



CYCLOCROSS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FAYETTEVILLE, AR

presented by **THE METEOR**

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

According to USA Cycling's National Championship eligibility requirements and UCI Regulation 1.1.033, only riders with a **USA sporting nationality** are eligible to earn the title of **USA National Champion**.

Riders who hold a current USA Cycling license but have the sporting nationality of another country are welcome to compete in the National Championships unless otherwise specified below; however, they **are not eligible to earn the title of National Champion, receive the National Champion jersey, or be recognized as the National Champion**.

You must present your license during on-site registration times to pick up race numbers prior to course practice and/or competition. Registration times are listed in the event schedule.

All registered competitors are subject to anti-doping testing and, if chosen for drug testing, are required to comply with the applicable regulations. Noncompliance or refusing to be tested will result in the same penalties as a doping violation.

Elite U23 Junior 17-18	Must be a United States citizen and have a current: • USA Cycling International License with a USA Sporting Nationality OR • A foreign International License with a USA Sporting Nationality Riders holding a USA Cycling domestic race license will need to log into their USA Cycling account and upgrade their race license to an international/UCI race license. Please note, riders may be required to provide proof of US citizenship prior to your license being valid. If you have any questions, please email membership@usacycling.org for assistance. Riders must meet all eligibility, licensing, category, and age requirements as indicated in this document.
Juniors 11 -16 Masters Single Speed Non-binary/Open	Must be a United States citizen and have a current: • USA Cycling International License or • A foreign International License or • USA Cycling Domestic Annual License OR Must be a Permanent Resident (verified) and have a current: • USA Cycling International License or • USA Cycling Domestic Annual License
Youth (6-10)	Must be a United States citizen, have a current USA Cycling license, and be at least 6 years old and no older than cyclocross race age 10. <i>One-day licenses are not available.</i>
Collegiate	Must have a current: • USA Cycling Annual License or • A foreign UCI License

	Must be acknowledged as a member of a recognized USA Cycling Collegiate program.
Non-Championship Relay	Must have either a current USA Cycling annual license or a valid UCI Foreign Federation license. <i>One-day licenses are not available.</i>

CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS AND FIELD LIMITS

At registration, all participants competing in the USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships MUST hold the minimum required cyclocross category for their respective races as noted below. **Riders will compete in their respective age-group based on their official racing age determined on December 31, 2027.** "Racing up or down" per 1H4(c) is not allowed in this event.

If age groups are scheduled on course at the same time, field limits will be the combined number of riders on course.

Each license allows for promotion to higher categories according to certain guidelines. Please see [Policy VIII Race Category Upgrading and Downgrading](#) for information.

If you would like to request an upgrade, please see [upgrade instructions here](#).

ELITE

The **Elite categories** are open to riders with a race age of 19 or older. Category restrictions will apply as listed below.

Men	Categories 1-2
Women	Categories 1-3

U23

The **U23** classes are open to riders with a race age of 19-22. Category restrictions will apply as listed below.

Riders in this age group are eligible to enter either the U23 OR the Elite categories (not both).

Men/Women	Categories 1-3
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MASTERS

Entry into the Elite race at Nationals does not prohibit riders from competing in the Masters events. *However, riders meeting one or more of the following criteria **must** enter the Elite categories:*

1. Has a racing age of 30 years or older and has been a member of any UCI Registered Team at any time in the current cyclocross season, **or**
2. Has a racing age of 30 years or older and has competed in any **elite** UCI World Cups, World Championships, Pan American Championship, Pan American or Olympic Games within the current calendar year, **or**
3. Has a racing age of 30 years or older and has 100 or more points in the UCI individual cyclocross ranking published after the first World Cup of the current season.

Men 30-54	Categories 1-3
Men 55+	All categories
Women 30+	All categories

JUNIORS / YOUTH

Men 17-18	Categories 1-3
Women 17-18	All categories
Men/Women 15-16	All categories
Men/Women 13-14	All categories
Men/Women 11-12	All categories
Men/Women 6-10	All categories

SINGLESPEED

Men/Women	All categories
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NON-BINARY/OPEN

At non-elite competition levels, a member may self-select non-binary through the registration process if the gender on their USA Cycling account is listed as non-binary. If a question should arise about a member's eligibility to participate in a manner consistent with their chosen gender, any member may lodge a protest with the Chief Referee up to fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the event. In such a situation, USA Cycling may use the following criteria to determine a member's eligibility to enter a chosen gender based on evidence of one or more of the following:

- Does the member's gender in their "everyday life" match their registered USAC gender for the year they are racing at Nationals?
- Has the member registered and completed a race as a non-binary person during the past year at a race where a non-binary category was offered?
- Attestation of non-gender identity by a personal or professional reference.

If USA Cycling determines a violation has occurred, disciplinary actions may be taken as noted in [Policy III](#).

There are no category restrictions for the Non-binary/Open race.

COLLEGIATE

Each [conference director](#) must confirm all riders who want to participate have met the minimum race requirements, if applicable.

All registered riders/teams must complete the USA Cycling Collegiate National Championship [eligibility verification form](#) upon registering and email it directly to vdrummond@usacycling.org.

- Teams may enter a total of 8 men and 8 women at the national championship.
- Teams may enter up to 4 riders for the team relay. See the Collegiate Team Relay section below for details on team composition.

There are no category restrictions for the Collegiate races.