



UCI CYCLOCROSS WORLD CUP SELECTION GUIDELINES 2025-2026

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be invited to a 2025-2026 UCI Cyclocross World Cup.

ELIGIBILITY

- Elite Men and Women – Aged 19 and over as of December 31st, 2025 (born on or after January 1, 2007)
- U23 Men and Women – Aged 19-22 as of December 31st, 2025 (born in 2003 through 2007)
- Junior Men and Women – Aged 17-18 as of December 31st, 2026 (born in 2009 through 2010)
- All nominees must have a valid UCI International Racing License and meet all eligibility requirements of USA Cycling and the UCI.
- All nominees must be in good standing with USA Cycling, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).
- **Minimum Standards for U23 Men and Women in World Cup Competition:**

2024-2025 Season

2025-2026 Season

2026-2027 Season

Top one hundred fifty (150) Individual UCI Ranking.

Top one hundred twenty-five (125) Individual UCI Ranking.

Top one hundred (100) Individual UCI Ranking.

UCI ATHLETE QUOTAS

The UCI Cyclocross World Cup event rider quotas are as follows:

In UCI cyclo-cross world cup events for Elite Men and Elite Women, athletes ranked in the top 50 of the last UCI cyclo-cross ranking published when the registration process starts are pre-qualified. Federations entering less than 8 pre-qualified athletes can expand their selection to a total of 8 entries.

Pre-qualified athletes are eligible for selection at the discretion of the federation of their nationality, with a maximum of 12 athletes per nation and in respect of the 6 following cases:

- A federation having 6 prequalified athletes will select its 6 best ranked athletes and 2 athletes of its choice,
- A federation having 7 prequalified athletes will select its 7 best ranked athletes and 1 athlete of its choice,
- A federation having 8 prequalified athletes will select its 8 best ranked athletes and 1 athlete of

its choice,

- A federation having 9 prequalified athletes will select its 8 best ranked athletes and 2 athletes of its choice,
- A federation having 10 prequalified athletes will select its 8 best ranked athletes and 3 athletes of its choice,
- A federation having 11 or more prequalified athletes will select its 8 best ranked athletes and 4 athletes of its choice.

For World Cup events which do not include a U23 Men's race and for all Elite Women's World Cup events, each national federation entering 8 or more riders, may, in addition, enter 2 Under 23 riders.

In UCI cyclo-cross World Cup events for Under 23 Men, Junior Women and Junior Men, each federation may enter 6 riders. The federations concerned may additionally enter the reigning World Champions and (except for the first UCI cyclo-cross World Cup event of the season) the leaders of the last UCI cyclo-cross World Cup ranking published before the closing date for entries.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- ***All athletes must submit a petition/online entry request for each World Cup in which they wish to compete. Athletes must submit an entry request via this [form](#).***
- The deadline for all athletes to submit a petition/online entry request to USA Cycling is by 3 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on Friday, four weeks before each World Cup.
- World Cup Pre-qualified athletes will be determined by the latest UCI Individual rankings posted before the registration date (typically on the Tuesday, 12 days before each World Cup event).
- When applying for nomination to a UCI Cyclocross World Cup, only submit a petition/online entry request form for those races you will attend.
- It is the athlete's responsibility to notify the USA Cycling Director of Cyclocross if he/she is withdrawing from a World Cup after having applied for a start position either by pre-qualification, automatic or discretionary nomination.
- If an athlete fails to notify the USA Cycling Director of Cyclocross that they are withdrawing from a World Cup, the athlete will be responsible for all fines and fees levied by the UCI.
- The announcement of each USA Cycling World Cup Roster will be released two Wednesdays prior to each World Cup event (typically eleven days prior).
- USA Cycling will register all qualified athletes for each World Cup.
- Start requests/petitions which do not provide complete information (housing information, phone number, etc.) may not be accepted.
- If a USA Cycling team coach/manager is attending a World Cup event, he/she will attend the manager's meeting and pick up all race numbers, pit passes, and other pertinent materials for athletes not on UCI-registered cyclocross teams.
- Each athlete will be responsible for paying any applicable UCI fine for cancellation or non-participation.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

USA Cycling does not assume financial responsibility for athletes or trade teams wishing to race at UCI World Cup events. However, USA Cycling may choose to send a National Team to select World Cup

events, providing support for the athletes selected. When a rider competes at a UCI Cyclocross World Cup event with the support of the USA Cycling National Team or Development Program, they are required to wear all USA Cycling National Team clothing and use all USA Cycling provided sponsor materials.

COMPETITION CLOTHING

At UCI World Cups, all U23 Men, Junior Men and Junior Women are required by the UCI to compete in the competition kit of their respective National Teams. If U23 Men race in an Elite Men's World Cup, they are not required by the UCI to wear National Team kit.

If you are selected for a Junior World Cup block, USA Cycling will provide you with a National Team Kit. If you are not on a Junior Block and are required to wear the National Team uniform at a World Cup, you may purchase the team kit through the Team USA Cuore [store](#).

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Selection of Elite and U23 riders will be made 2 weeks in advance of each World Cup.

INVITATION CONSIDERATIONS - ELITE MEN & WOMEN, U23 MEN & WOMEN

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

- UCI Individual Cyclocross ranking
- Results from the 2025 UCI Pan-American Continental Championships
- Results from the 2025 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championships
- Times on courses (or portions of courses) of similar length or course profile
- Athlete power data
- Consistency of results
- Race specific proficiency (tactics, skills, acumen)
- Fitness/form/training stress-balance/athlete readiness

JUNIOR MEN AND WOMEN

During the 2025–2026 UCI Cyclocross World Cup season, USA Cycling will field full Junior Men's and Women's teams. The season will include two separate Junior World Cup race blocks, each with its own invitation process.

For Junior World Cup Race Block #1, athletes will be invited to participate with USA Cycling based on a designated domestic series.

JUNIOR WORLD CUP RACE BLOCK #1

November 23	Tabor, CZE
November 30	Flamanville, FRA

Junior World Cup Series events for Race Block #1 (US CX Series Events)

September 20 & 21	Rochester
October 4 & 5	Trek CX Cup
October 18 & 19	Kings

October 25 & 26

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An athlete's **top four results** in the domestic series will count towards the overall standings.

Points Table

Place	C1 Points
1	80
2	60
3	40
4	30
5	25
6	20
7	17
8	15
9	12
10	10
11	8
12	6
13	4
14	2
15	1

Invitation for Junior World Cup Race Block #1 – *Invitations sent on October 29, 2025*

Up to 6 Athletes will be invited via this process:

- The top five (5) ranked athletes in the Junior World Cup Series
- The 2025 UCI Pan-American Continental Champion,

JUNIOR RACE BLOCK #2

Invitation for Junior World Cup Race Block #2 – *invitations sent on December 15, 2025*

Up to 6 Athletes will be invited.

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

- Top ten (10) results at a UCI Junior World Cup during Junior World Cup Racing Block #1
- Top five (5) results at a UCI Junior Super Prestige or X20 C1 event between the dates of October 1, 2025, and November 31, 2025
- 2025 UCI Pan-American Continental Championship results
- 2025 USA Cycling Cyclocross National Championship results