

USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION INFORMATION

2009 Continental Mountain Bike Championships

March 21-22, 2009 Santiago, Chile

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USAC will be assuming financial responsibility for athletes in the teams listed below, IF THE ATHLETES MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS BELOW. **If athletes who are automatic qualifiers choose not to attend, USAC MAY fill the remaining spots on the team with athletes selected by USAC via discretionary selection. Information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “General Team Selection Information” document on the USAC website. Athletes chosen via this method will NOT receive USAC funding.** 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.

For funded Cross Country athletes, USAC will pay for coach class airfare which includes two pieces of luggage: One bike under 50 lbs., and one suitcase under 50lbs, lodging, food, ground transport at event location, all mechanical/race support and competition clothing. (Funded athletes bringing more than two pieces of luggage as outlined will be responsible for paying for any overweight/additional charges)

Non-funded Cross Country athletes will be responsible for a “Service Fee” payable on the date outlined in this document or before. The Service Fee for this event is \$500. This fee includes: USA Cycling Team Uniform, UCI entry fees, food, lodging, mechanical/race support, and ground transport upon arrival to Santiago as well as transport to and from the venue. Non-funded athletes are responsible for their own airfare and baggage and must coordinate their air travel with USA Cycling to ensure ground transportation.

1. Elite Men Cross Country
2. Elite Women Cross Country
3. Under 23 Men’s Cross Country
4. Under 23 Women’s Cross Country

GRAVITY

**Elite Gravity athletes interested in being considered for a spot on the 2009 Continental Championships Team must submit a petition to Marc Gullickson at mgullickson@usacycling.org on or before the deadline listed below. A link to the Petition form can be found on the Mountain Bike page of the USA Cycling website. Gravity athletes will be responsible for a “Service Fee” payable on the date outlined in this document or before. The Service Fee for this event will be determined on February 23rd. This fee will not be greater than \$500 and will include: USA Cycling Team Uniform, UCI entry fees, food, lodging, mechanical/race support, and ground transport upon arrival to Santiago as well as transport to and from the venue. Gravity athletes are responsible for their own airfare and baggage.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches’ Discretionary Nominations
 1. Deadline for submission of petitions: Wednesday, February 11th
 2. Confirmation of intent to participate: Friday, February 20th
 3. Final Announcement of the Team: Monday, February 23rd
 4. Team “Service Fee” due: Monday, March 9th

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 23 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 5

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

1. **Top four (4) Elite US Men** in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of December 31st, 2008 if ranked in the top 60 overall of the published rankings.

Elite Women's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 23 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 4

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

1. **Top four (4) Elite US Women** in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of December 31st, 2008 if ranked in the top 40 overall of the published rankings.

Under 23 Men's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age from 19 to 22

Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

1. **The highest ranked US Under-23 male athlete** in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of December 31st, 2008.

Under 23 Women's Cross Country

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age from 19 to 22

Maximum Start Positions: 1

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

1. **The highest ranked US Under-23 female athlete** in the UCI XCO Individual Classification as of December 31st, 2008.

Elite Gravity

No automatic or funded nominations. All interested athletes should submit petitions according to above instructions.

NOTE: PLEASE SEE **GENERAL TEAM SELECTION INFORMATION** DOCUMENT FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS