



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2024 ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
U23 Men
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 U23 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

- U23 Men: Racing age 19 – 22
- 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).
- U23 athletes who have participated in the Elite Men’s Road race or Individual Time Trial at previous World Championships may not ride the road race or individual time trial for U23 athletes.

TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY

USA Cycling will determine Team size and prioritization of events prior to the U23 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 criterion Maximize Team Performance within the next three years, to provide them with the necessary 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 \$1500.00 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

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

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

U23 Men – Time Trial

Maximum Quota Positions: 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 available quota positions, athletes will be nominated based on placing. The athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, the athlete with the second highest placing will be nominated second and so on, until all quota positions are filled.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete who places in the top ten (10) in a 2024 UCI World Tour Time Trial (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, the highest placing athlete 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.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete who places in the top ten (10) in a time trial stage greater than 20km at a UCI World Tour or a European UCI 2.PRO (2.UWT, 2.PRO) 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, the highest placing athlete 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 criterion, any athlete who places in the top five (5) in a time trial stage greater than 20km at a European UCI 2.1 and European UCI U23 2.2 (2.2U) 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, the highest placing athlete 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.
- 5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the athlete winning the 2024 USA Cycling U23 Time Trial National Championships, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
- 6. 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.

U23 Road Race

Maximum Quota Positions: up to 5

Level 1: Funded

- 1. Any athlete(s) 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 available quota positions, athletes will be nominated based on placing. The athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, the athlete with the second highest placing will be nominated second and so on, until all quota positions are filled.
- 2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete who wins a UCI World Tour or a European UCI 1.PRO (1.UWT, 1.PRO) one-day road race event 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 highest placing athlete 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.

Level 2: Partially-Funded

- 3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top ten (10) at a UCI World Tour or a European 1.Pro (1.WT 1.PRO) one-day event 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 highest placing athlete 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, any athlete who earns a top ten (10) General Classification at a UCI World Tour stage race or a European 2.PRO (2.WT 2.PRO) 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 highest placing athlete 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.
5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who earns a top five (5) General Classification at a UCI European U23 Nations Cup stage race (2.NC) 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 highest placing athlete 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.
6. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any U23 athlete(s) placing in the top three (3) places at the 2024 USA Cycling Professional Road Race National Championships, provided that the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, athletes will be nominated based on placing. The athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, the athlete with the second highest placing will be nominated second and so on, until all quota positions are filled.
7. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner the 2024 USA Cycling U23 Road Race National Championships, provided that the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
8. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes may be nominated to the Team in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Selection Procedures.