



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2024 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ELITE TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS
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SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be nominated to the 2024 Pan American Continental Elite Track 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 UCI requirements for entry into the Continental Championships at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) website under rules and regulations – Continental Championships. <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

ELIGIBILITY

- Elite Men and Women: Racing age 19 and over.
- 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 in good standing with USA Cycling, the UCI, the U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY

USA Cycling will determine Team size and prioritization of events prior to the Continental Championships 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.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN GOALS

The purpose of the 2024 Pan Am Continental Championships is to provide an opportunity for our best athletes to earn maximum UCI Olympic qualifying points.

MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITIONS

To be considered for the 2024 Pan American Continental Championships Team, athletes are required to participate in all designated USA Cycling training camps and race programs between February 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024 that they are invited to, and as prescribed by the USA Cycling Sport Performance staff, unless given written permission to miss a required Team event from the Chief of Sports Performance. For all required USA Cycling training camps and race programs, athletes will be notified by email at least 14 days before such training or racing takes place.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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 throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

USAC POLICY FOR FUNDING CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

As per the current UCI rule 9.2.009, the Continental Champion may earn an additional quota position by name in the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.

Because the Continental Championships are held months prior to the actual World Championships, and the level of competition at the Continental Championships is not the international standard found in most automatic qualification criteria for USA Cycling's Team nominations for World Championship Teams, USA Cycling has established the following policy:

Funding of Continental Champions by USA Cycling for World Championship Teams depends on the rider meeting the funding levels outlined in the World Championship Team selection document. If a rider does not meet these requirements, but chooses to ride in the World Championships, they may do so at their own expense.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, athletes will be provided with competition clothing that will be required during all training sessions and competitions. Athletes will also be provided with casual clothing that will be required 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

Qualification Period:	January 1, 2023 – March 17, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Petitions:	March 18, 2024
Selection of Men's Endurance and Sprint FINAL teams:	March 19, 2024
Selection of Women's Endurance LONG team:	March 19, 2024
Announcement of the Womens' Endurance LONG team:	March 21, 2024
Announcement of Men's Endurance and Sprint FINAL teams:	March 21, 2024

Announcement of the Womens' Endurance FINAL team: April 1, 2024

Please note, there is only a Long team for Women's Endurance. All other teams will only have a Final team.

THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR WOMEN'S ENDURANCE TEAM

Step 1: Select Long team

- A. The Long team is a pool of athletes that is comprised of both automatic and discretionary nominations. The Final team is nominated exclusively from the athletes originally named to the Long team.
- B. Athletes may gain entry into the Long team in one of three ways;
 - a. Attaining an automatic criterion through performance (Automatic Selection),
 - b. Submitting an athlete discretionary petition (Discretionary Selection), or
 - c. Being nominated by a Sport Performance coaching staff (Discretionary Selection).
- C. Discretionary nominations to a Long team follow USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.

Step 2: Final team

- D. The Final team is nominated exclusively from the athletes originally named to the Long team.
 - a. For all team events, athletes are nominated in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.
 - b. For individual events, the first step in the selection process is to apply automatic criteria outlined in the Final team portion of this document. If positions remain following the application of the automatic criteria, athletes are nominated in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE WOMEN'S ENDURANCE LONG TEAM

In the following section, "Member" shall mean anyone who rides in a qualifying round, first round or medal round. Team Pursuit and Madison Teams must be entirely comprised of U.S. athletes.

Team Pursuit

- 1. Any athlete who is a Member of a Team Pursuit placing in the top eight (8) at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
- 2. Any athlete who is a Member of a Team Pursuit placing in the top eight (8) at a 2023 or 2024 Nations Cup event, provided the Team Pursuit met the following time standard at the qualifying event:
 - a. Women: < 4:24.952

3. Athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

Madison

1. Any athlete who is a Member of a Madison Team placing in the top eight (8) at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who is a Member of a Madison Team placing in the top eight (8) at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions available, the athlete who is a Member of a Madison Team with the highest placing will be nominated first.
 - b. In the event of equal highest placings, the nomination will be made based on recency, and the athlete(s) with the most recent top eight (8) placing(s) will be nominated first.
 - c. In the event of equal highest placing and equal recency, the nomination will be made in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.
3. Athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

Omnium

1. Any athlete who places in the top eight (8) in the omnium at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who places in the top eight (8) in the omnium at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than the remaining quota positions available, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first.
 - b. In the event of equal highest placings, the nomination will be made based on recency, and the athlete(s) with the most recent, top eight (8) placing(s) will be nominated first.
 - c. In the event of equal highest placing and equal recency, the nomination will be made in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.
3. Athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE WOMEN'S ENDURANCE FINAL TEAM

Athletes will be nominated to the Women's Endurance Final team from the Long team provided they meet any of the following criteria:

All Women's Endurance Final team nominees will come from the previously nominated Long team.

Team Pursuit – Final team (Max Quota Positions: up to 5)

1. Athletes will be nominated to the Final team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

Madison – Final team (Max Quota Positions: 2)

1. Athletes will be nominated to the Final team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

Omnium – Final team (Max Quota Positions: 1)

1. Any athlete who finishes in the top-five (5) in the omnium at the 2023 UCI Elite World Championships, provided that the race is entirely held and runs under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Final team.
2. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete who earns a top-three (3) result in the omnium at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event will be nominated to the Final team.
 - a. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the best final placing will be nominated.
 - b. If two or more athletes have the same best placing, then the athlete with the most top three (3) placings in combined 2023 and 2024 UCI Nations Cup omnium events will be nominated.
 - c. If two or more athletes have the same number of top three (3) placings, then the athlete with the highest UCI Individual Omnium Ranking as of March 20, 2024 will be nominated to the Final team.
3. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Final team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE MEN'S ENDURANCE TEAM

In the following section, "Member" shall mean anyone who rides in a qualifying round, first round or medal round. Team Pursuit and Madison Teams must be entirely comprised of U.S. athletes.

Team Pursuit (Max Quota Positions: up to 5)

1. Any athlete who is a Member of a Team Pursuit placing in the top eight (8) at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.

2. Any athlete who is a Member of a Team Pursuit placing in the top eight (8) at a 2023 or 2024 Nations Cup event, provided the Team Pursuit met the following time standard at the qualifying event:
 - a. Men: < 3:54.164
3. 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.

Madison (Max Quota Positions: 2)

1. Any athlete who is a Member of a Madison Team placing in the top eight (8) at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who is a Member of a Madison Team placing in the top eight (8) at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions available, the athlete who is a Member of a Madison Team with the highest placing will be nominated first.
 - b. In the event of equal highest placings, the nomination will be made based on recency, and the athlete(s) with the most recent top eight (8) placing(s) will be nominated first.
 - c. In the event of equal highest placing and equal recency, the nomination will be made in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.
3. 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.

Omnium (Max Quota Positions: 1)

1. Any athlete who places in the top eight (8) in the omnium at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who places in the top eight (8) in the omnium at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than the remaining quota positions available, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first.
 - b. In the event of equal highest placings, the nomination will be made based on recency, and the athlete(s) with the most recent, top eight (8) placing(s) will be nominated first.
 - c. In the event of equal highest placing and equal recency, the nomination will be made in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

3. 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.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FINAL SPRINT TEAMS

In the following section, "Member" shall mean anyone who rides in a qualifying round, first round or medal round. Team Sprint must be entirely comprised of U.S. athletes.

Team Sprint (Max Quota Positions: select up to 4)

1. Any athlete who is a Member of a Team Sprint placing in the top eight (8) at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint placing in the top eight (8) at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event, provided the Team Sprint met the following time standard at the qualifying event:
 - a. Women: 48.837
 - b. Men: 43.785
3. 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.

Individual Sprint (Max Quota Positions: 3)

1. Any athlete who places in the top eight (8) in the individual sprint at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who places in the top eight (8) in the individual sprint at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event, provided the athlete met the following time standard at the qualifying event:
 - a. Men: 9.779
 - b. Women: 10.853
3. 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.

Keirin (Max Quota Positions: 2)

1. Any athlete who places in the top twelve (12) in the keirin at the 2023 UCI Elite Track World Championships.
2. Any athlete who places in the top twelve (12) in the keirin at a 2023 or 2024 UCI Nations Cup event.

3. 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.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION FOR NON-OLYMPIC EVENTS – Men and Women

Points Race, Scratch Race, Elimination, Individual Pursuit, Men's Kilo, Women's 500m.

USA Cycling will prioritize and select Olympic events first, followed by non-Olympic events second. USA Cycling may elect to not fill all available events and/or quota positions.

1. For all non-Olympic events, athletes may be nominated to the team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.