



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA  
2024 ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Elite Men and Women  
September 22-29, 2024  
Zurich, Switzerland**

**SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 UCI Elite Road World 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 World Championships at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the UCI website under rules and regulations – World Championships: <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Elite Men: Racing age 19 and over
- Elite 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 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 Elite World 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 is to select athletes who demonstrate the ability to support the athletes who have been selected under the Medal-Capable and Maximize Team Performance criteria. The second objective is to choose riders with the potential to meet the criteria for Future Medal Capabilities and Maximize Team Performance within the next three years, to provide them with the relevant experience to further their development.

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### **Level 1: Funded**

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, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling.

### **Level 2: Partially-Funded**

Athletes will be responsible for paying a service fee of \$1,000 by the date outlined in this document ("Fee"). This Fee includes: competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. *Athletes are responsible for their airfare and baggage expenses.*

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

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

<b>Deadline for Submission of Discretionary Petitions:</b>	August 5, 2024
<b>Selection of Team:</b>	August 16, 2024
<b>Final Announcement of the Team:</b>	August 22, 2024
<b>Fee Due:</b>	August 23, 2024

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

### **Elite Women and Men – Time Trial**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** Women: Up to 3, Men: Up to 2

#### Level 1: Funded

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2023 World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team.
  - 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, any athlete placing in the top five (5) at the 2024 Olympic Games in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second, and so on.

#### Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who wins a 2024 UCI World UCI World Tour Time Trial (2.WWT, 2.UWT) greater than 20km between the dates of January 1, 2024, and August 5, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, athletes will be nominated based on recency, with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on.
4. 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.

#### **Elite Women and Men – Road Race**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** Women: up to 7, Men: up to 8

#### Level 1: Funded

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2023 World Championships in the same event and category will be nominated to the Team.

#### Level 2: Self-Funded

2. Any athlete who earns a top three (3) in a European UCI World Tour one-day road race event (1.WWT, 1.UWT) between the dates of January 1, 2024, and August 5, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first.

- b. If there are equal placings, the athletes with those equal placings will be nominated based on recency, with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.
- 3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top three (3) General Classification in a UCI World Tour stage race (2.WWT, 2.UWT) between the dates of January 1, 2024, and August 5, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.
  - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first.
  - b. If there are equal placings, the athletes with those equal placings will be nominated based on recency, with the most recent event nominated first and the next most recent second and so on until all quota positions are filled.
- 4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2024 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
- 5. 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.