



2008 U23 Mountain Bike Support & Identification Program

Introduction

The purpose of the USA Cycling U23 Mountain Bike Support & Identification Program is to create incentives for the top U23 Mountain Bike Cross Country Athletes to compete in pre-determined domestic events that will be used for identification purposes to select riders for future international competition. It is our desire to expose our top young athletes to the highest level of competition.

Performance Stipend Qualification Criteria

Following each qualifying event, performance stipends will be awarded to male and female cross country athletes who meet the following criteria.

U23 Men's Individual Cross Country

1. \$1,000.00 stipend to be paid to U23 riders finishing from 1st- 3rd place in the overall Pro Elite category of "Qualifying Events"
2. \$750.00 stipend to be paid to U23 riders finishing from 4th – 10th place in the overall Pro Elite category of "Qualifying Events"

U23 Women's Individual Cross Country

3. \$1,000.00 stipend to be paid to U23 riders finishing from 1st – 3rd place in the overall Pro Elite category of "Qualifying Events"
4. \$750.00 stipend to be paid to U23 riders finishing from 4th – 7th place in the overall Pro Elite category of "Qualifying Events"

Qualifying Events

All events can be found on USAC MTB Calendar

30-Mar
18-May
29-Jun
12-Jul

U23 World Team Qualifier
Santa Ynez Valley NMBS
Deer Valley NMBS
NMBS at Windham Mountain

Fontana CA
Los Olivios CA
Park City UT
Windham NY

Performance Stipend Awards

Performance stipends will be awarded to qualifying athletes for each USAC-MTB National XC Calendar event for which the above criteria are met. Only listed "Qualifying Events" will be considered. A maximum of three (3) stipends will be paid in each event for men and three (3) stipends for women. If more than three riders qualify for stipends in either category the stipends will be awarded to the three (3) riders with the best finishes among the qualifiers.

PLEASE NOTE: Athletes qualifying for a Performance Stipend will be required to submit a completed IRS W-9 form to USA Cycling prior to receiving their first payment. It is the responsibility of the rider to submit a stipend payment request for each event where a stipend is earned. Please submit stipend requests to Marc Gullickson at mgullickson@usacycling.org