



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE CONSIDERATION GUIDELINES
2024 NATIONAL TEAM PROJECTS – JUNIORS & U23
XCO MTB**

CONSIDERATION AND INVITATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be considered and invited to any of the following USA Cycling MTB National Team projects (“Project”), all of which are Unprotected Events. All Projects will be filled via discretionary invitations from the USA Cycling coaching staff.

The following Projects are bound specifically by this document:

- U23 Skills Camp (March 6-11)
- Junior Skills Camp (April 25-29)
- Junior European Race Block (May 16-26)
- U23 European Race Block (June 11-24)

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

- Elite Women and Men: Racing age 19 and over.
- U23 Women and Men: Racing age 19 to 22.
- Jr Women and Men: Racing age 17 and 18.
- Athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition.
- Athletes must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI.
- Athletes must be in good standing with USA Cycling, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Athletes invited to participate in a Project will be responsible for all their own travel costs, including airfare and baggage. In addition, athletes may be asked to contribute a team service fee to help offset some of the operational costs of a Project.

Financial assistance may be available from the USA Cycling Foundation through the Wyatt Weisel High Performance Grant Program. For more information and to apply for a grant, click [here](#).

JUNIOR SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION AND INVITATION INFORMATION

The USA Cycling Sports Performance staff will be particularly interested in results from the following:

- 2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships

- 2024 UCI European Junior Series Races
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- 2024 UCI North American Competitions, namely:
 - Tropical Mountain Bike Challenge
 - Puerto Rico MTB Cup
 - Orange Seal Pro Cup p/b Vailocity
 - US Pro Cup presented by Ozark Foundation
 - Piney Hills Classic
- 2023 USA Cycling XCO National Championship

In addition, USA Cycling staff's assessment of athlete's coachability, dedication, and performance growth potential.

U23 SPECIFIC CONSIDERATION AND INVITATION INFORMATION

The USA Cycling Sports Performance staff will be particularly interested in results from the following:

- 2023 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships
- 2024 UCI World Cups
- 2023 UCI European World Cups
- 2024 UCI European HC Competitions
- 2023 UCI North American World Cups
- 2024 UCI European Competitions (C1, C2)
- 2024 UCI North American Competitions, namely:
 - Tropical Mountain Bike Challenge
 - Puerto Rico MTB Cup
 - Orange Seal Pro Cup p/b Vailocity
 - Tennessee National
 - US Pro Cup presented by Ozark Foundation
 - Piney Hills Classic
 - Pan American Championships
- 2023 USA Cycling XCO National Championship

In addition, USA Cycling staff's assessment of athlete's coachability, dedication, and performance growth potential.

POWER ID

At any time, if an athlete would like to offer their training data to be recognized by a USA Cycling Road or Mountain Bike coach, they can do so by opting into USA Cycling's PowerID program.

To opt-in, please connect your TrainingPeaks athlete account to PowerID by following the instructions on this webpage:

https://www.trainingpeaks.com/usa-cyclingpowerid/?utm_source=usac&utm_medium=partner&utm_term=usa_cycling_powerid&utm_content=cta&utm_campaign=usac23

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

USA Cycling will provide full support at each of the listed Projects. This includes all support staff, ground transportation, lodging, food, international travel insurance (where applicable), racing/training nutrition, competition clothing etc.

Athletes are responsible for their travel expenses to and from each event and a team fee to offset program expenses.

Travel and logistical information will be provided to athletes at the time of selection.

Athletes will be invited to a project at least 3 weeks prior to a Project's first travel/start date. For more information on each Project opportunity, please contact Alec Pasqualina: apasqualina@usacycling.org.