



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2023 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Elite Men and Women
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Glasgow, Scotland**

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2023 UCI Elite Road World 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 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: <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

ELIGIBILITY

- Elite Men - World Tour and Continental UCI-registered team members: Racing age 19 and over
- Elite Women - UCI International License Holders: Racing age 19 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 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.

EVENT SELECTION STRATEGY

USA Cycling’s primary objective for the 2023 World Championships is to select a highly cohesive medal-capable team. The second objective is to choose future medal-capable athletes and provide them with the necessary experience to further their development.

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: Partially-Funded

Athletes will be responsible for paying a service fee of \$1000.00 payable on or before the date outlined in this document (“Fee”). This fee includes: 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. Athletes are responsible for their airfare and baggage expenses.

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:	June 25, 2023
Selection of Discretionary Nominations:	June 29, 2023
Confirmation of Intent to Participate:	June 30, 2023
Final Announcement of the Team:	July 6, 2023
Submission of Fee:	July 10, 2023

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women and Men - Time Trial

Maximum start positions: Women - 2, Men - 2

Level 1 Funding

1. Any 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.
 - a. In order to maintain their position on the team, the athlete(s) 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 Top Level Competition¹ and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete who wins a 2023 UCI World Tour Time Trial (2.WWT, 2.UWT) greater than 20km between the dates of January 1, 2023 and June 25, 2023 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. 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.

Level 2 Funding

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Professional Time Trial National Championships, provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, eligible athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.

Elite Women and Men - Road Race

Maximum start positions: Women - up to 7, Men - up to 8

Level 1 Funding

1. Any 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.
 - a. 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 Top Level

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).

Competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.

2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who wins a UCI World Tour one day road race event (1.WWT, 1.UWT) between the dates of January 1, 2023 and June 25, 2023 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. 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.

Level 2 Funding

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top three (3) in a UCI World Tour one day road race event (1.WWT, 1.UWT) between the dates of January 1, 2023 and June 25, 2023 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first.
 - b. If there are equal placings, the athletes with those equal placings 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.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top three (3) General Classification in a UCI World Tour stage race (2.WWT, 2.UWT) between the dates of January 1, 2023 and June 25, 2023 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first.
 - b. If there are equal placings, the athletes with those equal placings 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.
5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships, 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 criterion, eligible athletes **may** be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.

Team Time Trial – Mixed Relay

If the UCI extends an invitation to USA Cycling for this event, and USA Cycling chooses to enter a team, selection for the team shall be in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.

The team would be comprised of eligible athletes already selected to the 2023 USA Cycling World Championship Team for other events.