



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2023 PAN-AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Elite Men and Women
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SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 Pan American Continental Elite Road 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 UCI requirements for entry into Pan American Continental Elite Road Championship at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) website under rules and regulations: <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

ELIGIBILITY

- Elite Men: Racing age 19 and over.
- Elite Women: Racing age 19 and over.
- Athlete 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 Pan American 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.

USA Cycling plan on fielding an Elite Men's and Women's team for the 2024 Pan Am Continental Road Championships. USA Cycling is not planning on sending either a Junior or U23 team to the 2024 Pan Am Continental Road Championships.

HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAN GOALS

USA Cycling's primary HPP goal is to select athletes that are medal capable at the Pan American Continental Elite Road Championships. Athletes can demonstrate they are medal capable by winning a medal (top 3 finish) in the past 24 months at the World Championships, Pan American Continental Elite Road Championship or Pan-

American Games and continuing to show their abilities in Top Level Competition¹ in the past 12 months. Or, by beating the previous year's World Champion, Pan American Continental Elite Road Champion or Pan American Games winner, or the current top ranked UCI Elite athletes in the Top Level Competition on courses similar to the event the athlete is being selected for on multiple occasions in the past 12 months.

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 \$3500.00 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.

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.

¹ A Top Level Competition is one that includes participation by many of the best riders in the world (e.g., as indicated by recent World Championship results, World Cup results and/or current UCI rankings).

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 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

Qualification Period	January 1, 2023-March 10, 2024
Deadline for Submission of Discretionary Petitions:	March 10, 2024
Selection of Team:	March 15, 2024
Final Announcement of the Team:	March 19, 2024
Fee Due:	March 29, 2024

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women and Men – Time Trial

Maximum Quota Positions: Men - up to 2; Women - 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, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second, and so on until all quota positions are filled.

Level 2: Self-Funded

- 2) If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) 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, the second highest placed athlete will be nominated second, and so on until all quota positions are filled.
- 3) If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the Time Trial in the 2023 USA Cycling Professional Road National Championships, provided that the race was held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations, will be nominated to the Team.
- 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: 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.
 - 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 until all quota positions are filled.

Level 2: Self-Funded

- 2) If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, any athlete already nominated to the 2024 Pan American Continental Championship Team for Time Trial will be nominated.
- 3) If quota positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the 2023 World Championships in the same event and category will be named 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 until all quota positions are filled.
- 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.