

# 2024 UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CUP TEAM GUIDELINES World Cup 1, Enoshima, Japan, February 22-25, 2024

# QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be invited to the USA Cycling 2024 BMX Freestyle World Cup Team ("Team"). USA Cycling will only be taking a Team to World Cup #1.

The UCI BMX Freestyle World Cups are open to UCI registered athletes.

There are extensive UCI requirements for entry into the World Cup events at the nation, 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 Men and Women: Competing age 15 and over.
- Athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) competition.
- All nominees must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI.
- All athletes must be in good standing with USA Cycling, the UCI, the US Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

#### METHODS OF INVITATION

Athletes can be invited to the Team by meeting the criteria included in the Team Performance Standards section below. Athletes may also be invited based on the application of USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

There are two means of being considered for a discretionary invitation: (1) An athlete may submit a discretionary petition, or (2) USA Cycling's Sport Performance staff may nominate an athlete. Athletes interested in participating in a UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup as part of the Team are encouraged to submit a petition, which can be found in the section "Useful Links" below.

# TEAM TRAVEL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USA Cycling will manage logistics, housing, and transportation for athletes named to the Team. USA Cycling will NOT be responsible for or manage logistics for professional team managers, private coaches, professional team staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. These individuals will be responsible for making separate arrangements for all logistics, housing, and transportation. Additionally, the aforementioned individuals will NOT be credentialed as part of the Team for these events and will not be permitted in Team cabin(s) or pit

areas unless specifically granted that privilege by Jamie Staff, Sr. Director of BMX.

# Level 1: Funded

USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes up to two (2) pieces of luggage: up to two bikes or one bike and one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional baggage charges are the responsibility of the athlete). USA Cycling will also provide competition clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/event support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling.

#### Level 2: Partial-Funded

USA Cycling will provide competition clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/event support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. *Athletes are responsible for their own airfare and baggage expenses*.

#### Athlete Reimbursement

Any athlete not on the Team that achieves a top-three (3) finish in a 2024 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup event will be reimbursed up to \$2000 for travel-related expenses, with the submission of approved travel-related receipts.

# COMPETITION AND CAUSAL CLOTHING

As a member of the Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, athletes will be provided with competition clothing which will be required to be worn during all training sessions and competitions. Athletes will also be provided with casual clothing that will be required at official 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 Team Named UCI Freestyle World Cup 1: January 15th, 2024 Week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# **TEAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Team composition will be based on the following factors (considered in priority order):

# Level 1: Funded

- 1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2023 UCI World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team.
- 2. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2023 UCI World Cup overall ranking in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team.
- 3. Any eligible athlete who wins a UCI Freestyle Park World Cup event in the previous or current season, will be nominated to the Team.

#### Level 2: Partial-Funded

1. After considering the preceding criteria, an athlete may be added to a Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

# **USEFUL LINKS**

**Competition Guides** 

<u>UCI Rules</u> (Rules regarding World Cup participation can be found on page 30)

World Cup Athlete Petition

World Cup Registration

USA Cycling Discretionary Selection Procedures