



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2024 UCI MTB XCM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Elite Women and Men
September 21-22, 2024
Snowshoe, West Virginia**

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 UCI MTB XCM 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.
- 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).
- Athletes must submit a petition to be considered for nomination.

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 main objective is to allow as many athletes as possible to participate within the established UCI starting quota number. USA Cycling will prioritize athletes based on performances at top level events, such as National Championships.

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 ("Fee") of \$200.00 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 19, 2024
Final Announcement of the Team:	August 22, 2024
Submission of Fee:	September 18, 2024

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women and Men

General Qualification:

The Top 20 in each round of the UCI MTB Marathon World Cup and the Top 80 of the UCI XCM individual ranking will earn a nomination by name from the UCI. Each national federation may also nominate an additional 10 men and 10 women.

All Athletes who want to be considered for the Team must submit an athlete petition for the event – both automatic and discretionary nominations.

Criteria for the National Federation Wildcards

Elite Women: 10 Quota Positions, **Elite Men:** 10 Quota Positions

1. Any athlete placing in the top twenty (20) at the 2023 World Championships in the men's or women's Elite category will earn a wildcard nomination.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available 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 three (3) of the Elite Men and Elite Women category of the 2024 USA Cycling XCM National Championships, provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will earn a wildcard nomination.
 - a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on.
3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete ranked in the top ten (10) of the Elite Men and Women categories of the 2024 USA Cycling Cross Country Mountain Bike Series ranking as of July 23, 2024, will earn wildcard nominations.

- a. If more athletes meet this criterion than available quota positions, the athlete with the highest ranking will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on.
4. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes will earn wildcard nominations in order of their UCI Individual XCM World Ranking as of July 23, 2024.
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.