



CYCLOCROSS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Your cyclocross racing age is determined as of *December 31, 2022*. This is not affected by the year in which that the championship is held.

Regulation 1C1.

....A rider's racing age in cyclocross is his age on December 31st of the year that the cyclocross season ends.

Cyclocross season begins on September 1st of one year and ends on the last day of February of the following year.

LICENSING/CITIZENSHIP/RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

ALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT USA CYCLING ANNUAL LICENSE OR VALID UCI FOREIGN FEDERATION LICENSE AS DEFINED BELOW. In 2021, USA Cycling is pleased to offer 18 and under riders with a free domestic annual license. Riders must also be licensed for the category in which they are attempting to register. If you do not have a current and valid USA Cycling annual license, the easiest way to obtain one is via the USA Cycling website at www.usacycling.org. You may purchase, renew and/or request a category upgrade online on your [My USA Cycling](#) page.

<p>Junior 17-18, U23 and Elite/Pro</p>	<p>Must be a United States citizen and have a current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Cycling International License with a USA racing nationality and a UCI ID* or • A foreign International License with a USA racing nationality and a UCI ID* or • USA Cycling Domestic Annual License with a USA racing nationality and a UCI ID*
<p>Juniors 16 and under, Masters and Single Speed</p>	<p>Must be a United States citizen with a USA racing nationality and have a current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Cycling International License with a USA racing nationality and a UCI ID* or • A foreign International License with a USA racing nationality and a UCI ID* or • USA Cycling Domestic Annual License with a USA racing nationality and a UCI ID* <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Must be a Permanent Resident (verified) and have a current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA Cycling International License and a UCI ID* or • USA Cycling Domestic Annual License with a UCI ID*
<p>Non-Championships</p>	<p>Riders must have either a current USA Cycling annual license, valid UCI Foreign Federation license, or purchase a one-day license at race registration.</p>

***UCI ID:** To compete in a USA Cycling National Championship, riders must have their date of birth, gender and citizenship/racing nationality/permanent resident status verified. Having verified this information, a free UCI ID is issued. If a UCI ID is not currently displayed on your license, log into your USA Cycling "My Account" and look for this in your profile link. If these items are not listed or are incorrect, please do the following:



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Create a copy of your birth certificate or passport and permanent resident status (green card) as it applies, and [mail, email](#) or fax (719-434-4300) it to USA Cycling.

A UCI ID is your lifelong, internationally unique, identity number to confirm your racing status and maintain your privacy in internationally published registration and results documents. Sending this information to USA Cycling to receive your UCI ID is a one-time process.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPRINT OR PURCHASE A NEW LICENSE ONCE YOUR ACCOUNT IS UPDATED

CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS AND FIELD LIMITS

Riders are eligible to compete based on their category and/or qualification requirements at time of registration. If age groups are scheduled on course at the same time, field limits will be the combined number of riders on course.

ELITE			
Male		Categories 1-2	Qualification required (see page 2)
Female		Categories 1-3	Qualification required (see page 2)
U23			
Male		Categories 1-3	Field Limit: 150
Female		Categories 1-3	Field Limit: 150
MASTERS			
Male	30-54	Categories 1-3	Field Limit: 150 per 5-year age group
Male	55+	All categories	Field Limit: 150 per 5-year age group
Female	30-44	Categories 1-3	Field Limit: 150 per 5-year age group
Female	45+	All categories	Field Limit: 150 per 5-year age group
JUNIORS			
Male	17-18	Categories 1-3	Field Limit: 100
Female	17-18	Categories 1-4	Field Limit: 100
Male	15-16	All categories	Field Limit: 100
Female	15-16	All categories	Field Limit: 100
M/F 11-12, 13-14		All categories	Field Limit: 75 per age group
COLLEGIATE			
Male/Female		Category 3 or collegiate cyclocross category A.	Field Limit: 150
SINGLESPEED			
Male/Female		All categories	Field Limit: 150 per gender
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP			
Male/Female		All categories	Field Limit: 150 per gender

QUALIFICATION

Only elite and collegiate riders must qualify. Masters, juniors, singlespeed and non-championship racers do not need to qualify to participate outside of category requirements.

ELITE QUALIFICATION

Eligibility to register in the Elite races must be achieved in one of two ways: A) any rider ranked in the top 90 in the ProCX standings after the completion of the series ending November 21, 2021 or B) any rider with UCI



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points in 2021 or as of December 7, 2021. If a rider wishes to petition for eligibility they can email Jesse Anthony, janthony@usacycling.org.

COLLEGIATE QUALIFICATION

To register for the event, each rider's [conference director](#) must first check off that the rider has met the minimum race requirements, if applicable. Each conference determines how many spots go to each school, riders may speak with the conference director or team leader for details. All registered riders/teams must bring this form with them to packet pick-up: [USA Cycling Collegiate National Championship eligibility verification form](#).

Teams may enter a total of 8 men and 8 women at the national championship.

Teams may enter up to 4 riders for the team relay.

ELITE/MASTERS REGISTRATION RESTRICTION

Riders who are defined as Elite per USA Cycling regulations may not compete in Masters races. USA Cycling Elite status is defined as meeting any one of following:

- (a) has a racing age of 23 to 29,
- (b) has a racing age of 30 years or older and has been a member of any UCI Registered Team at any time in the current cyclocross season, or
- (c) has a racing age of 30 years or older and has competed in any elite UCI World Cups, World Championships, Pan American Championship, Pan American or Olympic Games within the current calendar year, or
- (d) has a racing age of 30 years or older and has 100 or more points in the UCI individual cyclocross ranking published after the first World Cup of the current season.

Entry into the Elite race at Nationals does not prohibit riders from competing in the Masters events – ONLY those riders meeting the above criteria may not race Masters events.

Regardless, riders with a racing age of 30 years or older, meeting these qualifications, may enter any Master's Singlespeed and/or non-championship races.

CALL-UP PROCEDURES

ELITE/U23/17-18 JUNIORS

1	Defending national champion from previous event (same class)
2	Order of UCI rankings upon publication on Tuesday, December 7
3	BikeReg CrossResults.com rankings as of Tuesday, December 7 at 8 a.m.
4	Riders without pre-reg, UCI or BikeReg CrossResults ranking points will be called-up by random order

MASTERS/SINGLESPEED/11-16 JUNIORS

1	Defending national champion from previous year (same class)
2	The national champion from the next younger age class the year before if he/she has since moved to the next age class
3	Finishers 2-5 returning to the same age class from the previous year's national championship
4	BikeReg CrossResults.com rankings as of Tuesday, December 7 at 8 a.m.



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5	Remaining riders will be called-up by random order after the first four (4) methods
COLLEGIATE	
1	Defending national champion for the current race
2	Conference omnium champion or conference champion as determined by each conference director, in a random order. In the event a team has the previous event national champion and the current conference champion, that team's conference champion will be called up last in the wave of other conference champions.
3	One rider per team, called one team at a time in the order of the previous event's team omnium from the national championship in question. Any team with a rider called up in section 1 or 2, will be skipped in the first round. If a team has a rider in both sections 1 & 2, they will be skipped, once again in the second round. Teams that did not attend the previous event shall be called up after all other teams have been called up in a random order in the same order each round.
4	Step 3 is repeated until all riders have been staged.
Any protests to or questions about call-ups can be directed to Trish Black, tblack@usacycling.org . Any protests to or questions about collegiate call-ups can be directed to Justin Evans, jevans@usacycling.org .	
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP	
1	BikeReg CrossResults.com rankings as of Monday, December 6 at noon

EQUIPMENT RULES	
Elite, U23, Juniors 17-18	UCI rules will be in effect
Masters & Collegiate	Modified UCI regulations. Double triangle frame construction, traditional CX bike with maximum 38mm tire width. No flat bars. No spiked or studded tires.
Singlespeed	Modified UCI regulations. Double triangle frame construction, traditional CX bike with maximum 38mm tire width. No spiked or studded tires. Riders must have a free wheel, one cog, a single front chainring and drop bars. No blocked gears.
Junior 16 and younger/ non-championship	USA Cycling regulations. No forward pointing handlebars or bar ends. No spiked or studded tires. No other bike restrictions.

TEAM RELAY RULES	
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RELAY COMPOSITION	
<p>Teams of two to four riders will complete a total of four laps on a shortened course. Team make up can be no more than two elite or master male riders, no more than one pro/elite male, and no more than one pro/elite female. If your team has a 15-18 or masters female or 13-14 male a time bonus will be given. If your team has a 13-14 female a time bonus will be given. If your team has an elite male or female a time penalty will be given. These bonuses and penalties are to equalize the playing field and encourage females and young athletes. Time bonuses will be determined once the course has been finalized.</p> <p>One representative of each team starts the race and at the end of each lap, there is an exchange to another rider. The race will be 4 laps long and riders may not do consecutive laps, so exchanges are mandatory each lap, even if a team has fewer than four riders.</p> <p>The exchange area is just before the S/F, with the course divided into two lanes. Riders finishing their lap will funnel into one lane, and from the other lane, riders waiting to start their lap will start moving once their teammate has crossed the finish line in the other lane.</p>	



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COLLEGIATE TEAM RELAY COMPOSITION

Each team will have up to four riders with at least one woman and one man, and no more than two men or two women. Potential team compositions would be: WM; WMM; WWM; WWMM.

One representative of each team starts the race and at the end of each lap, there is an exchange to another rider. The race will be 4 laps long and riders may not do consecutive laps, so exchanges are mandatory each lap, even if a team has fewer than four riders.

Two laps must be completed by women.

The exchange area is just before the S/F, with the course divided into two lanes. Riders finishing their lap will funnel into one lane, and from the other lane, riders waiting to start their lap will start moving once their teammate has crossed the finish line in the other lane.

The event counts toward the team omnium only.

At each race, all riders for a team must wear similar team jerseys with the school's name displayed. Shorts must be of their team or blank. For podium presentations, riders must wear team or school clothing or jerseys. Penalties can vary from a fine to a disqualification.

PULLING OF RIDERS

UCI Categories (Elite, U23, Junior 17-18) and Collegiate	The UCI 80% rule will be applied during these races.
Masters, Singlespeed, and 16-under Juniors	Generally, riders will be allowed to be lapped and will finish on the same lap as the race leader and placed appropriately. In order to respect the competitive efforts of participants for their National Championship titles, fields with more than 75 starters will implement the 80% regulation 4H1(c), with riders who are predicted to be lapped by the leaders in their next lap will be pulled and placed according to their position at the pull point. This method assures an accurate placing for any rider that is pulled and ensures that the riders in contention for the National Championship titles can, to the greatest extent possible, race without the potential disturbance of passing lapped riders.
Non-Championship	Riders will be allowed to be lapped and will finish on the same lap as the race leader and placed appropriately.