



## USA CYCLING SELECTION GUIDELINES 2026 UCI BMX FREESTYLE WORLD CUPS

### **QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be invited to a USA Cycling 2026 UCI BMX Freestyle World Cup Team ("Team"). Athletes are encouraged to [submit a petition](#) to be considered for a Team.

The UCI BMX World Cup entries are open to any athlete with a UCI International License.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Elite Men & Women: Racing age 15 and over
- Athletes must be eligible to represent the United States in a Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) competition.
- Athletes must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI.
- Athletes must be in good standing with USA Cycling, the UCI, the US Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency.
- Athletes must have 100% participation in monthly performance meetings scheduled with USA Cycling Sport Performance staff, unless given written permission to miss a required meeting from the Chief of Sports Performance.
- If invited, athletes are required to participate in all Team USA training camps and race programs from January 1, 2026-December 1, 2026, as required by the USA Cycling Sport Performance staff, unless given written permission to miss a required team event from the Chief of Sports Performance.

### **METHODS OF INVITATION**

Athletes can be invited to be part of the Team through discretionary invitations.

Athletes interested in participating in a UCI World Cup on a Team are encouraged to [submit](#) a petition for each World Cup.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

USA Cycling will provide one economy class, single destination airfare, which includes up to 3 pieces of luggage: Up to two bikes plus one suitcase each under 50lbs (excess weight or additional bag charges are the responsibility of the athlete). USA Cycling will also provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at the event location, all mechanical/race support, race entry fees and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling.

## **COMPETITION AND CASUAL CLOTHING**

As a member of a Team representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, athletes will be provided with competition clothing that must be worn during all official training sessions and competitions. Athletes will also be provided with casual clothing that is required to be worn at official Team functions and while participating in activities as a Team member.

All competition and casual clothing worn must be the **current edition issued by USA Cycling**, accurately representing current sponsors and partners. **Clothing from previous years or editions is not permitted** under any circumstances.

Failure to comply with Team clothing requirements may result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the Team.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **Deadline for submission of petitions:**

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| UCI World Cup #1 | Montpellier, FRA | April 1, 2026     |
| UCI World Cup #2 | Birmingham, AL   | July 1, 2026      |
| UCI World Cup #3 | Shanghai, CHN    | September 1, 2026 |
| UCI World Cup #4 | Sakai JPN        | October 1, 2026   |

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## **INVITATION CONSIDERATIONS**

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## **EVENT SELECTION STRATEGY**

USA Cycling will use a targeted and performance-based event selection strategy for BMX Freestyle World Cup competitions, balancing immediate medal objectives with long-term athlete development. For elite competitors, selection priority will be given to athletes assessed as internationally medal capable, defined as riders who consistently demonstrate the ability to qualify within the top 12 and advance to the final round of World Cup competition. These athletes form the core competitive group for each event and represent the highest likelihood of podium-level outcomes.

In addition, USA Cycling may select a limited number of development athletes who are demonstrating clear progression, strong training and competitive commitment, and positive contributions as team members. These athletes will be selected where international World Cup exposure is deemed beneficial to their development and where there is a reasonable expectation that the experience will accelerate their progression toward future medal capability. Selection decisions will consider performance trajectory, readiness for the competitive environment, and alignment with longer-term Olympic and World Championship objectives.

The USA Cycling Sport Performance staff will be particularly interested in the following information (in no particular order):

#### **Events**

- 2024 -2025 UCI World Championships
- 2024-2025 UCI BMX World Cup events – Results, including individual race performances and overall standings
- 2025- 2026 UCI BMX Continental Championships – Podium finishes
- 2025 X-Games Events
- 2024 Olympic Games
- **Current UCI Individual BMX Racing – World ranking**
- **2026 US Cycling National Champion – Elite**

#### **Experience with USA Cycling National Team Programs**

- Athletes with the National Team Designation
- Prior World Championships Team Members
- Monthly Performance Review participation

#### **Pre-Event Training Camps**

- Field Testing
- Camp Participation
- Sport Performance Coaching Recommendations

*USA Cycling reserves the right to modify the Team size at any time.*