



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA  
2024 E-SPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Elite Men and Women  
Abu Dhabi, 2024**

**SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 UCI E-SPORT 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: <https://www.uci.org/regulations/3MyLDDrwJCJJ0BGGOfzOat#cycling-esports>

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Elite Men – UCI International License holders; racing age 19 and over.
- Elite Women - UCI International License holders; racing age 19 and over.
- All athletes 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).
- All athletes who accept a nomination for this event must be added to the USADA registered testing pool.
- Athletes will only be allowed to submit data through TrainingPeaks. USA Cycling will provide a TrainingPeaks account for athletes who do not have one. Guidance on how to create the athlete account is outlined in the petition form.

**TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY**

USA Cycling will determine Team size prior to the Championship based on event goals and strategy, available resources and available athletes. USA Cycling may choose not to fill all available quota positions for all events.

**EVENT SELECTION STRATEGY**

USA Cycling's primary objective for the 2024 E Sport World Championships is to select a highly cohesive,

medal-capable team and athletes with a strong willingness to work for the common goal of placing someone from the Team on the podium.

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### **FUNDING LEVELS**

#### **Level 1: Funded**

USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes up to 2 pieces of luggage: Up to one bike and 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 \$2000.00 on or before the date outlined in this document ("Fee"). This Fee includes competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at the 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.

#### **Level 3: Self-Funded**

Athletes who receive automatic invitations from the UCI or are nominated through the USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Procedures are responsible for the full expense associated with this event.

## **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. Athletes will also be provided with 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:	<del>December 1, 2023</del> <b>January 8, 2024</b>
End of Event Qualification Period:	<del>December 1, 2023</del> <b>January 8, 2024</b>
Selection of Discretionary Nominations:	<del>December 1, 2023</del> <b>Week of January 22, 2024</b>
Confirmation of Intent to Participate:	<del>December 1, 2023</del> <b>Week of January 22, 2024</b>
Final Announcement of the Team:	<del>December 15, 2023</del> <b>January 29, 2024</b>
Submission of Fee:	<del>December 15, 2023</del> <b>January 29, 2024</b>

## **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM**

### **Elite Women and Men**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** No maximum limits.

#### 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. 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 Competition <sup>1</sup> and the current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. The winner of the 2024 USA Cycling E-SPORT National Championships, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.

#### Level 2 Funding

3. After considering the preceding criteria, both the second and third place finishers of the 2024 USA Cycling E-SPORT National Championships, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.

#### Level 3 Funding

4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.