

USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION INFORMATION

UCI Mountain Bike World Championships-Elite XC

June 16 - 22, 2008

Val di Sol, Italy

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USAC will be assuming financial responsibility for riders in the teams listed, IF THE RIDERS MEET THE AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION STANDARDS BELOW. USAC is limited in the number of riders we will fund, indicated by the maximum number in parentheses. USAC may also fund those athletes who are chosen via coaches' discretionary selection. Information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the "General Team Selection Information" document on the USAC website. All riders should review this document as well as "USAC Process for selecting riders to protected events". Both of these documents outline responsibilities and requirements for team selection.

1. Men X Country Elite (Maximum of 7)
2. Women X Country Elite (Maximum of 7)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. World Mountain Bike Championship Team Deadlines
 - 1.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: June 2, 2008
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate June 6, 2008
 - 1.3. Announcement of Team: June 9, 2008

NOTE: 2008 UCI World Cup XC Event Dates Prior to June 2rd

World Cup #1	April 15-16, 2008
World Cup #2	April 26-27, 2008
World Cup #3	May 3-4, 2008
World Cup #4	May 31 – June 1, 2008

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men Cross Country

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

Maximum Start Positions: 7

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

1. Any eligible U.S. rider placing in the top three (3) at the 2007 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 ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. Any eligible U.S. rider with a top-five (5) finish in a 2008 UCI World Cup Cross Country race by June 2nd, 2008. Events include World Cup XC 1 – 4. If more than three (3) athletes meet this criterion, only the three (3) athletes with the highest cumulative placing will be nominated.
3. Any eligible U.S. rider with a top fifteen (15) UCI Individual World Ranking as of June 2nd, 2008. If more than three (3) athletes meet this criterion, only the three (3) athletes with the highest cumulative placing will be nominated.

Elite Women Cross Country

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

Maximum Start Positions: 7

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

1. Any eligible U.S. rider placing in the top three (3) at the 2007 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 ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
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