



2015-2016 UCI CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP SELECTION CRITERIA

September 16, 2015 Las Vegas, USA
October 18, 2015 Valkenburg, Netherlands
November 22, 2015 Koksijde, Belgium
December 20, 2015 Namur, Belgium
December 26, 2015 Heusden-Zolder, Belgium
January 17, 2016 Lignieres-en-Berry, France
January 24, 2016 Hoogerheide, Netherlands

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how a rider can “automatically” qualify for nomination to the 2015/16 World Cup starting positions. In cases where there are available start positions after the automatic qualification process, those positions may be filled via discretionary nominations according to the USA Cycling Principles for Athlete Selection procedures. More information regarding USAC discretionary selection procedures can be found in the “General Team Selection Information” at <http://www.usacycling.org/team-selection-documents.htm>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The UCI has set forth World Cup Cyclo-Cross event rider quotas per nation. These quotas are as follows:

Elite Men

All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date will be pre-qualified for a World Cup start position. If there are less than eight (8) athletes in the top 50, up to eight (8) may be nominated. UCI Individual rankings include U23 men who are ranked inside the top 50 if there is not a separate U23 men’s race at that particular round of the UCI World Cup. If riders inside the top 50 UCI ranking choose not to accept their start position additional riders may be nominated to start up to a maximum of eight (8) riders. **For the Las Vegas round of the UCI CX World Cup the USA will receive a double allocation of start spots and will be allowed to enter up to 16 riders.**

Elite Women

All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date will be pre-qualified for a World Cup start position. If there are less than eight (8) athletes in the top 50, up to eight (8) may be nominated. UCI Individual rankings include U23 and Junior women who are ranked inside the top 50, if there is not a separate U23 or Junior women’s race at that particular round of the UCI World Cup. If riders inside the top 50 UCI ranking choose not to accept their start

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U23/ Junior Men

For stand-alone U23 and Junior UCI World Cups, there will not be a UCI pre-qualification list. For separate U23 or Junior men World Cup events up to six (6) athletes may start.

U23/Junior Women

No separate U23/Junior Women's World Cup races will be held.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USA Cycling will not be assuming financial responsibility for athletes or trade teams who wish to race in UCI World Cup events. If USAC chooses to send athletes and/or a national team to select world cups events, at their discretion and they may also choose to fund those athletes who have either met automatic criteria for that particular event or athletes nominated via discretionary nomination.

USA CYCLING CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. ALL pre-qualified rider requests for entry of individual U.S. athletes for World Cups must be submitted via email to Marc Gullickson at USA Cycling at mgullickson@usacycling.org. The UCI will accept only the official entry forms from USA Cycling for all athletes. **Do not send your forms to the UCI!** This registration form can be downloaded on the [Cyclo-cross World Cups page](#) of the USA Cycling website.
2. **The deadline for athletes to submit their entries to USA Cycling is by 3 p.m. MT no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the event.** Only USA Cycling's official entry form will be accepted. Make sure you specify the World Cup event and date. **No other forms, letters, or emails will be accepted in lieu of the official entry form.** Late entries will not be accepted. No exceptions.
3. Entered riders will check in at registration for each UCI World Cup. Details on registration and event entry can be found on the UCI website. If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is attending a WCS event, 36 hours prior to the event each rider is responsible for 1) notifying the team coach/manager of his/her lodging arrangements and 2) conveying his/her license to coach/manager. **Any athlete entering but failing to register at the event will be charged the full entry fee by the UCI through USA Cycling.**
4. If you submitted an entry form but will not be able to attend, please notify Marc Gullickson at mgullickson@usacycling.org. It is the athlete's responsibility to cancel with USA Cycling. When entering World Cups, only register for those races that you will definitely be attending. **Each athlete will be responsible to pay any UCI fine for cancellation or no-show.** Details on eligibility and event entry can be found on the [UCI website](#). All World Cup entry forms should be emailed to: mgullickson@usacycling.org

Remember to allow time to meet the deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.

USA CYCLING CYCLO-CROSS WORLD CUP PETITION INSTRUCTIONS

1. All Elite riders who do NOT pre-qualify for a Cyclo-Cross World Cup start and wish to be considered for a discretionary start should submit a Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form **by 3 p.m. MT no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the event.**
2. All U23 and Junior riders that wish to be considered for a discretionary start in a Cyclo-Cross World Cup should submit a Discretionary Athlete Nomination Form **by 3 p.m. no later than three (3) weeks in advance of the event.**

COMPETITION CLOTHING

All U23Men and Junior Men are required by the UCI to compete in the competition kit of their respective National Teams if racing in a separate U23 Men's or Junior Men's World Cup race. If U23 Men race in the Elite Men's event at a World Cup they are not required to wear National Team kit. As a member of the Team USA, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, you will be provided with competition clothing which you will be required to wear during all training sessions and competitions. All U23 and Junior athletes who do not meet automatic criteria will be required to purchase National Team competition kit. Please contact Marc Gullickson with credit card information.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

UCI Pre-qualified rider rankings for Elite Men and Elite Women will be published in advance of each World Cup entry start date according to the UCI ranking deadline timetable which can be found here:

1. UCI top 50 ranking dates:
 - 1.1. Las Vegas: August 1, 2015
 - 1.2. Valkenburg: September 21, 2015
 - 1.3. Koksijde: October 20, 2015
 - 1.4. Namur: November 24, 2015
 - 1.5. Heusden-Zolder: November 24, 2015
 - 1.6. Lignieres-en-Berry: December 28, 2015
 - 1.7. Hoogerheide: December 28, 2015
2. USA Cycling Discretionary Athlete Petition deadlines:
 - 2.1. Las Vegas: August 24, 2015
 - 2.2. Valkenburg: September 25, 2015
 - 2.3. Koksijde: October 30, 2015
 - 2.4. Namur: November 27, 2015
 - 2.5. Heusden-Zolder: November 27, 2015
 - 2.6. Lignieres-en-Berry: December 23, 2015
 - 2.7. Hoogerheide: December 30, 2015
3. Final announcement of the USA Cycling World Cup Teams: 2 weeks before the specific World Cup event.

CRITERIA FOR AUTOMATIC NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 18 and over

Athletes may receive World Cup starts based on the following prioritized criteria if start positions remain after the automatic positions are filled up to a total of 8 riders and 16 riders for the Las Vegas World Cup:

1. All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above.
2. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year's World Championships in the same category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2015 USA Cycling Elite Men's National Cyclo-Cross Champion
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Elite Women

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 18 and over

Athletes may receive World Cup starts based on the following prioritized criteria if start positions remain after the automatic positions are filled up to a total of 8 riders and 16 riders for the Las Vegas World Cup:

1. All U.S. eligible athletes ranked inside the top 50 of the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above.
2. Any athlete placing in the top ten (10) at the prior year's World Championships in the same category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.

3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category provided that race is held in its entirety and run under UCI regulations. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2015 USA Cycling Elite Women's National Cyclo-Cross Champion
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

U23 Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 18 and over

Maximum Funded Positions: 6

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 category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
2. The top three (3) ranked athletes on the UCI Individual ranking on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup as listed above may be nominated provided those athletes are ranked in the top 100 on the UCI Individual Elite Men ranking.
3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category.
4. The 2015 USA Cycling U23 Men's National Cyclo-Cross Champion provided they are racing in the same age category.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).

Junior Men

Eligible Participants: USAC International License Holders; Age 18 and over

Maximum Funded Positions: 6

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 category. If more than one rider meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
2. The top three (3) ranked athletes on the UCI Individual ranking on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup as listed above may be nominated provided those athletes are ranked in the top twenty (20) on the UCI Individual ranking.
3. Any U.S. eligible athlete finishing in the top ten (10) in a UCI World Cup race in the previous twelve (12) months in the same category. If more than one (1) athlete meets this criterion, then the athlete with the highest ranking on the UCI Individual rankings on the designated ranking date per each individual round of the world cup listed above may be nominated.
4. The 2015 USA Cycling Junior Men's National Cyclo-Cross Champion provided they are racing in the same age category.
5. If positions remain after considering the preceding criterion, then athletes may be selected by the USA Cycling Selection Committee following USA Cycling Principles of Athlete Selection (www.usacycling.org).