



## USA CYCLING ATHLETE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

2009 WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS – U23 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. U23 Road Race (TBD)
2. U23 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 07, 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**

### **U23 Men Road Race**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1987-1990) who ARE NOT members of a UCI-affiliated Pro Tour Team. Per UCI regulations, Under-23 members of a UCI-affiliated Pro Tour Team cannot compete in the Under-23 Road Race at the World Championships. An Under-23 rider who is attached to a UCI ProTour from the period of August 1 to December 31, 2009, under the provisions of article 2.15.110, may ride the Under-23 Road Race.

**Maximum Start Positions:** TBD

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

1. Any athlete placing in the top twenty (20) 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 twenty (20) 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 who finishes in the top ten (10) in the final general classification in a World Nations Cup 2.Ncup event, between the dates of January 01, 2009 and August 31, 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 placing and so on.
3. Any athlete who finishes in the top five (5) the final general classification in a World Nations Cup 1.Ncup event, between the dates of January 01, 2009 and August 31, 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 placing and so on.

4. Any athlete who finishes top five (5) in the final general classification of a European 2.2, European 2.1 or European 2.HC, between the dates of January 01, 2009 and August 31, 2009.
5. Any athlete who finishes top three (3) in the final general classification of a European 1.2 ranked event or higher, between the dates of January 01, 2009 and August 31, 2009.
6. Any athlete who wins a stage, of a World Nations Cup event between the dates of January 01, 2009 and September 06, 2009.
7. Any athlete who finishes in the top three (3) in the final general classification in the following 2.12-2.13 events; Volta Tarragona, Tour du Pays Haut Savoie, Tour de Liege, Tour of Namur, and Triptique Ardennais. 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 placing and so on.
8. The top ranked athlete from the UCI America Tour rankings, as of September 01, 2009, provided that athlete has scored a minimum of 100 points.
9. The winner of the U23 road race at the 2009 USCF National Championships, only if the event is contested in its entirety as published in the pre-race information, and that rider has previously finished in the Top twenty (20) of a World Nations Cup event as of August 31, 2009.
10. If positions remain, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).

### **U23 Men Time Trial**

**Eligible Participants:** USAC International License Holders; Age 19-22 years old (men born in 1987-1990) who ARE NOT members of a UCI-affiliated Pro Tour Team. Per UCI regulations, Under-23 members of a UCI-affiliated Pro Tour Team cannot compete in the Under-23 Individual Time Trial Race at the World Championships. An Under-23 rider who is attached to a UCI ProTour from the period of August 1 to December 31, 2009, under the provisions of article 2.15.110, may ride the Under-23 Individual Time Trial Race.

### **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 ten (10) 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 ten (10) 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 who finishes in the Top five (5) of a Time Trial stage in a World Nations Cup, a European 2.2 or a European 2.2u event, provided that time trial is longer than 20 kilometers in length, between the dates of January 01, 2009 and September 06, 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 placing and so on.

3. Any athlete who finishes in the Top ten (10) of a time trial stage in a European 2.HC or a European 2.1 event, provided that time trial is longer than 20 kilometers in length, between the dates of January 01, 2009 and August 31, 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 placing and so on.
4. The winner of the 2009 National Time Trial Championships provided the race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.
5. If positions remain, then riders may be selected by the USA Cycling coaching staff following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([www.usacycling.org](http://www.usacycling.org)).