



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA

2024 Olympic Qualifier Series

Huangpu Riverside, Shanghai: 16-19 May 2024

Ludovika Campus, Budapest: 20-23 June 2024

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2024 IOC Freestyle OQS 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/selection-criteria-document>. Athletes who are seeking a discretionary nomination may submit a petition for the event.

There are extensive UCI requirements for entry into the OQS at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found here on the UCI website under Regulations:

<https://www.uci.org/regulations/3MyLDDrwJCJ0BGGOFzOat#part-vi-bis-bmx-freestyle>

ELIGIBILITY

- Men Elite ages 15 and over
- Women Elite ages 15 and over
- All nominees must have a valid UCI International License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI).
- All nominees must be in good standing with USAC, UCI, US Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

TEAM SIZE AND EVENT SELECTION STRATEGY

The maximum quota for the men's and women's BMX Freestyle discipline in the IOC OQS, is three (3) athletes per gender*.

Nation Ranking on December 5th, 2023, will determine how many quota positions the USA will receive in each of the men's and women's categories in the IOC OQS.

EVENT STRATEGY

USA Cycling's strategy for the 2024 IOC OQS is to select medal capable and future medal capable athletes.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

All athletes that qualify for the IOC OQS will be provided 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.

COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING

As a member of the USA Cycling OQS 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. Additionally, athletes will be provided 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.

TRAVEL POLICY

USA Cycling will NOT be responsible for, or manage logistics for professional team managers, private coaches, professional team staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Deadline for submission of petitions:	December 5, 2023
Selection of Discretionary Nominations:	December 14, 2023
Confirmation of intent to participate:	December 18, 2023
Final announcement of the Team:	Week of December 18, 2023

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men's and Women's Freestyle Park

Maximum Start Positions: up to 3 per gender*

1. The three (3) highest-ranked athletes on the UCI BMX Freestyle Park Elite Individual Ranking as of December 5th, 2023, provided they are ranked within the top ten (10) will be nominated to the OQS.
 - a. If more than three (3) athletes meet this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so forth, until all places are filled.
2. 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.