



## USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

2017 WORLD BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS – CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

July 25-29, 2017 – Rock Hill, SC, USA

### **AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2017 World Championship BMX Team. In cases where there are still available start positions after the automatic qualification process, those positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USAC discretionary selection procedures. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “General Team Selection Information” document on the USAC website.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

USA Cycling (USAC) will nominate, select and manage all athletes and staff who participate within the Elite Supercross Race Program. USAC will also manage and coordinate all aspects of the team travel, and all on-site logistics and housing for these events. All athletes and staff who are part of the USA Cycling “Elite Supercross Race Program” delegation for these events in the specific categories for which USA Cycling listed in the *Financial Responsibility* section (below), regardless of the method by which they were nominated, must function **AS A TEAM** (Team USA ). Therefore, without exception, USAC will manage logistics (housing, transportation, race entry, etc.) for all of the athletes and staff that are part of the Team USA. **ALL ATHLETES AND TEAM STAFF FOR CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE “FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY” SECTION OF THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL WITH THE TEAM AND PARTICIPATE IN THE TEAM LODGING.**

USA Cycling will manage logistics (housing, transportation) for **ONLY** the athletes and staff who are selected by USAC to the “Elite Supercross Race Program.” 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. Additionally, the fore mentioned individuals will NOT be credentialed as part of Team USA for these events and will *not* be permitted in the Team USA cabin(s) or pit areas unless specifically granted that privilege by **Jamie Staff**, the BMX Program Director.

Nominations will be based on event results as well as previous results held on an Olympic style BMX tracks. With that said, mechanical problems and crashes are a part of cycling. Therefore, USAC will not consider an athlete's result or evaluation at the time the athlete experienced a mechanical problem, crashed or went off course as a determining factor for selection.

Any and all equipment provided by USAC to an athlete attending these events remains the property of USA Cycling and must be returned to USAC by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 or within 10 days of written request. Failure to return USA Cycling property in a timely manner may result in suspension or other penalties as determined by USA Cycling.

The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the relevant governing body (UCI). These nomination procedures have been developed based on the most recent information supplied by the UCI regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size. USA Cycling's nomination procedures may be subject to change based on the final international and domestic racing calendars and/or updated information from the UCI.

Following the nomination announcement for each UCI SX event all athletes who accept their nomination are required to participate in all Team USA training camps, races or team events as prescribed by the USA Cycling Coaching Staff, unless given written permission from the VP of Athletics, Jim Miller. Training camp dates are listed within the important dates and deadlines section of this document.

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

USA Cycling will be assuming financial responsibility for riders in the teams listed, **IF THE RIDERS MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS BELOW**. USAC is limited in the number of riders we will fund, indicated by the maximum number in parentheses. USAC may also fund those athletes who are chosen via discretionary selection. Information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the "General Team Selection Information" document on the USAC website. All riders should review this document as well as "USAC Process for selecting riders to protected events". Both of these documents outline responsibilities and requirements for team selection. **Please note that USAC may NOT fill the teams to the maximum number of riders if it deems petitioning riders are not medal capable or future medal capable.**

1. Elite Men (Maximum of 6)
2. Elite Women (Maximum of 3)
3. Junior Men (Maximum of 8)
4. Junior Women (Maximum of 4)

## **FUNDING LEVELS**

### **Level 1: Full Funding**

For athletes qualifying via automatic criteria for 2017 World Championships, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes three pieces of luggage: Two bikes and one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are responsibility of the athlete). USA Cycling will also provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event

location, all mechanical/race support throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling.

## **Level 2: Self-Funding**

Athletes qualifying via USA Cycling Selection Committee discretionary nomination may be responsible for a “Team Service Fee” payable on or before the date outlined in this document. The Service Fee for this event and this level is \$500.00. This fee includes: competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed Insurance throughout duration of the event with USA Cycling. Level 2 funded athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses.

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of the USA National Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, you will be provided with competition clothing which you will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally you will be provided casual clothing that you 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.

## **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

Any ground-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2017 UCI World Championship SX event in which they were selected for will be refunded the Team Service Fee (if applicable) as well as a fair market value of their economy class round trip airfare ticket to the event (if applicable; all excess baggage costs are the responsibility of the athletes).

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

1. Automatic Nominations through UCI World Ranking rule (only Elite Men and Elite Women)
  - 1.1. Announcement of Automatic Nominations: January 15, 2017
  - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: January 29, 2017
2. Automatic Nominations from the Selection Criteria
  - 2.1. Announcement of Automatic Nominations: May 22, 2017
  - 2.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: May 24, 2017
3. Petition Discretionary Nominations
  - 3.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: May 17, 2017
  - 3.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: May 24, 2017
  - 3.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: May 26, 2017
4. Final announcement of the Team: May 26, 2017

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

### **Elite Men**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders;

**Maximum Start Positions:** 6

Athletes will receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following criteria:

#### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete ranked in the top sixteen (16) of the UCI elite men world rankings as of December 31, 2016. These athletes will be automatically seeded into one-eighth qualifying round.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's Olympic Games in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the Olympic Games during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.
3. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
4. Any athlete who places top three (3) in a 2017 UCI Supercross WC event on or before May 15, 2017. In the event more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will earn the nomination. In the event more than one (1) athlete has earned the same placing, the athlete with the highest USA Cycling BMX Power rankings, as of May 15, 2017 will earn the nomination. Up to one (1) athlete will be nominated through this criterion
5. The 2017 USA Cycling Elite Men's National Champion provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

#### **Level 2 Funding**

6. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Elite Women**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders;

**Maximum Start Positions:** 4

Athletes will receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following criteria:

#### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete ranked in the top eight (8) of the UCI elite women world rankings as of December 31, 2016. These athletes will be automatically seeded into quarter-final qualifying round.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's Olympic Games in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the Olympic Games during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification.
3. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
4. Any athlete who places top three (3) in a 2017 UCI Supercross WC event on or before May 15, 2017. In the event more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will earn the nomination. In the event more than one (1) athlete has earned the same placing, the athlete with the highest USA Cycling BMX Power rankings, as of May 15, 2017 will earn the nomination. Up to one (1) athlete will be nominated through this criterion
5. The 2017 USA Cycling Elite Women's National Champion provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Level 2 Funding**

6. If positions remain, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Junior Men**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders;

**Maximum Start Positions:** 8

Athletes will receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following criteria:

### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any U.S. eligible athlete who places top eight (8) in a 2017 UCI Supercross WC event on or before May 15, 2017. If two or more athletes meet this criterion, the athlete with the highest

placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.

### **Level 2 Funding**

3. Any U.S. eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) of the UCI Junior Men BMX Individual ranking as of May 15, 2017.
4. The 2017 USA Cycling Junior Men's National Champion provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Junior Women**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders;

**Maximum Start Positions:** 4

Athletes will receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following criteria:

### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI individual classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any U.S. eligible athlete who places top eight (8) in a 2017 UCI Supercross WC event on or before May 15, 2017. If two or more athletes meet this criterion, the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest placing, and so on. If two or more athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the most recent result will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next most recent result and so on.

### **Level 2 Funding**

3. Any U.S. eligible athlete ranked in the top ten (10) of the UCI Junior Women BMX Individual ranking as of May 15, 2017.
4. The 2017 USA Cycling Junior Women's National Champion provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).