



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA  
2024 PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL MTB XCM CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ELITE MEN AND WOMEN  
Minas Gerais, Brazil  
June 7-9, 2024**

**SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete qualify for nomination to the 2023 Pan American Continental XCM MTB 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 Championships at the national, 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 Women and Men: 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 be in good standing with USA Cycling, UCI, 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 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.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN GOALS**

The primary objective for the MTB XCM team selection is to select athletes who have met the automatic criteria or meet a definition of USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

All athletes participating on the Team will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food and lodging costs associated with the event. *USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility for any*

*athletes selected to the Team.* In addition, all athletes will be responsible for payment of a service fee of \$150.00 which will cover one week of travel insurance and administration expenses.

### **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

USA competition clothing is required for this event. Athletes must wear the complete kit of the current design registered with the UCI with Cuore logos. USA Cuore competition clothing is available for purchase on the [Cuore website](#). It is the athlete's responsibility to purchase the competition clothing via the Cuore store.

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

<b>Deadline for Submission of Discretionary Petitions:</b>	April 24, 2024
<b>Selection of Team:</b>	May 1, 2024
<b>Final Announcement of the Team:</b>	May 3, 2024
<b>Submission of Team Fee:</b>	May 10, 2024

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

**Elite Women and Men - XCM and E-XCM**

**Quota Positions: TBD**

1. Any eligible athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2023 World Championships in the same event and category.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on.
2. 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.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, eligible petitioning athletes will be nominated to the Team in order of the UCI Individual XCM World Ranking as of April 23, 2024.