



USA Cycling

2004 Olympic Games Selection Procedures

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I. Selection System.

A. Procedures for selecting competitors to attend selection events:

The 2004 Olympic Team selection events will be open to all athletes who meet any applicable UCI entry requirements; and who hold a current license with the required category level and meet the USA Cycling criteria indicated below:

- (1) Road (Men)
 - (a) USPRO or USCF (Category 1) license; racing age 19 and older (UCI age requirement)
 - (b) The following athletes will qualify to compete in the men's Cycling Olympic Trials road race:
 - (i) The top-150 ranked U.S. athletes in the UCSF National Racing Calendar rankings as of June 1, 2004.
 - (ii) The top-50 ranked U.S. athletes in the UCI Road Rankings on June 1, 2004.
 - (iii) The top-10 ranked U.S. Military cyclists as determined by the U.S. Armed Forces Military Cycling Selection Committee.
 - (iv) The National Coaching Staff may select up to ten (10) athletes based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II) and Medal Capability.
- (2) Road (Women)
 - (a) USCF (Category 1,2) license; racing age 19 and older (UCI age requirement)
- (3) Track (Men and Women).
 - (a) USPRO or USCF (Category 1,2,3); racing age 18 and older (UCI age requirement).
- (4) Mountain Bike (Men and Women)
 - (a) NORBA Professional license; racing age 19 and older (UCI age requirement).

B. Eligibility

For all events, only those athletes who qualify for the Olympic Games or are nominated by USAC can represent the United States at the 2004 Olympic Games. All athletes must be U.S.

citizens, have a valid USAC International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). All athletes must be in good standing with USAC, USOC, UCI and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).

C. World Cup and World Championship Qualification

Listed within these Selection Procedures are situations whereby athletes can gain automatic nomination or consideration for the 2004 Olympic Team based on their results and/or performance at the World Cups and/or World Championships. Criteria for athletes to qualify to participate in the World Cups and World Championships can be found on the USA Cycling website.

D. Procedures by which athletes will be selected for nomination to the team

1. Nomination for specific events depends upon qualification of Start Positions

Before athletes can be nominated to a specific event or start position, the U.S. Cycling team must be eligible to enter an athlete in that event or start position. Eligibility for a given event or start position requires that the U.S. Cycling Team has qualified the spot based on international qualification criteria as established by the International Cycling Union (UCI). These criteria are available on the UCI website at www.uci.ch/english. Nominations will only be made to start positions for which the U.S. Team has qualified. Athletes will not be nominated to events or start positions for which the U.S. Cycling Team has not qualified to enter.

2. USA Cycling Selection Committee.

All nominations, as described in the following criteria (Section I.D.), will be reviewed and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee. The USA Cycling Selection Committee is composed of 50% athletes and 50% volunteers.

3. Automatic Nomination Criteria

Under the automatic criteria, if the athlete produces the performance required in the Automatic Nomination Criteria for each discipline listed below, they will be automatically nominated to the team in the order of priority listed for each individual event until all positions are filled.

If an athlete who otherwise meets the criteria for automatic selection to the Olympic Team sustains an illness or injury which, as certified by USA Cycling medical staff, interferes with their ability to train and compete at their previous level, then they will not be automatically nominated to the Team. In this case, before the athlete can be nominated, he or she must be certified by USA Cycling medical staff that they are able to return to full training and competition; and also demonstrate through objective means such as performance times, ergometer power production, and/or direct competition, that they are able to compete and train at their previous level.

4. Discretionary Nomination Criteria

If positions remain open after the automatic nominations are exhausted, additional athletes may be nominated to the team based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II).

5. Equipment

In all cases, athletes must use only equipment that meets UCI equipment standards in the process of qualifying for the Olympic Team.

6. Ride-Off Procedures

If it is determined that a *ride-off* is required, ride-off procedures for earning a starting position are:

- a) Timing should be electronic with at least one official present or three (3) officials timing (with three (3) watches) the *ride-off* if timing is performed manually.
- b) All *ride-offs* will occur on the same day, track or course.
- c) All *ride-offs* must have verification documentation that is signed by the Chief Referee or Head Official and/or the USA Cycling Technical Director.
- d) Doping control procedures must be performed when athletes are posting a time standard.

E. Procedures for replacement of athletes initially nominated to the team:

Nominated athletes may be replaced if injury or illness, as certified by a USA Cycling medical staff (prior to nominations being received by the USOC) or USOC medical staff (after the nomination have been approved by the USOC), prevents them from full participation in and/or preparation for the Olympic Games competition. If an athlete is removed by ineligibility, illness or injury, violation of UCI, USADA, WADA, or IOC anti-doping regulations, voluntarily resigns, or is a recipient of USA Cycling disciplinary actions, the athlete may be physically replaced by an athlete who is nominated by the National Coaching Staff and approved by the USOC and the USA Cycling Selection Committee, or that athlete's start position may be filled by another athlete who has already been nominated to the team for a different start position. Any replacement of athletes must comply with these selection procedures, IOC, USOC, and UCI regulations and entry deadlines.

F. Procedures for naming athletes for start positions in specific events:

NOTE: As described above in section B.1., *Athletes will not be nominated to events or start positions for which the U.S. Cycling Team has not qualified to enter.*

1. TRACK EVENTS**a) Maximum Team Size:**

- (1) Men: Maximum of 11 riders
- (2) Women: Maximum of 3 riders

b) Event Start Positions:

(1) Men's Events

- (a) Sprint Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) Individual Pursuit Maximum of 2 start positions
- (c) Team Pursuit: Maximum of 1 start position (one team)
- (d) Kilometer Maximum of 2 start positions
- (e) Points Race Maximum of 1 start position
- (f) Keirin Maximum of 2 start positions
- (g) Team Sprint Maximum of 1 start position (one team)
- (h) Madison Maximum of 1 start position (one team)

(2) Women's Events

- (a) Sprint: Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) Individual Pursuit: Maximum of 2 start positions
- (c) 500-meter TT Maximum of 2 start positions
- (d) Points Race: Maximum of 1 start position

c) Prioritization of Automatic Nominations:

Please note that the *numbers of event start positions are greater than maximum number of riders allocated to team.* This will require athletes to potentially ride more than one event (Section IX.D.) or for some event start positions to go unfilled. For automatic nominations there will be a prioritized order in which they will be filled until the maximum limit of a total of eleven (11) men and three (3) women is reached. This order of priority does not apply to the filling of any discretionary positions remaining after the automatic positions have been filled. Discretionary positions will be nominated based on both the individual criteria listed for each event as well as fielding the strongest possible overall team.

d) Order of Priority for Automatic Nominations:

- (1) Men's Events
 - (a) Team Sprint
 - (b) Individual Sprint
 - (c) Madison
 - (d) Keirin
 - (e) Points
 - (f) Individual Pursuit
 - (g) Kilometer Time Trial
 - (h) Team Pursuit
- (2) Women's Events
 - (a) Women's Sprint (Any qualifier if top-3 in that event at 2004 UCI Track World Championships)
 - (b) Women's 500 TT (Any qualifier if top-3 in that event at 2004 UCI Track World Championships)
 - (c) Women's Individual Pursuit (Any qualifier if top-3 in that event at 2004 World Championships)
 - (d) Women's Points (Any qualifier if top-3 in that event at 2004 UCI Track World Championships)
 - (e) Women's Sprint (Any qualifier)
 - (f) Women's 500 TT (Any qualifier)
 - (g) Women's Pursuit (Any qualifier)
 - (h) Women's Points (Any qualifiers)

e) Determination of World Cup quality based on countries participating

Because of the variability in the specific countries participating in a given World Cup event, the quality of the field for a particular event may vary from World Cup to World Cup or within a single World Cup. Because of this, only performances that meet certain standards relative to the participation of the World's top countries will be considered for automatic nomination. For the purpose of characterization of World Cup event quality, Category 1 countries are considered to be any country ranked in the top-six (6) in a particular event based on final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup. The participation requirements for these countries are described below in the specific event criteria (Section I.D.1.f.). In each case, the participation requirements are *per individual event*, e.g., Men's Kilometer, Women's Sprint, and etc.

f) Specific event criteria

The information in this section describes the specific criteria that will be used to determine both automatic and discretionary nominations to the 2004 Olympic Team in the cycling events:

(1) MEN'S KILOMETER TIME TRIAL

- (a) Start positions: Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Kilometer Time Trial event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Kilometer Time Trial at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Kilometer Time Trial via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Kilometer Time Trial at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in the Men's Kilometer Time Trial at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Performance in Men's Kilometer Time Trial in the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(2) WOMEN'S 500-METER TIME TRIAL

- (a) Start Positions: Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria:
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the 500-Meter Time Trial event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A).
 - (ii) The rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the 500-Meter Time Trial via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A).
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in 500-Meter Time Trial at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Performance in 500-Meter Time Trial at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(3) MEN'S SPRINT

- (a) Start positions: Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Sprint event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Sprint via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in the Men's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Performance in the Men's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event .
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(4) WOMEN'S SPRINT

- (a) Start positions: Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Women's Sprint event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Women's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) The rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Women's Sprint via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A).
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:
Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:
 - (i) Performance in Women's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in Women's Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(5) MEN'S KEIRIN

- (a) Start position(s): Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Keirin at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Keirin at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Keirin via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Keirin event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
- (d) Discretionary Nomination Criteria:

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in the Men's Keirin at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in the Men's Keirin at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(6) MEN'S TEAM SPRINT

- (a) Start Position(s): Maximum of 3 start positions (one team)
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) The three riders (one team) qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Team Sprint event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A).
 - (ii) The three riders finishing in the top-five (5) in the Men's Team Sprint at a 2004 UCI Track World Cup, provided at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event. If more than one team meets this criterion, then the riders with the highest placing in a qualifying (meeting the above proviso) 2004 UCI Track World Cup event will receive priority.
- (c) Discretionary Nomination Criteria (in order of priority)

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in Team Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in Team Sprint at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(7) MEN'S INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT

- (a) Start position(s): Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Individual Pursuit event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Individual Pursuit via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in the Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(8) WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT

- (a) Start position(s): Maximum of 2 start positions
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Women's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Women's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Women's Individual Pursuit via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Women's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in Women's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in Women's Individual Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(9) MEN'S POINTS RACE

- (a) Start Position(s): Maximum of 1 start position
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Time Standard: None
- (d) Automatic Nomination Criteria:
 - (i) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A).
 - (ii) Any rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Men's Points Race via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A). If more than one rider meets this criterion, then nominations will be prioritized based on the finish order of the qualifying riders in the Men's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
- (e) Discretionary Nomination Criteria
Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:
 - (i) Performance in Men's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in the Men's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(10) WOMEN'S POINTS RACE

- (a) Start Position(s): Maximum of 1 start position
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria:
 - (i) The rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Women's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships via direct performance in that event (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A).
 - (ii) The rider qualifying an Olympic start position in the Women's Points Race via final general classification of the 2004 UCI Track World Cup (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 2, Appendix A).
- (d) Discretionary Nomination Criteria
Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:
 - (i) Performance in the Women's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships.
 - (ii) Performance in the Women's Points Race at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(11) MADISON (Men only)

- (a) Start Position(s): Maximum of 2 start positions (one team)
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination:
 - (i) The two riders qualifying an Olympic start position in the Madison event at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A).
 - (ii) The two riders with the highest placing in a Madison event at a 2004 UCI Track World Cup in which at least 5 Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:
Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:
 - (i) Performance in the Madison at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in the Madison at the 2004 UCI Track World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

(12) TEAM PURSUIT (Men only)

- (a) Maximum of 5 start positions (one team)
- (b) For start position qualification requirements see UCI Olympic Track Qualification Criteria (Appendix A).
- (c) Automatic Nomination Criteria:
 - (i) The four riders qualifying an Olympic start position in the Team Pursuit event at the 2004 UCI World Championships (UCI Track Qualification Criterion 1, Appendix A).
 - (ii) The four riders with the highest placing in a Team Pursuit event at a 2004 UCI Track World Cup in which at least 5 Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
- (d) Discretionary Athlete Nomination Criteria:

Any discretionary nominations will be based on USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II). In general, we will use the following priority in considering discretionary nominations for this event:

 - (i) Performance in Team Pursuit at the 2004 UCI Track World Championships
 - (ii) Performance in Team Pursuit at the 2004 UCI World Cup events in which at least four (4) Category 1 countries (Section I.D.1.e.) participated in the event.
 - (iii) Elite domestic competition results.

2. ROAD EVENTS

a) Maximum Road Team Size

- (1) Men: Maximum of 5 riders
- (2) Women: Maximum of 3 riders

b) Event Start Positions

- (1) Road Race
 - (a) Men: Maximum of 5 start positions
 - (b) Women: Maximum of 3 start positions
- (2) Time Trial
 - (a) Men: Maximum of 1 start position
 - (b) Women: Maximum of 1 start position

c) Specific Road Event Nomination Procedures

(1) MEN'S ROAD RACE

- (a) Start Position(s): Maximum of 5 start positions
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) The first place (1st place) finisher of the elite MEN'S Olympic Cycling Trials road race event.
 - (ii) Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2003 World Road Cycling Championships, Hamilton CAN, October 8 – 12, 2003, provided that athlete continues to demonstrate the ability to perform at a similar level based on performances in international competition during the 2004 calendar year.
 - (iii) Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in the final general classification in a UCI Grand Tour between July 1, 2003 and July 5, 2004. If more than one athlete meets 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 athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI men's road list as of July 5, 2004 will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on. Any athlete qualifying in 2003 must demonstrate the ability to continue to perform at a similar level based on performances in international competitions in the 2004 calendar year.
 - (iv) Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in the final general classification in a UCI World Cup, 1.HC or 2.HC event in 2004 by July 5. If more than one athlete meets 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 athletes share the same placing, the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI men's road list as of July 6, 2004 will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on.
 - (v) The top-ranked U.S. eligible athlete in the UCI Road World Cup rankings on July 5, 2004 not otherwise qualified above and provided he is ranked in the top 25.
 - (vi) The top-ranked U.S. eligible athlete in the UCI Road Rankings on July 5, 2004 not otherwise qualified above and provided if he is ranked in the top 50.

- (c) Discretionary selection criteria (in order of priority):
The National Coaching Staff based on Medal Capability, USA Cycling Principles of Discretion and a history of strong teamwork may nominate up to four (4) athletes to the Olympic Team. The priority in nominating additional riders will be based on:
 - (i) International Individual Time Trial results with specific emphasis on performance in time trial stages of UCI Grand Tours, 2.HC, and 2.1 races.
 - (ii) History of strong teamwork
 - (iii) History of top performance at the international level

(2) WOMEN'S ROAD RACE

- (a) Start Position(s): Maximum of 3 start positions
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any rider placing in the top three (3) at the 2003 World Road Cycling Championships, Hamilton CAN, October 8 – 12, 2003, provided that rider continues to demonstrate the ability to perform at a similar level based on performances in international competition during the 2004 calendar year. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then only the highest placed rider will qualify.
 - (ii) The winner of the women's road race event at the 2004 Olympic Cycling Trials event provided the race is held in its entirety as per pre-race publication.
 - (iii) The winner of the women's time trial event at the 2004 Olympic Cycling Trials event provided the event is held in its entirety as per pre-race publication.
 - (iv) The top ranked U.S. female rider in the 2003 UCI Rider rankings, as of July 5, 2004 not otherwise qualified above and provided they are ranked in the top fifty (50).
- (c) Discretionary Rider Nomination Criteria (in order of priority)
 - (i) A history of strong performance in international and national road competition, 2004 UCI World Cup and 1.9.1 or 2.9.1 results will be the first priority. Riders must have finished, at a minimum, in the top twenty (20) in a 2003 or 2004 UCI World Cup or X.9.1 event, or have achieved a UCI Rider ranking in the top sixty (60) for women by July 5, 2004 to be considered.
 - (ii) Recent improvement in international and/or elite domestic results. UCI World Cups and international competition will take priority, in that respective order.
 - (iii) Performance in 2004 NRC events prior to July 5, with emphasis placed on recent events.

(3) MEN'S TIME TRIAL

- (a) Start Positions: Maximum of 1 start position
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria:
None. The final selection of which rider is to ride the time trial event at the 2004 Olympic Games will be made according to the USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II.) by the USAC coaches from all riders who are nominated to the Men's Olympic Road team (Section I.D.2.c.1.).
- (c) One (1) male riders will be selected to ride the Men's Individual Time Trial by the National Coaching Staff from qualifying members of the Olympic Road Team (Section I.D.2.c.1.). Selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - (i) Medal capability in the individual time trial and other cycling disciplines
 - (ii) International time trial results (2003 to 2004) in UCI Grand Tours, HC, or Category 1 events.
 - (iii) Time differential of comparative results in international and domestic events.

(4) WOMEN'S TIME TRIAL

- (a) Start Positions: Maximum of 1 start position
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria:
None. The final selection of which rider is to ride the time trial event at the 2004 Olympic Games will be made according to the USA Cycling Principles of Discretion (Section II.) by the USAC coaches from all riders who are nominated to the Women's Olympic Road team (Section I.D.2.c.2.).
- (c) One (1) female rider will be selected to ride the Women's Individual Time Trial by the National Coaching Staff from among the qualifying members of the Women's Olympic Road Team (Section I.D.2.c.2.). Selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - (i) Medal capability in the individual time trial and other cycling disciplines
 - (ii) International time trial results (2003 to 2004) in UCI Category 1 stage races.
 - (iii) Time differential of comparative results in international and domestic events.

3. MOUNTAIN BIKE (CROSS-COUNTRY ONLY)

a) Maximum Team Size

- (1) Men: Maximum of 3 riders
- (2) Women: Maximum of 3 riders

b) Event Start Positions

- (1) Men: Maximum of 3 riders
- (2) Women: Maximum of 3 riders

c) Specific Mountain Bike Event Nomination Procedures

(1) MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

- (a) Start Positions: Maximum of 3 start positions
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any athlete placing in the top-three (3) at the 2003 World Mountain Bike Championships, Lugano, SUI August 31 – September 7, 2003 provided that athlete continues to demonstrate the ability to perform at a similar level based on performances in international UCI World Cup competition during the 2004 calendar year.
 - (ii) The top ranked U.S. athlete in the UCI Mountain Bike rankings on July 12, 2004 not selected above and provided they are ranked in the top-30.
 - (iii) The top ranked U.S. athlete in the 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup rankings as of July 12, 2004 not otherwise qualified above and provided they are ranked in the top-25.
 - (iv) Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in World Cup #6 July 3-4, 2004, Calgary (CAN) not otherwise qualified above. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placed finish will receive priority. Ties will be broken based on UCI World Cup Mountain Bike rankings on July 12, 2004.
 - (v) The top ranked U.S. athlete in the UCI Mountain Bike rankings on July 12, 2004 not otherwise qualified above and provided they are ranked in the top-75.
 - (vi) The top ranked U.S. athlete 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup rankings as of July 12, 2004 provided they are ranked in the top-50.
- (c) Discretionary Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) A history of strong performance in international and national elite mountain bike competition. 2004 UCI World Cup results will be the first priority. Athletes must have finished, at a minimum, in the top twenty (20) in a 2004 UCI World Cup or have achieved a UCI Rider ranking in the top-50 by July 12, 2004 to be considered.
 - (ii) Recent improvement in international and/or elite domestic results. UCI World Cups and NORBA NCS will take priority, in that respective order.

(2) WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- (a) Start Positions: Maximum of 3 start positions
- (b) Automatic Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) Any athlete placing in the top-three (3) at the 2003 World Mountain Bike Championships, Lugano SUI, August 31 – September 7, 2003 provided that athlete continues to demonstrate the ability to perform at a similar level based on performances in international UCI World Cup competition during the 2004 calendar year.
 - (ii) The top ranked rider on UCI Mountain Bike rankings on July 12, 2004.
 - (iii) The top ranked rider on UCI World Cup points on July 12, 2004 not otherwise qualified above.
 - (iv) Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in World Cup #6 July 3-4, 2004, Calgary (CAN) not otherwise qualified above. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placed finish will receive priority. Ties will be broken based on UCI World Cup Mountain Bike rankings on July 12, 2004.
 - (v) The top ranked rider on NCS points as of July 12, 2004 not otherwise qualified above provided they are ranked in the top-10 overall.
- (c) Discretionary Nomination Criteria (in order of priority):
 - (i) A history of strong performance in international and national elite mountain bike competition. 2004 UCI World Cup results will be the first priority. Athletes must have finished, at a minimum, in the top twenty (20) in a 2004 UCI World Cup or have achieved a UCI Rider ranking in the top twenty (20) for women or top fifty (50) for men by July 12, 2004 to be considered.
 - (ii) Recent improvement in international and/or elite domestic results. UCI World Cups and NORBA NCS will take priority, in that respective order.

II. Discretionary Selections

The purpose of discretionary athlete nomination is to allow USA Cycling the ability to recommend to the USOC the best physically, psychologically and technically prepared athlete in order to produce medal-winning and/or top-eight performances at the 2004 Olympic Games. Based on the context of the situation, the USA Cycling National Coaching Staff will evaluate which athletes can be nominated to the team in order to field the strongest, most sound and unified team for the 2004 Olympic Games.

Discretionary nominations will be used in the event that positions are available and it is determined that an athlete, due to historical international performance, is capable of winning a medal or placing in the top eight at the Olympic Games. USA Cycling will use discretion in evaluating the medal potential of U.S. athletes prior to the final nomination. Discretion will also be used when nominating athletes for the team-based events (men's road race, women's road race, team pursuit, Olympic sprint, and madison) where the ability to play a strong support role is critical to the success of the team.

The USA Cycling Selection Committee will review and approve all athlete nominations. The USOC must approve all nominations of the U.S. Olympic Team. The discretion shall be based on

the criteria applicable to the respective event using the following USA Cycling Principles of Discretion:

- A history of strong performance in international elite competition
- Recent improvements in international and/or elite domestic results
- Performances during any 2004 Olympic Games Final Preparation Activities
- Medal capability on the 2004 Olympic Games road race circuit, time trial or mountain bike course since courses and their respective course profiles can vary widely.
- For team events, a history of strong teamwork: cohesion, consistency, unity and dedication to preparation camps and competition

In all cases of discretionary nomination, documentation supporting the nomination will be retained until the conclusion of the Olympic Games.

III. Starting Positions

Per UCI regulations, qualified athletes whose participation in one of the cycling disciplines is confirmed may be entered in other cycling races provided that the participation limits per nation, per race and the UCI deadlines are respected. Respecting UCI regulations, USA Cycling, at its sole discretion, will select members of the 2004 Olympic Games Team for participation in other events at the Olympic Games if starting qualified starting positions remain open.

IV. Tryout Sites and Events

1. General Information

Trials events will be held for the men's and women's road team qualifications only. The trials events are open to all athletes who meet the criteria specified in Section I.

2. International Competitions

As described in the specific event nomination procedures (Section I.D.), performances in the following categories of international events may be used to determine automatic nominations. Please refer to the UCI annual calendar (www.uci.ch/english) for information on dates and location of international events in these categories.

a) Track

- (1) 2004 UCI World Cups #1 – 4.
- (2) 2004 UCI Open Track World Championships, May 26 – 30, Melbourne AUS.

b) Road

- (1) 2003 UCI Elite Road World Championships, October 7 – 12, Hamilton CAN.
- (2) 2003 – 2004 UCI Grand Tours
- (3) 2004 UCI Category HC events (men)
- (4) 2004 UCI Category 1 events (women)
- (5) 2004 UCI World Cup events

c) Mountain Bike

- (1) 2003 UCI Mountain Bike World Championships, September 3 – 7, Lugano SUI.
- (2) 2004 UCI Mountain Bike World Cups #1 – 4.
- (3) 2004 NORBA NCS races prior to July 12.

3. Domestic Selection events:

The following events will be designated as Olympic Games Trials Events for the Olympic men's and women's road teams and will be used to determine automatic nominations to the Olympic Games team as described in Section I above. Date and location of these events will be published on the USA Cycling website by November 1, 2003.

a) Road Race (Men):

Road Trials event, time and place TBD, approximate time frame is June 1-15, 2004.

b) Road Race (Women)

Road Trials event, time and place TBD, approximate time frame is June 1-15, 2004.

c) Time Trial (Women):

Road Trials event, time and place TBD, approximate time frame is June 1-15, 2004.

V. Code of Conduct

All athletes nominated to the Olympic Games team must sign prior to, and as a condition of being selected to the team regardless of whether the athlete's selection is automatic or discretionary, and abide by USA Cycling's Code of Conduct (Appendix B). Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Olympic Games Team. Failure to abide by these agreements will result in dismissal from the Olympic Games Team.

All athletes and staff must abide by all UCI, IOC, WADA and USADA anti-doping regulations prior to, during and after the Olympic Games competition.

VI. Publicity/Distribution of Procedures

All procedures and selection criteria will be published on the USAC web-site as soon as they are approved by the USAC selection committee and the USOC. We will publish the criteria without the final events and dates if they are not available initially and will update the criteria as the information becomes available. Additionally, all Olympic-eligible athletes will be notified via mail of the fact the Procedures have been published and they will be referred to the appropriate URL at the USA Cycling website.

Website: www.usacycling.org

VII. Date of Nomination

USA Cycling will announce the athletes who are nominated to the 2004 Olympic Games for track events on June 25th, 2004; for road events on July 6th, 2004, and will announce the athletes who are nominated to the MTB cross-country events on July 13th, 2004.

VIII. Mandatory Training

At this time, it is anticipated that there will be a mandatory Olympic Track Preparation camp and an Olympic Mountain Bike Preparation Camp, both of which will occur in June-July of 2004. Final mandatory training activities will be announced in October of 2003.

IX. Athlete Representation

These selection criteria have been distributed to the USA Cycling AAC representative (Brian Whitcomb) and the USA Cycling Selection Committee for review and approval. The USA Cycling Selection Committee is composed of 50% athletes and 50% USA Cycling volunteers. At the time of publication, the Selection Committee consists of Jim Ochowicz, Mike Plant, Jeanne Golay, Frankie Andreu, Ann Trombley, and John Vandavelde.

X. USOC Athlete Ombudsman

If you have questions regarding your opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Cycling you may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman: John Ruger by telephone at (888)-ATHLETE, or by e-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org.

XI. International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on IOC and/or UCI rules and regulations as presently known and understood by USA Cycling. Any change in these selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and/or UCI rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Cycling. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically have not accounted for every possible contingency.



APPENDIX A

UCI OLYMPIC TRACK QUALIFICATION CRITERIA*

*Excerpted from 2003 UCI Cycling Regulations

DISCLAIMER: *these regulations are included only for the convenience of USA Cycling athletes and coaches. To the best of our knowledge, the information contained in this Appendix was accurate at the time of publication. However, final authority for these qualification criteria is with the UCI and the reader is referred to the UCI website (www.uci.ch/english) for the final qualification criteria.*

General Information

1. In the team events, only one team per country may compete.
2. For the men’s and women’s points races, only one rider per country may compete
3. For the other individual events, a maximum of 2 riders per country may compete.
4. The maximum number of riders per country is 11 men and 3 women

MEN

Criterion 1

Qualification via the 2004 Elite World Championships

EVENT	Placing*
Team Sprint (3 riders per country)	1 to 10
Sprint	1 to 4
Kilometer Time Trial	1 to 4
Keirin	1 to 6
Team Pursuit	1 to 8
Individual Pursuit	1 to 4
Madison (2 riders per country)	1 to 10
Points Race	1 to 4

* Should a country reach the maximum quota, the next placed country in the classification for the event concerned shall receive the benefit (qualify the start position).

Notes:

- A country whose team qualifies for the team sprint may enter ONE of those riders per event in the individual sprint, kilometer time trial, and keirin
- A country whose team qualifies for the team pursuit may enter one of those riders for the individual pursuit
- A country whose team qualifies for the Madison may enter one of those riders in the points race as long as only ONE rider per country is entered in this discipline



Criterion 2

Qualification via Final General Classification of the 2004 World Cup

NOTE: Only riders from countries which have not qualified under Criterion 1 may qualify under criterion 2.

EVENT	Ranking*
Team Sprint (3 riders per country)	1 to 2
Sprint	1 to 2
Kilometer Time Trial	1 to 2
Keirin	1 to 3
Team Pursuit	1 to 2
Individual Pursuit	1 to 2
Madison (2 riders per country)	1 to 2
Points Race	1 to 2

* Should a country reach the maximum quota, the next placed country in the classification for the event concerned shall receive the benefit (qualify the start position).

WOMEN

Criterion 1

Qualification via the 2004 Elite World Championships

EVENT	Placing*
Sprint	1 to 10
500 Meter Time Trial	1 to 2
Individual Pursuit	1 to 10
Points Race	1 to 4

* Should a country reach the maximum quota, the next placed country in the classification for the event concerned shall receive the benefit (qualify the start position).

Notes:

- A country whose team qualifies a rider in the sprint may enter that rider in the 500 meter time trial.
- A country qualifies a rider for the individual pursuit may enter that rider in the points race, as long as no more than ONCE rider per country is entered for that discipline.

Criterion 2

Qualification via Final General Classification of the 2004 World Cup

NOTE: Only riders from countries which have not qualified under Criterion 1 may qualify under criterion 2.

EVENT	Ranking*
Sprint	1 st
500 Meter Time Trial	1 st
Individual Pursuit	1 st
Points Race	1 to 2

* Should a country reach the maximum quota, the next placed country in the classification for the event concerned shall receive the benefit (qualify the start position).



APPENDIX B

USA Cycling Code of Conduct

USA CYCLING CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

For

U.S. Cycling Team Athletes, World Championship Team Members, Coaches, Support Staff and Participants in USA Cycling Organized Activities.

1. The mission of USA Cycling is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of cycling. USA Cycling grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied by USA Cycling at any time where USA Cycling determines that a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.
2. In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in cycling, USA Cycling has adopted this Code of Conduct.
3. To this end, I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct, which offers a general guide to my conduct as a coach, athlete, staff member or participant in all USA Cycling organized activities. I recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior. Further, I:
 - will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates or athletes to attain peak performance;
 - will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
 - will respect members of my team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
 - will follow my individual sport rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance at team meetings or functions and such other rules as may be in force during the time I am representing the U.S. Cycling Team, provided that these rules have been distributed to me in advance in written form;
 - will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country, USA Cycling and the Olympic movement.
4. Any member or prospective member of USA Cycling may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Cycling if such member violates the provisions of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct, or through direct action or lack of action, aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct.

5. The following shall be considered violations of the USA Cycling Code of Conduct:
 - 5.1. Discrimination in violation of any section of the USA Cycling Rules and Regulations, or in violation of Section 220522(a)(9) of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act which requires that USA Cycling must provide: "an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin";
 - 5.2. Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct;
 - 5.3. Any sexual contact or advance directed towards an athlete by another athlete, coach, official, trainer, or other person who, in the context of cycling, is in a position of authority over that athlete;
 - 5.4. Violation of any of the anti-doping provisions set forth by USA Cycling, Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA);
 - 5.5. The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance listed on the UCI, USOC, or USADA recognized list of banned substances;
 - 5.6. The distribution or administration of any illegal or controlled substance either orally or by injection, of any substance listed on the UCI, USOC, or USADA recognized list of banned substances.
 - 5.7. The administration of any substance by injection, whether legal or illegal, unless it is done so by a licensed, medical professional for the purposes of health maintenance or due to illness.
 - 5.8. The use of illegal drugs in the presence of an athlete, by another athlete, coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of cycling, is in a position of authority over, an athlete;
 - 5.9. The providing of alcohol to an athlete by another athlete, coach, official, trainer, manager or any other person where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume or purchase alcohol in the state or country where the alcohol is provided;
 - 5.10. The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18, by an athlete, coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of cycling, is in a position of authority over, that athlete;
 - 5.11. Physical abuse of an athlete by any person who, in the context of cycling, is in a position of authority over that athlete;



- 5.12. Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Cycling-related activity;
 - 5.13. Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any race official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Cycling or UCI sanctioned competition;
 - 5.14. Failure of any member who is party to or witnesses of any violation(s) contained in the above-stated USAC Code of Conduct to report the specific violation to USAC immediately.
6. Alleged violations of the USA Cycling code of conduct must be reported to the Chief Executive Officer of USA Cycling.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of USA Cycling Code of Conduct Agreement

I certify that I have read all terms and conditions and fully understand, accept and agree to be bound by them.

Signature _____

Print name _____

Date _____

On behalf of USA Cycling and the U.S. Cycling Team, this agreement has been accepted and approved by:

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____