



# COLLEGIATE ROAD

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MAY 3–5, 2024  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

All races are run solely under USA Cycling's regulations.

The following is a brief overview of USA Cycling National Championship rules for this event. Please note eligibility and qualifications are subject to change dependent upon the state of the pandemic.

For complete championship regulations, please see

[Chapter 6. Collegiate and Chapter 7. National Championships.](#)

*\*\*\* Individuals attempting to pre-ride the course prior to the event or scheduled practice day(s) or times, if any, may encounter hazards including incomplete course construction or obstructions. The course may also cross private property. **Athletes pre-riding the course do so entirely at their own risk.** \*\*\**

### RACING AGE

Your racing age is determined as of December 31, 2024

### MEMBERSHIP/LICENSING

**Collegiate National Championships:** Riders must have an annual USA Cycling Collegiate license, to compete. License must be valid through last day of competition.

### COLLEGIATE ELIGIBILITY & QUALIFICATIONS

1. All riders/teams must bring [this form](#) with them to packet pick-up to verify their full-time status. Riders in their last semester/quarter and not enrolled full-time, please see USAC regulation 6C1(b) for additional information on eligibility. Riders will not be allowed to start their races without this form.
2. To register, each rider's Conference Director must first check off that the rider has met both the minimum race requirements (#3-4 below) and qualified for one of the conference's allocated start spots (#5 below).
3. Teams may bring no more than 12 unique males and 12 unique females to any single national championship event.
4. For mass-start events, riders must have competed as a category A in at least 3 mass start road events in the current conference season and schedule of the conference the team is located in (see **NOTE** below).
5. To compete in a time trial, Individual or Team, riders must have raced at least one conference race in the season in any road race discipline in the current conference season (see **NOTE** below). TTT can be composed of any category rider (same gender) from the team if they have competed in at least one collegiate race this season.
6. Each conference is allocated a finite number of start spots in the criterium and road races. To earn one of these spots, in addition to the minimum requirements (#3-4 above), riders must rank high enough in the conference either as a team or individual. Each conference determines differently how many of these spots go to teams and how many go to individuals. Ask your conference director or team leader for details. If you don't think you will earn enough points either as a team or individual to qualify, there may be extra start spots available from other conferences. Direct any questions to your conference director.
7. Maximum rider entry, per gender, is limited as follows:

<u>Club Teams</u>		<u>Varsity Teams</u>	
6	Road Race	8	Road Race
5	Criterium	6	Criterium
4	TTT (min 3)	4	TTT (min 3)
10	IT	10	IT
8. Full rules for the event and collegiate cycling in general can be found in sections 6 and 7 of the [USA Cycling Rule Book](#), including explanations of call-up procedures. Explanation of scoring protocols can be found in [Policy IX: Collegiate Cycling](#).

**NOTE:** If the conference season is shortened or cannot otherwise reasonably accommodate such requirements for riders, the conference director may lower these requirements with the approval of USA Cycling. See USAC regulation 7I1(d) for exceptions on number of conference events required.

Questions regarding eligibility and qualification process for USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships should be directed to [Collegiate@usacycling.org](mailto:Collegiate@usacycling.org).

#### COLLEGIATE EQUIPMENT RULES

Bicycles used in all collegiate road events, criteriums, time trials, road races, etc., must be massed-start bicycles as defined in 1I1(h) of the USAC regulations and further defined in 6F1 and 6F2. Wheels for these bicycles must have at least 16 spokes and no wheel covers may be used. No handlebar extensions or forms of bars offering forearm support, including additional padding, are allowed 1I1(d).

Bicycles must be powered solely by the rider. No motors allowed. E-Bikes are not eligible for this event and will be considered as technological fraud if at the race venue. Please see USAC regulations 1I3(f) and 8K for additional information.

Disc brakes are allowed in all events.

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