



## **USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION INFORMATION**

2018 UCI TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS  
February 28-Mar 04, 2018 – Apeldoorn, NED

### **TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA**

Athletes may be selected to the USA Cycling Team by meeting certain automatic selection criteria for these events. If all positions on the Team are not filled through automatic selection, athletes may also be selected to the USA Cycling Team through a discretionary selection process administered by the USA Cycling Selection Committee. Athletes seeking discretionary selection must (1) submit a Discretionary Nomination Form by the deadline in the Important Dates and Deadlines section below or (2) receive a discretionary nomination from the USA Cycling coaching staff by the deadline.

**It is the athlete's responsibility to submit a Discretionary Nomination Form on time. Late submissions will not be considered.**

### **USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR UCI TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

For the 2018 Track Cycling World Championships, USA Cycling aims to obtain the best results possible in order to maximize our start quotas for the 2018/2019 World Cup season which is the beginning of the Olympic qualifying period for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Secondly, USA Cycling will look to provide athletes with valuable experience against world class fields to develop their skills and tactics for future success.

### **USAC POLICY FOR FUNDING PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS**

Per the current *UCI rule, 9.2.027* In addition to the riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification, according to the quotas indicated in the articles *UCI rules 9.2.022 and 9.2.023*, the following persons will also be qualified for Elite World Championships: Continental Champions (Men and Women) in individual events (Team Pursuit, Team Sprint and Madison excluded) who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Points Race and scratch race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation). USA Cycling reserves the right to fund Continental Champions to World Championship teams.

## **USA CYCLING TEAM SELECTION PRIORITY REGARDING TRACK CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SIZE**

The UCI has set forth event qualification procedures that make it possible for a nation to qualify more athletes than a national selection is permitted at the World Championship competition. **The maximum UCI World Championship team size for a national selection is 10 men and 8 women.**

USA Cycling will first make nominations from the Olympic disciplines followed by secondary nominations of non-Olympic disciplines until 10 men and 8 women have been nominated. Team events will be nominated first followed by individual events. Remaining positions will be filled by those athletes already nominated to the team.

With the team size maximums in mind, USA Cycling will prioritize selection of the World Championships as follows:

1. Men Events: (in order of priority)
  - i) Men Team Pursuit (Maximum of 4)
  - ii) Men Team Sprint (Maximum of 3)
  - iii) Men Madison (Maximum of 2)
  - iv) Men Keirin (Maximum of 1)
  - v) Men Match Sprint (Maximum of 1)
  - vi) Men Omnium (Maximum of 1)
  - vii) Men Points Race (Maximum of 1)
  - viii) Men Scratch Race (Maximum of 1)
  - ix) Men 4km Individual Pursuit (Maximum of 1)
  - x) Men 1km TT (Maximum of 1)
  
2. Women Events: (in order of priority)
  - i) Women Team Pursuit (Maximum of 4)
  - ii) Women Team Sprint (Maximum of 2)
  - iii) Women Madison (Maximum of 2)
  - iv) Women Omnium (Maximum of 1)
  - v) Women Match Sprint (Maximum of 1)
  - vi) Women Keirin (Maximum of 1)
  - vii) Women 3km Individual Pursuit (Maximum of 1)
  - viii) Women Points Race (Maximum of 1)
  - ix) Women Scratch Race (Maximum of 1)
  - x) Women 500m TT (Maximum of 1)

## **FUNDING LEVELS**

USAC will provide funding for athletes selected to the team as follows:

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

For athletes selected based on automatic selection criteria, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes two pieces of luggage: One bike 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, and TravMed insurance throughout the duration of the event. All athletes travel will be booked arriving 3 days before the first day of their competition and returning the following day after their last competition.

### **Level 2: Ground Funding**

For athletes selected as a discretionary selection, the athlete must pay a Team Service Fee payable on or before the date outlined in this document. The Team Service Fee is \$500.00. This fee will cover lodging and food, ground transport at event location, race support, competition clothing and TravMed throughout the duration with USA Cycling. Level 2 funded athletes are responsible for their own airfare and baggage expenses. All athletes travel will be booked arriving 3 days before the first day of their competition and returning the following day after their last competition.

## **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

Any ground funded or self-funded athlete that achieves a top three (3) finish at the 2018 World Championships will be refunded the Team Service Fee (if applicable) as well as a fair market value for an economy class round-trip airfare to the event (if applicable; all excess baggage costs are the responsibility of the athlete).

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

USA Cycling will provide each athlete with competition clothing that the athlete will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. USA Cycling will also provide casual clothing that will be required to be worn 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**

Deadline for submission of petitions: January 22, 2018

Announcement of Discretionary Nominations: January 29, 2018

Confirmation of intent to participate: January 30, 2018

Final announcement of the Team: January 30, 2018

Deadline for submission of **\$500.00** service fee deposit: February 28, 2018

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

### **1. Elite Men's and Women's Team Pursuit –Long Team**

1. Any team placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 World Championships in this event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Men's or Women's Team Pursuit (Teams made up of International athletes are excluded) that rides an international elite time standard in a 2017-2018 UCI International event, between the dates of March 01, 2017 – January 21, 2018 will be nominated to the 2018 UCI World Championship Team Pursuit Long team.
3. Any eligible athlete who is a member of the winning team (qualifying or final round) of the 2017 Elite National Track Championships or 2017 Pan American Track Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criteria, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).

### **Elite Men's and Women's Team Pursuit –Final Team**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride the Team Pursuit based upon the following prioritized criteria:**

#### **Level 1 Funding**

1. All final nominees for the 2018 UCI World Championship Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on the Principles of Discretion criteria "An Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance". Team USA will be not be comprised of the best individual athletes, but rather the athletes that comprise and make up the best team as determined by the USA Cycling Selection Committee.
3. In order for Long Team nominees to be considered for the Final UCI World Championship Team, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA Training Camps and Race Programs as prescribed by USA Cycling Coaching Staff from January 10, 2018 – February 28, 2018.

## **2. Elite Men's and Women's Team Sprint –Long Team**

1. Any team placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 UCI World Championships in this event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any eligible athlete who is a member of a Team Sprint (Teams made up of International athletes are excluded) that rides a 2017/18 Emerging International time standard (<http://www.usacycling.org/usa-cycling-international-sprint-track-program-time-standards.htm> ) in a 2017-2018 UCI International event, between the dates of March 01, 2017 – January 21, 2018 will be nominated to the 2018 UCI World Championship Team Sprint Long team.
3. Any eligible athlete who is a member of the winning team (qualifying or final round) of the 2017 Elite National Track Championships or 2017 Pan Am Track Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. Additional athletes may be nominated via discretion based on the criteria and principles detailed in the document, “USAC Process for Selecting Athletes to Protected Events” which may be found on the USA Cycling website at <http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>

### **Elite Men's and Women's Team Sprint –Final Team**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride the Team Sprint based upon the following prioritized criteria:**

#### **Level 1 Funding**

1. All final nominees for the 2018 UCI World Championship Team will come from the previously nominated Long Team.
2. Final coaching nomination will be based solely on the Principles of Discretion criteria “An Athletes Ability to Enhance Team Performance”. Team USA will be not be comprised of the best individual athletes, but rather the athletes that comprise and make up the best team as determined by the USA Cycling Selection Committee.
3. In order for Long Team nominees to be considered for Final 2018 UCI World Championship Team, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA Training Camps and Race Programs as prescribed by USA Cycling Coaching Staff from January 10, 2018 – February 28, 2018.

### **3. Elite Men's and Women's Madison**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:**

#### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any Madison team placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any Madison team who earns a top-three (3) result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one Madison team meets this criterion in an event, the pairing who has competed previously together who has the highest UCI points total over other pairings on the 2017/2018 UCI Individual event classification as of January 22, 2018 will be nominated.
3. Any Madison team who earns fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) through eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) place result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one Madison team meets this criterion in an event, the pairing who has competed previously together who has the highest UCI points total over the other pairings on the 2017/2018 UCI Individual event classification as of January 22, 2018 will be nominated.

#### **Level 2 Funding**

4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).

#### **4. Elite Men's and Women's Omnium**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:**

##### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any athlete who earns a top-three (3) result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion in an event, the highest ranked athlete on the 2017/2018 UCI Individual Omnium classification as of January 22, 2018 will be nominated.
3. Any athlete who earns a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) through eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) place result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion in an event, the highest ranked athlete on the 2017/2018 UCI Individual Omnium classification as of January 22, 2018 will be nominated.

##### **Level 2 Funding**

4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).

## **5. Elite Men's and Women's Keirin**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:**

### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any athlete who earns a top-six (6) result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, athletes within this criterion will be nominated based on the 2017/2018 UCI Individual event classification ranking as of January 22, 2018.

### **Level 2 Funding**

3. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criteria, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).

## **6. Elite Men's and Women's Match Sprint**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:**

### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any athlete who earns a top-eight (8) result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, athletes within this criterion will be nominated based on their order in the 2017/2018 UCI Individual event classification ranking as of January 22, 2018.

### **Level 2 Funding**

3. If positions remain after considering the proceeding criteria, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).



## **7. Elite Men's and Women's Individual Non-Olympic events- Points Race, Scratch Race, Individual Pursuit; Men's 1k TT; Women's 500m TT**

**Athletes will be nominated to ride individual events based on the following prioritized criteria:**

### **Level 1 Funding**

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2017 UCI World Championships in each event and category. In order to maintain their position on the Team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to be medal capable at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition, current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification and time standards where applicable.
2. Any athlete who earns a top-three (3) result at a UCI World Cup in each specific event during the 2017/2018 UCI World Cup Track season. If more than one athlete meets this criterion in an event, the highest ranked athlete on the 2017/2018 UCI Individual event classification as of January 22, 2018 will be nominated.
3. The highest ranked eligible athlete on the 2017-2018 UCI Track individual event rankings as of January 22, 2017. In timed events (IP, Men's 1k TT, Women's 500m TT), athletes must also have met the USA Cycling International Elite time standard.

### **Level 2 Funding**

4. If positions remain after considering the preceding criteria, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (<http://www.usacycling.org/forms/selection/principles.pdf>).