



USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

2009 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – ELITE WOMEN
September 23-26, 2008 – 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 Women Road Race (Maximum of 6)
2. Elite Women 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 Automatic Nominations: September 01, 2009
 - 1.2. Confirmation of intent to participate: September 07, 2009
2. Petition Discretionary Nominations
 - 2.1. Deadline for submission of petitions: September 01, 2009
 - 2.2. Announcement of Discretionary Nominations by Petition: September 07, 2009
 - 2.3. Confirmation of intent to participate: September 13, 2009
 - 2.4. Deadline for submission of **\$1500.00** deposit: September 14, 2009
3. Final announcement of the Team: September 14, 2009

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women Road Race

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

Maximum Start Positions: 6

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

1. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's 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 three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
2. Any athlete ranked in the Top twenty-five (25) Overall UCI points as of August 31, 2009.
3. Any riders with a Top three (3) finish in a UCI World Cup event between the dates of January 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009.
4. Any rider with two (2) Top five (5) finishes in a UCI World Cup events between the dates of January 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009.
5. Any rider who wins a European UCI 2.1 Individual General Classification between the dates of January 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009.
6. Any rider with two (2) Top three (3) Individual General Classification finishes in a European UCI 2.1 event between the dates of January 1, 2009 and August 31, 2009.
7. The winner of the 2009 National Road Race Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
8. 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 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 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 prior year's 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 three (3) at the World Championships during the current racing season. This evaluation will be based on results from major international competition and current ranking on the appropriate UCI Individual Classification. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the rider with the highest placing will be nominated.
3. The winner of the 2009 National Time Trial Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
4. 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 Women:

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.