



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

2009 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ELITE MEN
September 23-26, 2009 – Mendrisio, Switzerland

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. Elite Men Road Race (Maximum of TBD)
2. Elite Men Time Trial (Maximum of 2)

For funded 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 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 \$1500. This fee includes: USA Cycling Team Uniform, food, lodging, mechanical/race support, and ground transport upon arrival to Mendrisio, Switzerland 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.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

1. Automatic & Coaches' Discretionary Nominations
 - 1.1. Announcement of Nominations: September 07, 2009
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: September 11, 2009

2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: September 01, 2009
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: September 14, 2009
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: September 14, 2009
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **(\$1500.00)** deposit: September 20, 2009

3. Final announcement of the Team: September 14, 2009

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men Road Race

Eligible Participants: UCI Elite (Pro Tour and Continental UCI-registered team members and USCF category I Licensed Men age 19 and older)

Maximum Number of Starters: TBA August 31, 2009

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

Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2008 Olympic Games. In order to maintain their position on the 2009 World Championship team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the 2009 racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2008 World Road Cycling Championships. In order to maintain their position on the 2009 World Championship team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the 2009 racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
3. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-three (3) in the final general classification in a UCI Grand Tour (Giro Italia, Tour de France) event between January 01, 2009 and July 28, 2009. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on.
4. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-three (3) in a UCI Pro Tour or European Tour 1.HC one-day race by September 11, 2009. 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.

5. Any U.S. athlete finishing in the top-five (5) in the final general classification in a UCI Pro Tour stage race or European Tour 2.HC by September 11, 2009. 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.
6. Any U.S. athlete who wins a stage in a UCI Pro Tour stage race or a European Tour 2.HC by September 11, 2009. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI men's Pro Tour list as of September 11, 2009 will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on.
7. The winner of the 2009 US National PRO Road Race Champion provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
8. The highest individual ranked U.S. rider on the USA Cycling Pro Tour rankings, provided that athlete is ranked within the top three (3) overall, as of September 11, 2009.
9. If positions remain, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Elite Men Individual Time Trial

Eligible Participants: UCI Elite (Pro Tour and Continental UCI-registered team members and USCF category I Licensed Men age 19 and older)

Maximum Number of Starters: 2

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

Automatic Nomination (in order of priority):

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2008 Olympic Games. In order to maintain their position on the 2009 World Championship team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the 2009 racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the 2008 World Road Cycling Championships. In order to maintain their position on the 2009 World Championship team, the eligible athlete(s) must continue to demonstrate the ability to finish in the top three (3) at the World Championships during the 2009 racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the UCI Men's Pro Tour Individual Classification.

3. Any U.S. athlete who wins an individual time trial stage in a 2009 UCI Grand Tour (Giro Italia, Tour de France, Vuelta Espana) event, prior to September 11, 2009. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on.
4. Any U.S. athlete who wins an individual time trial stage in a 2009 UCI ProTour stage race or European Tour 2.HC, prior to September 11, 2009. If more than one athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest placing will be nominated first, followed by the athlete with the next highest ranking and so on.
5. The winner of the 2009 US National PRO Time Trial Champion provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
6. If positions remain, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Final Nomination Men:

1. If positions are available following the automatic nomination criteria up to two (2) athletes may be nominated via the sole discretion of the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org) to compete in the individual time trial at the World Championships. Nomination will be based on individual time trial results from time trials held in international stage races, international time trial events, and National Championships time trial results.
 - a. Emphasis will be given to time trial results that were contested over distances equivalent to or greater than World Championship time trial distances and on courses with similar profiles to the World Championship course.
 - b. Another key consideration in determining nominees to compete at World Championships will be time differences between U.S. athletes at various competitions.