



**USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION INFORMATION**  
**2017 PAN AMERICAN CONTINENTAL XCO MTB CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
March 29-April 2, 2017– Paipa-Boyaca, Colombia

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2017 Continental Championship MTB 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.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

USAC will assume financial responsibility for athletes in the teams listed, provided ATHLETES MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS BELOW. USAC will fund automatic qualifiers up to the maximum number indicated. USAC may also fund those athletes who are chosen via selection committee discretionary selection. Information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “Team Selection Information (<http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=775>)” document on the USAC website. All athletes should review this document as well as “USAC Process for selecting athletes to protected events.” Both of these documents outline responsibilities and requirements for team selection.

1. Elite Men Cross Country (Maximum of 3)
2. Elite Women Cross Country (Maximum of 3)
3. Under 23 Men’s Cross Country (Maximum of 2)
4. Under 23 Women’s Cross Country (Maximum of 2)
5. Junior Men Cross Country (Maximum of 1)
6. Junior Women Cross Country (Maximum of 1)

## **FUNDING LEVELS**

### **Level 1: Funded**

For athletes qualifying for the team via automatic selection criteria in Olympic events, 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 duration of the event with USA Cycling.

### **Level 2: Self-Funded**

Athletes who do not meet the automatic qualification criteria but are selected to the team via USA Cycling Selection Committee discretionary nomination will 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 \$1,000.00. 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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

1. Automatic & Coaches’ Discretionary Nominations
  - 1.1. Announcement of Automatic Nominations: March 6, 2017
  - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: March 8, 2017
  
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
  - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: February 25, 2017
  - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: March 6, 2017
  - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: March 8, 2017
  - 2.4. Deadline for submission of Team Service Fee: March 15, 2017
  
3. **Final announcement of the Team: March 6, 2017**

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

### **Elite Men Cross Country**

**Eligible Participants:** USA Cycling International License Holders; 2017 racing age of 23 and over

**Maximum Start Positions:** 4

Athletes may receive automatic nominations to the team based on the following *prioritized* criteria:

1. The top three (3) ranked U.S. eligible Elite Men in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 25, 2017, provided the rider is ranked in the top 50 overall rankings.
2. If positions remain, then athletes 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 Women Cross Country**

**Eligible Participants:** USA Cycling International License Holders; 2017 racing age of 23 and over

**Maximum Start Positions:** 4

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

1. The top three (3) ranked U.S. eligible Elite Women in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 25, 2017, provided the rider is ranked in the top 50 overall rankings
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Under 23 Men's Cross Country**

**Eligible Participants:** USA Cycling International License Holders; 2017 racing age from 19 to 22

**Maximum Start Positions:** 2

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

1. The two (2) highest ranked U.S. eligible U23 male athletes in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 25, 2017 provided the riders are ranked in the top 100 overall rankings.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Under 23 Women's Cross Country**

**Eligible Participants:** USA Cycling International License Holders; 2017 racing age from 19 to 22

**Maximum Start Positions:** 2

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

1. The two (2) highest ranked U.S. eligible U23 women athletes in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of February 25, 2017 provided the riders are ranked in the top 100 overall rankings.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Junior Men's Cross Country**

**Eligible Participants:** USA Cycling International License Holders; 2017 racing age from 17 to 18

**Maximum Start Positions:** 1

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

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2016 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 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.
2. If positions still remain open then riders may be nominated by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **Junior Women's Cross Country**

**Eligible Participants:** USA Cycling International License Holders; 2017 racing age from 17 to 18

**Maximum Start Positions:** 1

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

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2016 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 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.

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