



## USA CYCLING ATHLETE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

### 2020 UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can qualify for nomination to the 2020 Cyclocross World Championship Team. Each category will have separate specific qualifying criteria, and each category will have its own specific number of starters allowed per quota set by the UCI. USA Cycling will only nominate riders to the 2020 Cyclocross World Championships who qualify according to these criteria. The team will be nominated according to Automatic Qualification, Discretionary Selection and Final Qualification. USA Cycling encourages you to familiarize yourself with the USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection ([insert link](#)) for the detailed description of the purpose and process of discretionary selection.

USA Cycling will manage logistics (food, housing, event transportation) only for the athletes and staff who are selected by USA Cycling to the World Championships Team. USA Cycling will not be responsible for or manage logistics for trade team managers, private coaches, trade team staff, athletes' families, spouses, friends or significant others. It will be the responsibility of these individuals to make separate arrangements for housing, food and transportation and they will be responsible for all costs related to any separate arrangements they might make. Additionally, these individuals will not be credentialed as part of the Team for this event unless specifically granted that privilege by the Team Manager.

Nominations will be based on final, official results from the qualifying events identified in this document as qualifying criteria. Mechanical mishaps and crashes are a part of cycling. Therefore, USA Cycling will not consider an athlete's position or placing in an event or events at the time the athlete experienced a mechanical mishap, crashed or went off course as a determining factor for selection.

The number of athlete start positions per event and category is determined in each event by the relevant governing body (UCI). These nomination procedures have been developed based on the most recent information supplied by the UCI regarding the events, athlete participation, team qualification and team size. USA Cycling's nomination procedures may be subject to change

based on the final international and domestic racing calendars and/or updated information from the UCI.

Below you will find information on the different ways a rider can qualify for nomination to the 2019 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Athlete must be eligible to represent the United States in a UCI competition at the time of nomination. All nominees must have a valid USA Cycling International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) at the time of nomination. All athletes must be in good standing with USA Cycling, the UCI, and the United States Anti- Doping Agency (USADA) at the time of nomination.

- Elite Men and Women- Age 19 and over as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (born on or after January 1, 2001)
- U23 Men and Women- Age 19-22 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (born in 1998 through 2001)
- Junior Men and Women- Age 17-18 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (born in 2002 and 2003)

## **FUNDING LEVELS**

### **Level 1: Fully-Funded**

For athletes qualifying for the team via Automatic Qualification criteria and Discretionary Selection, and at USA Cycling's option for athletes who qualify via Final Qualification criteria, USA Cycling will provide one economy class, round-trip airfare, which includes up to 3 pieces of luggage: Up to two bike cases or one bike and one wheel case, plus one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are responsibility of the athlete). USA Cycling will also provide competition and casual clothing, lodging, food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. Athletes must confirm their intent to stay with the team no later than the Confirmation of Intent to Participate date listed below in order to be guaranteed lodging and support.

### **Level 2: Ground-Funded**

Athletes who qualify via Final Qualification criteria will be "ground funded" and also be provided competition and casual clothing, lodging, food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and TravMed insurance throughout the duration of the event. However, "ground-funded" athletes are responsible for their airfare and excess baggage expenses and are required to pay a Team Service Fee of \$1000 to help offset the cost of USA Cycling support. Athletes must confirm their intent to stay with the team by the Confirmation of Intent to Participate date listed below in order to be guaranteed lodging and support. All Team Service Fees must be paid in full by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

All athletes' travel will be booked arriving no later than Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and departing Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

## **PODIUM COMPENSATION**

Podium bonuses for U23 and Elite categories at the UCI Cyclocross World Championships are as follows, payable directly to the athlete by USA Cycling:

First place: \$5,000

Second place: \$3,000

Third place: \$1,000

If any ground-funded athlete finishes in the top three (3) in their category at the 2020 UCI World Cyclocross Championships, USA Cycling will refund the Team Service Fee and their reasonable travel expenses to the event.

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of the USA Cycling World Championship Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, each athlete will be provided with competition clothing which they will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. Additionally, athletes will be provided casual clothing that they will be required to wear at official team functions and while participating as a member of the team. Failure to comply with team clothing rules can lead to disciplinary actions including removal from the team.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **Elite Men and Elite Women**

- Deadline for submission of petitions: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Automatic Nominations: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Nomination of Discretionary Selections: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Discretionary Selections: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Nomination of Final Qualifications: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Final Qualifications: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Final announcement of the Team: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

### **U23 Men, U23 Women, Junior Men and Junior Women**

- Deadline for submission of petitions: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Automatic Nominations: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Nomination of Discretionary Selections and Final Qualifications: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Confirmation of intent to participate of Discretionary Selections and Final Qualifications: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Final announcement of the Team: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

### **Elite Men**

**Maximum start position quota slots:** Up to 6 depending on UCI Nations rank plus Pan American Continental Cyclocross Champion by name if American

### **Automatic Qualifications**

1. The Elite Pan American Cyclocross Champion, if American, will be named to the USA Cycling 2020 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team. By UCI rule, this athlete will not count against the quota slots earned by USA Cycling from the UCI Nations Rank.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who places in the top ten (10) at a UCI Elite Men's World Cup event in the United States in September 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will be selected in order of their top results in either of these races. If two riders achieve the same result and only one spot is available, then the athlete with the best placing at the Waterloo World Cup will qualify.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top fifteen (15) at a UCI Elite Men's World Cup event in Europe from between October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes with a top fifteen (15) placing will qualify in order of the UCI World Cup classification as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Elite Men's UCI Cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.
6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2019 Elite Men's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Discretionary Selections**

If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be nominated to the Team by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## **Final Qualifications**

7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) to twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) place at a UCI Elite Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athlete with the highest World Cup ranking as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be nominated.
8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) through fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) place at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Elite Men's UCI Cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship
9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the top two (2) American athletes at the 2019 Elite Men's Pan American Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If the winner of the race is American and qualifies by criteria number 1. above, then only the next best placed American will be named to the Team.
10. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the second placed athlete at the 2019 Elite Men's National Cyclocross Championships provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations will be named to the Team.

## **Elite Women**

**Maximum start position quota slots:** Up to 6 depending on UCI Nations rank plus Pan American Continental Cyclocross Champion by name if American

## **Automatic Qualifications**

1. The Elite Pan American Cyclocross Champion, if American, will be named to the USA Cycling 2020 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team. By UCI rule, this athlete will not count against the quota slots earned by USA Cycling from the UCI Nations Rank.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who finishes in the top three (3) at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event in the United States in September 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will be selected in order of their top results

in either of these races. If two riders achieve the same result and only one spot is available, then the athlete with the best placing at the Waterloo World Cup will qualify.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who places in the top five (5) at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event in Europe between October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of the UCI World Cup classification as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete who places in the top three (3) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Elite Women's UCI cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.
6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2019 Elite Women's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Discretionary Selections**

If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be nominated to the Team by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Final Qualifications**

7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) through fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) place at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion, than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, the athletes with the highest World Cup ranking as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be nominated.
8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete who places fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Elite Women's UCI cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If two or more athletes achieve the same result and/or more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify by order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.

9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the top two (2) American athletes at the 2019 Elite Women's Pan American Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If the winner of the race is American and qualifies by criteria number 1. above, then only the next best placed American will be named to the Team.
10. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) placed athlete at the 2019 Elite Women's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

## **U-23 Men**

**Maximum start position quota slots:** Up to 5 depending on UCI Nations rank plus Pan American Continental Cyclocross Champion by name if American

### **Automatic Qualifications**

1. The U23 Pan American Cyclocross Champion, if American, will be named to the USA Cycling 2020 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team. By UCI rule, this athlete will not count against the quota slots earned by USA Cycling from the UCI Nations Rank.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a U23 Men's UCI World Cup event between the dates of October 19, 2019 and December 27, 2019 will be named to the Team. If two riders achieve the same result and only one spot is available, then the athlete with the best placing in a UCI World Cup will qualify. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of the UCI World Cup classification as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top five (5) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee U23 Men's UCI cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If two or more athletes achieve the same result and/or more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify by order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.
5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2019 U23 Men's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Discretionary Selections**

If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the

discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Final Qualifications**

6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) through twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) place at a UCI U23 Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placings in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, then athletes will be nominated in order of the World Cup ranking as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the top two (2) American athletes at the 2019 U23 Men's Pan American Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If the winner of the race is American and qualifies by criteria number 1. above, then only the next best placed American will be named to the Team.
8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the athlete who hasn't met any of the previous qualifying criteria with the best average finish at the Cincinnati Cyclocross C1, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the 2019 Pan American Cyclocross Championship and the 2019 US National Championship will be named to the Team. If two or more riders are tied in this average placing, the qualification will go to the rider with the best finish at the 2019 U23 Men's Cyclocross National Championship
9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete who finishes in the top three (3) of the 2019 USA Cycling U23 Men's Cyclocross National Championship, if not already selected, will be named to the Team.

### **U23 Women**

**Maximum start position quota slots:** Up to 5 depending on UCI Nations rank plus Pan American Continental Cyclocross Champion by name if American

### **Automatic Qualifications**

1. The U23 Pan American Cyclocross Champion, if American, will be named to the USA Cycling 2020 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team. By UCI rule, this athlete will not count against the quota slots earned by USA Cycling from the UCI Nations Rank.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top fifteen (15) at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event in the United States in September of 2019 will be named to the Team. If two riders achieve the same result and



only one spot is available, then the athlete with the best placing at the Waterloo World Cup will qualify. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of the UCI World Cup classification as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top five (5) of U23 athletes within a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If two riders achieve the same result and only one spot is available, then the athlete with the best placing in a UCI World Cup will qualify. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify in order of the UCI World Cup classification as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Elite Women's UCI cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If two or more athletes achieve the same result and/or more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify by order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.
6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2019 U23 Women's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Discretionary Selections**

If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Final Qualifications**

6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place among U23 riders at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 19, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, athletes will be nominated by order of World Cup ranking as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the top two (2) American athletes at the 2019 U23 Women's Pan American Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If the winner of the race is American and qualifies by criteria

number 1. above, then only the next best placed American will be named to the Team.

8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the athlete who hasn't met any of the previous qualifying criteria with the best average finish at the Cincinnati Cyclocross C1, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the 2019 Pan American Cyclocross Championship and the 2019 US National Championship will be named to the Team. If two or more riders are tied in this average placing, the qualification will go to the rider with the best finish at the 2019 U23 Women's Cyclocross National Championship.
9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete who finishes in the top three (3) of the 2019 USA Cycling U23 Women's Cyclocross National Championship, if not already selected, will be named to the Team.

## **Junior Men**

**Maximum start position quota slots:** Up to 5 depending on UCI Nations rank plus Pan American Continental Cyclocross Champion by name if American

### **Automatic Qualifications**

1. The Junior Pan American Cyclocross Champion, if American, will be named to the USA Cycling 2020 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team. By UCI rule, this athlete will not count against the quota slots earned by USA Cycling from the UCI Nations Rank.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top-five (5) at a UCI Junior Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team.
4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top three (3) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Junior Men's UCI cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If two or more athletes achieve the same result and/or more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify by order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.
5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2019 Junior Men's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Discretionary Selections**

If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the

discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Final Qualifications**

6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) through twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) place at a UCI Junior Men's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, then athletes will be nominated by World Cup ranking as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the top two (2) American athletes at the 2019 Junior Men's Pan American Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If the winner of the race is American and qualifies by criteria number 1. above, then only the next best placed American will be named to the Team.
8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the athlete who hasn't met any of the previous qualifying criteria with the best average finish at the Cincinnati Cyclocross C1, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the 2019 Pan American Cyclocross Championship and the 2019 US National Championship will be named to the Team. If two or more riders are tied in this average placing, the qualification will go to the rider with the best finish at the 2019 USA Junior Men's Cyclocross National Championship.
9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any rider who finishes in the top three (3) of the 2019 USA Cycling Junior Men's Cyclocross National Championship, if not already selected, will be named to the Team.

### **Junior Women**

**Maximum start position quota slots:** Up to 5 depending on UCI Nations rank plus Pan American Continental Cyclocross Champion by name if American

### **Automatic Qualifications**

1. The Junior Pan American Cyclocross Champion, if American, will be named to the USA Cycling 2020 UCI Cyclocross World Championship Team. By UCI rule, this athlete will not count against the quota slots earned by USA Cycling from the UCI Nations Rank.
2. Any athlete placing in the top three (3) at the prior year's World Championships in the same event and category will be named to the Team.
3. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top twenty (20) at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event in the United States in

September of 2019 will be named to the Team.

4. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top five (5) among Junior riders within a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team.
5. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, any athlete placing in the top twenty (20) at a Telenet Superprestige Series or DVV Verzekeringen Trofee Elite Women's UCI cyclocross event between the dates of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be named to the Team. If two or more athletes achieve the same result and/or more athletes meet this criterion than there are spots available on the team, then athletes will qualify by order of their placing at the 2019 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship.
6. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, the winner of the 2019 Junior Women's National Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations.

### **Discretionary Selections**

If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria, then athletes may be nominated by the USA Cycling Cyclocross Manager and Cyclocross High Performance Director and approved by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following the discretionary criteria described below. Any athlete seeking discretionary selection must complete the World Championship CX Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form on the USA Cycling website by January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Final Qualifications**

7. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete placing in sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) through tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place among Junior riders at a UCI Elite Women's World Cup event between the dates of October 19, 2019 and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be named to the Team. If more athletes meet this criterion than there are places available on the team, the athletes with the highest placing in a World Cup will be nominated. If two or more athletes achieve the same World Cup finish result, athletes will be nominated by order of World Cup ranking as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
8. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the top two (2) American athletes at the 2019 Junior Women's Pan American Cyclocross Championships will be named to the Team provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If the winner of the race is American and qualifies by criteria number 1. above, then only the next best placed American will be named to the Team.
9. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, the athlete who hasn't met any of the previous qualifying criteria with the best average finish at the Cincinnati Cyclocross C1, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the 2019 Pan American

Cyclocross Championship and the 2019 US National Championship will be named to the Team. If two or more riders are tied in this average placing, the qualification will go to the rider with the best finish at the 2019 Junior Women's Cyclocross National Championship.

10. If quota slots remain after considering the preceding criteria and discretionary selections, any athlete who finishes in the top three (3) of the 2019 USA Cycling Junior Women's Cyclocross National Championship, if not already selected, will be named to the Team.

## **DISCRETIONARY SELECTION INFORMATION**

USA Cycling may choose to fill quota slots through the discretionary selection criteria below in order to select athletes with medal capability, or future medal capability, for USA Cycling.

### Discretionary Criteria

The USA Cycling National Team manager and / or Performance Director may recommend athletes, according to the criteria below, to the USA Cycling Selection Committee for selection to the Cyclocross World Championships Team through discretionary selection. The Selection Committee will review data on all petitioning athletes when considering the recommendations.

The USA Cycling Selection Committee will consider the following criteria:

- A. Medal Capable Athlete– A medal capable athlete is one who has clearly demonstrated the ability to produce a medal winning result in the competition for which the athlete is being selected for by achieving one of the following criteria:
  - Winning a medal (top 3 finish) within the last 24 months at the most recent World Championships and demonstrating the continuing ability to perform at that level or higher based on performances in International Competition in the last 12 months or
  - Beating previous year's Worlds medalists or current top UCI world ranked athletes in International Competition on courses similar to the event for which the athlete is being selected on multiple occasions in the past 12 months; or
  - A top three finish on a course with similar profile and against similar competition to those expected for the event for which the athlete is being selected within the last 12 months.
- B. Future Medal Capable Athletes– An athlete who is future medal capable is one who has the potential to produce a medal winning result within two to three years at a World Championship:

- Demonstrating a trend of improving performance in International Competition that, when logically extended out two to three years, in consideration of the athlete’s development path, intersects the future World Championship standard for the event under consideration; or
- Winning medals at Junior or U23 World Championships

### Importance of International Competition

As used herein, “International Competition” includes any competition in which the field of athletes is sufficiently strong that performances in that competition are indicative of how an athlete can perform in the competition that the discretionary selection is for. International Competitions need not occur outside the United States, as “international” refers to the competitiveness of the field (i.e., includes many of the best riders from leading cycling nations around the world), not the location of the event.

### Data to Support Discretionary Selections

Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff. However, the USA Cycling Selection Committee will review data on all petitioning athletes and approve ALL athlete nominations using the discretionary criteria described below. In addition to performances in International Competition or competitions specified in the Athlete Selection Procedures, the Selection Committee may consider for discretionary selections, as appropriate to the discipline, the following:

- For all selections – Validatable and credible performance data such as times on courses (or portions of courses) of similar length or course profile and/or in similar environmental conditions to the event being selected for; or athlete power data;
- For choosing between two athletes in a selection category (medal capable or future medal capable) – Data may include any or all of the following in no specific order of priority. The inclusion and order of priority for any data set may be different from event to event as determined by the USA Cycling Coaching staff and USA Cycling Selection Committee.
  1. Race results in top international competitions;
  2. Race results in top national level competitions;
  3. Head to head competition results or performances between multiple athletes in consideration for a discretionary position;
  4. Technological data on athlete and/or event which is validatable and credible. By way of example this could include but is not limited to: times on similar courses or events, athlete power data, or event demand data.

## USA Cycling Selection Committee

Recommendations for discretionary nominations will be made by the USA Cycling National coaching staff. However, the USA Cycling Selection Committee (see the USA Cycling website for the list of Selection Committee members) will review and approve ALL athlete nominations using the criteria outlined above.

## Conflict of Interest

Any member of the selection committee that has a possible conflict of interest must disclose it. Another member of the Selection Committee may also raise a potential conflict of interest of another member. For any conflict raised, the remainder of the selection committee will decide if the conflict is material by vote. In the case of a tie, the tie will be broken by the USA Cycling Director of Elite Athletics. If such conflict exists, the selection committee member must recuse him/herself from committee discussions and voting. Further, the committee member should not otherwise influence other members of the committee in the nomination process. However, a committee member who recused him/herself, but who has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, may, if requested by the selection committee, provide such information to the committee so long as such information is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the committee member who declared the conflict of interest does not vote toward the final decision.