



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**  
**2024 PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL XCO XCR XCC XCE MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**ELITE, U23 AND JUNIOR MEN AND WOMEN**  
**May 8-12, 2024**  
**Soldier Hollow, Utah, USA**

**SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can automatically qualify for nomination to the 2024 Pan American Continental 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 Process: <https://usacycling.org/team-usa/protected-event-selection>.

There are extensive Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) requirements for entry into Pan American Continental MTB Championship at the nation, 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**

**XCO / XCR / XCC**

- Elite Women and Men: Racing age 19 and over.
- U23 Women and Men: Racing age 19 to 22.
- Jr 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 USAC, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).
- *For discretionary selections only, athletes must meet the following minimum standard:*
  - Have at least 1 UCI point

**TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION PRIORITY**

USA Cycling will determine Team size and prioritization of events prior to the Continental 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**

USA Cycling will primarily use the Pan-American Continental Championships as an opportunity to gain crucial UCI points towards UCI Nations Rankings, which assist in ensuring maximum start positions at the World Championships and Olympic Games. A secondary purpose is to provide future medal capable athletes with the opportunity to experience the pressure and challenge of an international championship.

## **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 duration of the event with USA Cycling.

### **Level 2: Partial-Funded**

Athletes will be responsible for paying a service fee ("Fee") of \$600 on or before the date outlined in this document. 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.*

## **USAC POLICY FOR FUNDING CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

As per the current UCI rule 9.2.009, the Continental Champion may earn an additional quota position by name in the first World Championships following the awarding of the title of Continental Champion.

Because the Continental Championships are held months prior to the actual World Championships, and the level of competition at the Continental Championships is not the international standard found in most automatic qualification criteria for USA Cycling's Team nominations for World Championship Teams, USA Cycling has established the following policy:

*Funding of Continental Champions by USA Cycling for World Championship Teams is contingent upon the rider meeting the funding levels as outlined in the World Championship Team selection document. If a rider does not meet these requirements, but chooses to ride in the World Championships, they will do so at their own expense.*

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of the USA Cycling Pan American 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 will be required 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**

Qualification Period:	<del>January 1, 2024-April 19, 2024</del> January 1, 2024-April 9, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Petitions:	<del>April 19, 2024</del> April 7, 2024
Selection of Team:	<del>April 22, 2024</del> April 17, 2024
Final Announcement of the Team:	April 23, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Fee:	May 1, 2024

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

### **Elite Women and Men Cross Country**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** Men - up to 6; Women - up to 6

#### **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.
2. Any athlete in the Top 50 of the UCI Elite XCO Individual Ranking as of April 9, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.

#### **Level 2: Partial-Funded**

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes will be nominated to the Team by order of UCI Elite XCO Individual Ranking as of April 9, 2024, until the Team is full.

### **U23 Women and Men Cross Country**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** Men - up to 6; Women - up to 6

#### **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.
2. Any athlete ranked in the top 100 of the UCI Elite XCO Individual Ranking as of April 9, 2024 will be nominated to the Team.

#### **Level 2: Partial-Funded**

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes will be nominated to the Team by order of UCI Elite XCO Individual Ranking as of April 9, 2024, until the Team is full.

## **Junior Women and Men Cross Country**

**Maximum Quota Positions:** Men - up to 6; Women - up to 6

### 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.
2. Any athlete in the Top 20 of the UCI Elite XCO Individual Ranking as of April 9, 2024, will be nominated to the Team.

### Level 2: Partial-Funded

3. If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, athletes will be nominated to the Team by order of UCI Elite XCO Individual Ranking as of April 9, 2024, until the Team is full.

## **Elite Women and Men XCC**

If there is an XCC event at the Continental Championship, as per UCI regulations, the XCC team shall comprise of athletes already selected to the Team and registered for the XCO event.

In the event of there are less XCC start positions than athletes selected to the XCO team, athletes will be nominated in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.

## **Team Relay – XCR**

If USA Cycling chooses to enter a team relay, as per UCI regulations, the team relay shall comprise of athletes already selected to the Team and registered for the XCO event. All athletes nominated to the team relay will be nominated in accordance with USA Cycling's Discretionary Athlete Selection Procedures.