



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2024 UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
February 2-4, 2024
Tabor, Czech Republic**

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 UCI Cyclocross 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 Union Cycliste Internationale (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 and Women – Aged 19 and over as of December 31st, 2024 (born on or after January 1, 2005)
- U23 Men and Women – Aged 19-22 as of December 31st, 2024 (born in 2001 through 2005)
- Junior Men and Women – Aged 17-18 as of December 31st, 2024 (born in 2006 through 2007)
- All nominees must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI.
- All nominees must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

EVENT STRATEGY ALIGNED WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN GOALS

Provide athletes who have demonstrated a positive performance trend in cyclocross Top-Level Competitions during the 2023-2024 cyclocross season with the opportunity to gain experience competing in a World Championships.

USA Cycling may choose not to fill all start positions.

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 the 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 the 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:	December 21, 2023
Qualification period End Date:	January 2, 2024
Confirmation of Intent to Participate:	January 5, 2024
Final Announcement of the Team:	January 8, 2024
Submission of Fee:	January 12, 2024

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

ELITE MEN AND WOMEN

Maximum start positions: Up to 7 each

Level 1: Funded

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. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated in the order of their placing, starting with highest placing first, the second highest placing second, and so on.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at a UCI Elite World Cup event between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated in order of their highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete(s) with the highest UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first, the athlete with the second highest placing will be nominated second and so on until all quota positions are filled.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2024 UCI Elite Individual Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest ranking will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top five (5) at a UCI Elite World Cup event between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete with the highest UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standing as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.
5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Elite Cyclocross National Championship, provided 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 athlete ranked in the top twenty (20) in the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 2, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.

- a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest ranking will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

U23 MEN

Maximum start positions: Up to 7

Level 1: Funded

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. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated in the order of their placing, starting with highest placing first, the second highest placing second, and so on.
2. Any 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 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available positions, the athlete(s) with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete(s) with the highest UCI U23 Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any 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.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest rank will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top five (5) at a UCI U23 Men's World Cup event or placing in the top five (5) U23 Men at a UCI Elite Men's World Cup event where there is no separate U23 category between October 28, 2023 and January 1, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quote positions, the athlete(s) with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete(s) with the highest UCI U23 Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling U23 Cyclocross National Championship, provided 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 athlete ranked in the top thirty (30) in the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 2, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest ranking will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

U23 WOMEN

Maximum starting positions: Up to 7

Level 1: Funded

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. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated in the order of their placing, starting with highest placing first, the second highest placing second, and so on.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three U23 Women (3) at a UCI Elite Woman's World Cup event between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete with the highest UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) U23 Women in the UCI individual Elite World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the highest ranked athlete(s) will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top five (5) U23 Women at a UCI Elite Woman's World Cup event between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.

- a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete(s) with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete(s) with the highest UCI Elite Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.
5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling U23 Cyclocross National Championship, provided 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 athlete ranked in the top thirty (30) in the UCI Individual Elite Ranking as of January 2, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the highest ranked athlete(s) will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

JUNIOR MEN

Maximum start positions: Up to 7

Level 1: Funded

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. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated in the order of their placing, starting with highest placing first, the second highest placing second, and so on.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at a UCI Junior Men's World Cup event between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete(s) with the highest UCI Junior Cyclocross World Cup Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the UCI Individual Junior Men's World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.

- a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the highest ranked athlete(s) will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Junior 17-18 Cyclocross National Championship, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top ranked athlete based on UCI points gained in the UCI Junior Men's races at Kings CX, the Pan American Championship, the US National Championships and any 2023-2024 Junior Men's UCI World Cup between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

JUNIOR WOMEN

Maximum start 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.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated in the order of their placing, starting with highest placing first, the second highest placing second, and so on.
2. Any 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 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing(s) in a World Cup event during this qualification period will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
 - b. If two or more athletes have achieved the same highest placing, the athlete with the highest UCI Individual Junior World Cup Standing as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated first.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the UCI Individual Overall Junior Women's World Cup Cyclocross Standings as of January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the highest ranked athlete will be nominated first, the second highest will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2023 USA Cycling Junior 17-18 Cyclocross National Championship, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under

UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top ranked athlete based on UCI points gained in the UCI Junior Women's races at Kings CX, the Pan American Championship, the US National Championships and any 2023-2024 Junior Women's UCI World Cup between October 28, 2023, and January 1, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

USA Cycling CXR Team

If the UCI extends an invitation to USA Cycling for the team relay at the 2024 CX World Championships, and USA Cycling chooses to enter a team, USA Cycling will name a CXR team prior to the event composed of athletes already Selected to the Team.