



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2023 PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL MTB XCM CHAMPIONSHIPS
ELITE MEN AND WOMEN
Antioquia, Columbia
June 17-18, 2023**

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2023 Pan American Continental XCM MTB Championship Team ("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 Procedures: <https://usacycling.org/team-usa/protected-event-selection>

There are extensive UCI requirements for entry into Championships at the national, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the UCI website under rules and regulations: <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

ELIGIBILITY

- Elite Women and Men: Racing age 19 and over.
- Athletes 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, U.S. Center for SafeSport 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.

USA CYCLING STRATEGY FOR THE MTB XCM PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Cycling has opened up the MTB XCM Pan American Championships to all athletes who qualify and wish to participate.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

All athletes participating on the Team 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 for any athletes selected to team. 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

USA competition clothing is required for this event. Athletes must wear the complete kit of the current design registered with the UCI with Cuore logos. USA Cuore competition clothing is available for purchase on the [Cuore website](#) or through USA Cycling.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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| Deadline for submission of petitions: | April 27, 2023 |
| Selection of Discretionary Nominations: | May 11, 2023 |
| Confirmation of Intent to Participate: | May 12, 2023 |
| Final Announcement of the Team: | May 15, 2023 |
| Submission of Fee: | May 19, 2023 |

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women and Men - XCM and E-XCM

Start Positions: TBD

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2022 World Championships in the same event and category.
 - a. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top 3 at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from Top Level Competition¹ and ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, eligible athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, eligible petitioning athletes will be nominated to the Team in order of the UCI Individual XCM World Ranking as of May 2, 2023.

¹ A Top Level Competition is one that includes participation by many of the best riders in the world (e.g., as indicated by recent World Championship results, World Cup results and/or current UCI rankings).