

2010 USA Cycling Velodrome Championships

Elite National Track Championships Qualification Process

What are the qualification events?

For the sixth year in a row the velodromes across the United States will hold regional championship events featuring a modified National Championship format. Velodrome Championships will qualify cyclists for the 2010 USA Cycling Elite National Track Championships.

[Click here for the 2010 Velodrome Championship Schedule.](#)

Who can compete in the qualification events?

Male cyclists who hold a valid USA Cycling or UCI international racing license, have a racing age of 17 or above, and are track category 5 or above for time trial events and track category 3 or above for mass start events. Female cyclists who hold a valid USA Cycling or UCI international racing license and have a racing age of 17 or above can ride in all events. Foreign athletes can participate in the race event, but will not be considered with regard to the qualification process.

Who will qualify to race at the Elite National Track Championships?

The qualification criteria will be determined by the number of athletes that start a race up to a maximum limit of the best 5 individuals or best 3 teams according to the table below. Foreign riders will be counted toward field sizes if they start an event but excluded from the qualifying determination because they are not eligible to participate in the Elite National Track Championships, and thus a foreign rider cannot prevent a rider from qualifying. For example, if a field of 18 riders starts a points race, 8 are from Canada, and the results are that US riders finish 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 then the qualifying riders would be the athletes who finished 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7 (5 total).

Individual Races Field Size	Number of Qualifiers	Team Races Field Size	Number of Qualified Riders
1-3	1	1-3	1
4-6	2	4-6	2
7-9	3	7-9+	3
10-12	4		
13-15+	5		

What kind of schedule will the qualification events have?

Velodrome Championships should be run between June 1 and September 12, 2010.

The event schedule will be determined by the race organization and may include any combination of races for which a national championship is awarded (e.g. time trials – 500m TT, 1km TT, Team Sprint, IP, TP; mass start races – Points, Scratch, Madison, Keirin, Matched Sprint). Mass start races should be at least 70% of the distance dictated for the Elite National Track Championships. Time trial and sprint events should be run over the full distance required under the rules governing the Elite National Track Championships.

The race organization is welcome to run an omnium-style event, in which case each race (as opposed to the omnium general classification) would classify separately as a qualification event for the Elite National Track Championships. For example, if the race organization ran a 200m TT, Points Race, 500/Kilo, Madison, and Keirin over two days to decide an omnium general classification to award prizes for both men and women (assuming 20 riders and 10 Madison teams) the five races would qualify a maximum of 16 riders for both men and women for the individual events (32 total riders) and 2 Madison teams; as opposed to the maximum of 3 riders possible from the omnium result. Riders would still qualify for the event classification appropriate for the placing of their qualifying race (i.e. sprint or endurance).

Are these events the only way a rider can compete at the 2010 Elite Track National Championships?

The current USA Cycling Elite National Track Cycling Champions, current members of UCI Trade Teams (Road and Track), the U.S. National Sprint and Endurance Talent Pool teams, and riders who are part of USA Cycling programs (e.g. 2009-10 World Championship Team, athletes riding for USA Cycling at 2009-10 World Cups, USAC's U23 Road Program, 2010 Pan Am Championships Team, UIV Track Program, Athletes who race Professional Six Days in 2009-10) are automatic qualifiers for the USA Cycling Elite National Track Cycling Championships. A regularly updated list of qualified riders will be posted at www.usacycling.org/track, and will be finalized by Sept 17, 2010. All riders who feel they have qualified should check this list to ensure no mistakes have been made throughout the process.

How will qualification information be collected by USA Cycling?

Velodromes must send their qualifier results and a list of qualified riders from that event to USA Cycling's Managing Director of National Events (Micah Rice; mrice@usacycling.org) within 24 hours of conclusion of the event. If USA Cycling does not receive this information from the velodrome championship organization then the riders may be excluded from the qualified rider list. USA Cycling will post all Velodrome Championship Qualifier results on www.usacycling.org/track. Results should be reported via Excel using the format from the example below.

Velodrome Name						
Competition Name						
Competition Date						
Competition Contact Information (Name, Phone, Email)						
Competition Website (if available)						
Qualified Athlete						
Race	Name	USAC License #				
Women Points	Rider 1	#####				
	Rider 2	#####				
	Rider 3	#####				
Men Madison	Team 1; Rider 1	#####				
	Team 1; Rider 2	#####				

How does USA Cycling support this program?

USA Cycling will provide Velodrome Championship event organizers with medals for all permitted Velodrome Championship Events. The greatest support is the fact that each track is involved in an important U.S. selection event.

Dates:

Championships to be concluded by September 12, 2010. This will ensure that riders will have time to secure affordable travel accommodations to the National Championships.

Entry Fees:

Fees will go directly to each velodrome to cover the expenses of hosting the event.

Categories:

Race organizers are free to hold whatever race categories they feel benefits their race event, however athletes will be limited to eligibility requirements at the Elite Track National Championships (rule 8F7).

Men TT: Cat 1-4; Racing age 17+

Men Mass Start: Cat 1-3; Racing age 17+

Women All Events: Cat 1-3; Racing age 17+

Medals:

USA Cycling will provide medals for the top 3 cyclists in all individual events. Jerseys may be provided by the local organization and/or local association.

Qualification:

Cyclists who are pre-qualified:

- 2009 National Champions
- All members of the Sprint and Endurance Talent Pools
- All riders participating in USA Cycling Programs (e.g. Pan Am Championships, World Cups, World Championships, Olympics Games, U23 Road Program, European UIV Track Program)
- All riders on UCI registered trade teams (Road and Track) in 2010

Cyclists who place high enough to qualify for the USA Cycling Elite National Track Cycling Championships will do so in one of two areas based on the 33% criteria described above.

- Sprint
- Endurance

Cyclists may enter to ride any or all of the events at Nationals in their qualified area.

- Sprint Events: Match Sprint, Time Trial (500 or 1km), Keirin, Team Sprint, and Omnium.
- Endurance Events: Individual Pursuit, Team Pursuit, Scratch, Points Race, Madison, and Omnium.