Championships will earn an automatic nomination to the 2019 Long Team for that event.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAM EVENTS:

A. Team Pursuit

1. Any athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Pursuit Team (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that wins the 2019 Junior National Championships and meets the 2019 time standard for the event in the table above provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Pursuit (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that rides the 2019 time standard during the qualification period will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

B. Team Sprint

1. Any athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Sprint (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that wins the Team Sprint event at any of the [2019 Track Development Race Series](#) (TDRS) Race and meets the 2019 time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Sprint (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that wins the Team Sprint event at the 2019 Junior National Championships and meets the 2019 time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Sprint (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that rides the 2019 time standard during the qualification period will be nominated to the Long Team.

4. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

C. Madison

1. Any member of an eligible team (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that wins the Madison event at the 2019 [TDRS](#) event number 4 (Trexlerstown, PA June 1-2, 2019) provided the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations with a field size greater than 6 teams will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. Any member of an eligible team (teams with a combination of ineligible athletes excluded i.e. incorrect racing age or nationality) that wins the Madison event at the 2019 Junior National Championships provided the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

A. Men's and Women's Omnium

1. The athlete who wins the Omnium event at the 2019 [TDRS](#) event number 4 (Trexlerstown, PA June 1-2, 2019). Provided that the athlete is eligible and that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations with a field size greater than 12 entrants will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. The athlete who wins the Omnium event at the 2019 Junior National Championships provided that the athlete is eligible and that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Additional athletes may be nominated to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

B. Men's and Women's Individual Sprint

1. Any athlete who is the winner of the Sprint at any of the [2019 TDRS](#) events and meets the 2019 time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. Any athlete who wins the Sprint at the 2019 Junior National Championships and meets the 2019 time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Any athlete who has ridden a confirmed and approved 2019 200m TT time standard for their age from the table above during the qualification period will be nominated to the Long Team.

4. Additional athletes may be selected for nomination to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

C. Men's and Women's Keirin

1. Any athlete who is the winner of the Keirin at any of the 2019 [TDRS](#) event and meets the 2019 Sprint time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. Any athlete who wins the 2019 Junior National Championships and meets the 2019 Sprint time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Additional athletes may be selected for nomination to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

D. Men's and Women's Individual Pursuit and Time Trial Events

1. Any athlete who wins the 2019 Junior National Championships in the specific event and meets the 2019 time standard provided that the race is held in its entirety under current UCI regulations will be nominated to the Long Team.
2. Any athlete who has ridden a confirmed and approved 2019 time standard for their age in the specific event from the table above during the qualification period will be nominated to the Long Team.
3. Additional athletes may be selected for nomination to the Long Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the Discretionary Selection criteria below.

E. Men's and Women's Points and Scratch Races

1. Any nominated riders for the Point and Scratch races will come from positions previously named athletes for other events.

DISCRETIONARY SELECTION TO THE FINAL TEAM

Entering an athlete/team to any event is at the sole discretion of the USA Cycling. There is no guarantee any athletes who have met one of the criteria for the Long Team below will be selected for the final team.

Athletes may be selected to the Final Team by the USA Cycling Selection Committee through discretionary selection. When making selections for individual events (Omnium, Individual Sprint, Keirin, Individual Pursuit, Time Trial, Points Race, and Scratch Race), only principles A., B., and C. will be considered, in that order. The USA Cycling Selection Committee will consider only principle D. when making selections for team-based events (Team Pursuit, Madison, and Team Sprint).

- A. Medal Capable Athlete– A medal capable athlete is one who has clearly demonstrated the ability to produce a medal winning result in the competition for which the athlete is being selected for by achieving one of the following criteria:
- Winning a medal (top 3 finish) at the most recent Jr. World Championships and demonstrating the continuing ability to perform at that level or higher based on performances in International Competition in the last 12 months or
 - Beating previous year’s Jr. Worlds medalists in International Competition in the event for which the athlete is being selected on multiple occasions in the past 12 months; or
 - Producing a certified Jr. World Championship capable time within the past 12 months (applies only to timed track cycling events); or
- B. Future Medal Capable Athletes– An athlete who is future medal capable is one who has the potential to produce a medal winning result at the Junior or Elite World Championships or Olympic Games by:
- Demonstrating a trend of improving performance that, when logically extended out 2-5 years, in consideration of the athlete’s development path, intersects the future medal standard for the event under consideration; or
 - Performing within five percent (5%) of the Junior World Championship or time standard, despite competing a relatively short time in the sport or being biologically immature compared to Junior World Championship medalists. (This criteria applies only to timed track cycling events).
- C. Best Predicted Finish- If positions for the Team remain open after the application of all other Discretionary Selection principles, the USA Cycling Selection Committee may choose the athlete or athletes who are most likely to finish the highest in the event.
- D. Athletes Who Maximize Team Performance- These selections are essential for team events (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, and Madison) where the team members must work together as a single unit.

An athlete who can maximize team performance is one who, based on her or his experience, tactical proficiency, physical abilities, and willingness to work selflessly for the team objective, is expected to contribute to the performance of a medal capable team or designated team strategy. An athlete who can maximize team performance must have the right combination of physical ability, skill, knowledge and attitude. Athletes will be selected to play specific roles within the team based on their demonstrated physical capacities, skillset and experience fulfilling their roles. The coaches’ judgement supported as

much as possible by objective data, described below, will be used to differentiate between athletes being selected for team event roles.

For the Team Pursuit, athletes selected will have the capability to perform the following. Data observed will be pull timing splits, delivery speed (final ¼ lap pull splits) and video footage:

- Standing start and ability to get on the wheel at targeted first lap pace
- Ability to recover from start and maintain targeted race pace
- Ability to recover from pull efforts and maintain targeted race pace
- Technically proficient at proper exchange
- Smooth formation riding at speed

Additionally, due to limitations of athlete quota spots, priority will be given to athletes that are competitive in multiple events.

For the Madison, athletes selected will have the capability to perform the following:

- Ability to maintain lead lap pacing (ability to stay on lead lap)
- Ability to score points in sprints
- Ability to gain lap(s) on field
- Technically proficient in Madison exchanges
- Ability to read race, time exchanges and execute race strategy

Additionally, due to limitations of athlete quota spots, priority will be given to athletes that are competitive in multiple events.

For the Team Sprint, athletes selected will have the capability to perform the following. Data observed will be pull timing splits, delivery speed (final ¼ lap pull splits) and video footage:

- Standing start and ability to get on the wheel
- Ability to maintain or increase drop off speed
- Smooth formation riding at sprinting speed
- Technically proficient at proper exchange

This criterion does not apply to the individual events of Omnium, Individual Sprint, Keirin, Individual Pursuit, Time Trial, Points Race, and Scratch Race.

Importance of International Competition

As used herein, “International Competition” includes any competition in which the field of athletes is sufficiently strong that performances in that competition are indicative of how an athlete can perform in the competition that the discretionary selection is for. International Competitions need not occur outside the United States, as “international” refers to the competitiveness of the field (i.e., includes many of the best riders from leading cycling nations around the world), not the location of the event.

Data to Support Discretionary Selections

In addition to performances in International Competition or competitions specified in the Athlete Selection Procedures, the Selection Committee may

consider for discretionary selections, as appropriate to the discipline, the following:

1. For all selections – Validatable and credible performance data such as total or split times in events (or portions of events) and/or in similar environmental conditions to the event being selected for; athlete power data; aerodynamic drag data (if relevant); strength and size of the field; or event and specific role demand data.
2. For “Athletes Who Maximize Team Performance” selections – Documentation of successful execution of relevant race tactics and/or evidence of being able to meet the physical requirements of the event being selected for when considering key factors like event demands, environmental conditions, and levels of competition.
3. For choosing between two athletes in a selection category – Data may include any or all of the following in no specific order of priority. The inclusion and order of priority for any data set may be different from event to event as determined by the USA Cycling Coaching staff and USA Cycling Selection Committee.
 1. Race results in top international competitions;
 2. Race results in top national level competitions;
 3. Head to head competition results or performances between multiple athletes in consideration for a discretionary position;

USA Cycling Selection Committee

Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff. However, the USA Cycling Selection Committee (see USA Cycling website for names) will review data on all athletes in the Long Team and approve ALL athlete nominations using the discretionary criteria described above.

Conflict of Interest-

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. Another member of the Selection Committee may also raise a potential conflict of interest of another member. For any conflict raised, the remainder of the selection committee will decide if the conflict is material by vote. In the case of a tie, the tie will be broken by the USA Cycling Vice President of Elite Athletics. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.

