



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

**2009 Pan-Am Championships
May 8-15, 2009
Chihuahua, México**

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 "General Team Selection Information" 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. Men Road Race (Maximum of 3)
2. Men Time Trial (Maximum of 2)
3. Women Road Race (Maximum of 3)
4. Women Time Trial (Maximum of 2)
5. Men Endurance Track Events (Maximum of 2: Not Funded)
6. Women Endurance Track Events (Maximum of 2: Not Funded)
7. Men Sprint Track Events (Not Funded)
8. Women Sprint Events (Not Funded)

USAC POLICY FOR FUNDING CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS FOR WORLD TEAM

As per the current UCI rule, **9.2.027**, in addition to the riders qualified through the UCI track individual classification according to the quotas indicated in the articles 9.2.022 and 9.2.023, the following persons will be qualified for Elite World Championships: Continental Champions (men and women) in individual events who won their title after the last Elite World Championship (including for Points Race and Scratch Race if the riders do not belong to an already qualified nation).

Because the continental Championships are held months prior to the actual World Championships; and the level of competition at the Continental Championships is not the International Standard that most qualification criteria found in USA Cycling's Team Nominations for World Championship Teams, USA Cycling has established the following policy:

Funding of Continental Champions by USA Cycling for World Championship Teams is contingent upon the rider meeting the automatic funding level as outlined in the World Championship Team

qualification document. If a rider does not meet these requirements, but chooses to ride the World Championships they will do so at their own cost.

USAC will pay for funded athletes' coach class airfare which includes two pieces of luggage: one bike under 50lbs., 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 an overweight/additional charges).

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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| 1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations | |
| 1.1 Deadline for submission of petitions: | April 3, 2009 |
| 1.2 Confirmation of intent to participate: | April 5, 2009 |
| 2. Petition Discretionary Nominations | |
| 2.1 Deadline for submission of petitions: | April 6, 2009 |
| 2.2 Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: | April 20, 2009 |
| 2.3 Confirmation of intent to participate: | April 20, 2009 |
| 2.4 Deadline for submission of \$1,500.00 deposit: | May 1, 2009 |
| 3. Final Announcement of the team: | April 20, 2009 |

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can "automatically" qualify for nomination to the 2009 Continental Road and Track Championship 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.

UNFUNDED ATHLETE INFORMATION

Non-funded 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 **\$1,500**. This fee includes: USA Cycling Team Uniform, food, lodging, mechanical/race support, and ground transport upon arrival to Chihuahua, Mexico 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.

Athletes who meet the Standards for Team Qualification for unfunded events must adhere to the following procedures:

1. File an athlete petition form to compete and return to USA Cycling Athletics Department by April 6, 2009.
2. Coordinate Airline and Travel logistics with USA Cycling.
3. Pay for all travel and housing costs by published dates

USA CYCLING SELECTION STRATEGY FOR PAN-AM CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USA Cycling has historically used Pan-Am Continental Championships as an opportunity to garner points for UCI Nations rankings; ensuring maximum start positions at World Championships. The Pan-Am Continental Championships have also served as a development event, providing an opportunity for developing athletes to experience the stresses and challenges of an international championship.

Men Road: The UCI bases the number of start positions for U23 World Championships based on its Continental Tour (Americas Tour) ranking. Because our U23 Program is exclusively based in Europe, our U23 athletes have typically had very little opportunities to earn Americas Tour points. As a result, we have made the Pan-Am Continental Championships open only to U23 athletes in order to secure maximum opportunity at securing UCI Americas Tour points, and thus ensuring maximum start positions annually for U23 World Championships. Additional priority will be given to athletes who have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Women Road: USA Cycling has historically used Pan-Am Continental Championships as an opportunity to secure additional start positions at World Championships via winning Pan-Am Continental Championships. Priority will be given to athletes who have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Track: Pan-Am Continental Championships again have been a developmental opportunity for emerging track athletes, as it closely mirrors the World Championships format. Further, a vast majority of our Elite athletes have not been available for competition. However, because there is a significant opportunity to qualify for the World Championships by name, as the Continental Champion, we have openly selected the best athletes available.

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Men Road Race - Funded

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1987-1990).

Maximum Start Positions: 3

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

1. Any U23 rider ranked in the Top 100 in UCI American Tour points as of April 1, 2009. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI ranking. Athletes will be nominated from the UCI list until any of the following conditions are met: 1) all positions in the team are filled; 2) a total of two (2) athletes have been nominated; or 3) all athletes in the top-100 have been nominated.

2. If positions still remain open then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org). Additional priority will be given to athletes who have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Men Time Trial - Funded

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1986-1989).

Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

1. Any U23 rider ranked in the Top 100 in UCI American Tour points as of April 1, 2009. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI ranking. Athletes will be nominated from the UCI list until any of the following conditions are met: 1) all positions in the team are filled; 2) a total of two (2) athletes have been nominated; or 3) all athletes in the top-100 have been nominated.

2. If positions still remain open then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org). Additional priority will be given to athletes who have shown proficiency at endurance track racing as well as the road events.

Elite Women Road Race

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 3

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

1. Any athlete ranked in the Top fifty (50) UCI Individual Ranking Classification list published on or before April 1, 2009. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI ranking. Athletes will be nominated from the UCI list until any of the following conditions are met: 1) all positions in the team are filled; 2) a total of two (2) athletes have been nominated; or 3) all athletes in the top-50 have been nominated.

2. If positions still remain open then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org). Additional priority will be given to athletes who have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Elite Women Time Trial

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 2

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

1. Any athlete ranked in the Top fifty (50) UCI Individual Ranking Classification list published on or before April 1, 2009. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on the order of their UCI ranking. Athletes will be nominated from the UCI list until any of the following conditions are met: 1) all positions in the team are filled; 2) a total of two (2) athletes have been nominated; or 3) all athletes in the top-50 have been nominated.
2. If positions still remain open, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org). Additional priority will be given to athletes who have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Men Endurance Track Events: Pursuit, Points Race, Madison, Scratch Race - Unfunded

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: Up to 2 athletes per individual events & 1 team per team event.

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Athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org). All Discretionary Nominations will be selected via the Athlete Petition Process (<http://www.usacycling.org/events/Discretionary%20Athlete%20Nomination.pdf>). Athlete Petitions are due at USA Cycling's office at the close of business on April 6, 2009. Additional priority will be given to athletes who can have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Women Endurance Track Events: Pursuit, Points Race, Scratch Race - Unfunded

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: Up to 2 athletes per individual events & 1 team per team event.

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

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priority will be given to athletes who can have shown the ability to ride the track as well as the road events.

Men Sprint Track Events: Sprint, 1 km TT, Keirin, Team Sprint - Unfunded

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 1 Athlete per individual events & 1 team per team event.

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

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Women Sprint Track Events: Sprint, 500m TT, Keirin, Team Sprint - Unfunded

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 19 and over

Maximum Start Positions: 1 Athlete per individual events & 1 team per team event.

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

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