



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2024 UCI MTB DHI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Elite & Junior Women and Men
August 28-September 1, 2024
Pal Arinsal, Andorra**

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 UCI MTB DH 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 the 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 Women and Men: Racing age 19 years and older.
- Junior 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).

TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY

USA Cycling will determine Team size and prioritization of events prior to the 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 priority for this event is to select athletes who meet the automatic criteria or discretionary selection definitions.

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 paying a service fee ("Fee") of \$300.00 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](#) or through USA Cycling. 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 – July 9, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Petitions:	July 10, 2024
Selection of Team:	July 26, 2024
Final Announcement of the Team:	August 15, 2024
Submission of Fee:	August 20, 2024

EXCLUSIVE AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

The winner of the 2024 USA Cycling Mountain Bike DHI National Championship in each category - Junior Men & Women, Elite Men & Women - will be automatically nominated to the 2024 USA Cycling MTB DHI World Championship Team provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. Given that this event takes place after the Team selection date, any rider who wins the above-mentioned National Championships and has not yet been named to the Team will be added to the Team in addition to the athletes already confirmed, provided that a quota position remains available in their category.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men and Women

Maximum Quota Positions: Elite Men TBD & Elite Women TBD

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.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete who wins a Downhill Final in a 2024 UCI Downhill World Cup race between the dates of January 1, 2024 and July 8, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, the nomination will be made based on recency, and the athlete(s) with the most recent win will be nominated first, the athlete with the second most recent win will be nominated second, and so on.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete finishing in the top three (3) in the Downhill Final in a 2024 UCI Downhill World Cup race between the dates of January 1, 2024 and July 8, 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. In the event of equal highest placings, the nomination will be made based on recency and the athlete(s) with the most recent, highest top-3 placing(s) will be nominated first.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2024 UCI World Cup Individual Overall Elite Downhill rankings as of July 8, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be nominated first, the second highest ranked will be nominated second, and so on.

5. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top two (2) ranked U.S. athletes in the 2024 UCI Elite Downhill Individual World rankings, as of July 8, 2024, if ranked in the top forty (40), will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be nominated first, the second highest ranked athlete will be nominated second, and so on.
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.

Junior Men and Women

Maximum Quota Positions: Junior Men TBD & Junior Women TBD

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.
2. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete finishing in the top three (3) in the Downhill Final in a 2024 UCI Downhill World Cup race between the dates of January 1, 2024 and July 8, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than remaining quota positions, then athletes will be nominated by highest placings 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, highest top-3 placing(s) will be nominated first.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) in the 2023 UCI World Cup Individual Overall Junior Downhill rankings as of July 8, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be nominated first, the second highest ranked athlete will be nominated second, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the top two (2) ranked U.S. athletes in the 2024 UCI Junior Downhill Individual World rankings, as of July 8, 2024, if ranked in the top twenty (20), will be nominated to the Team.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, then the highest ranked athlete will be nominated first, the second highest ranked athlete will be nominated second, and so on.
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.