



USA CYCLING SELECTION GUIDELINES 2026 UCI BMX RACE WORLD CUPS

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below, you will find information on how an athlete can be invited to a USA Cycling 2026 UCI BMX 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

- Any athlete classed as Junior (17-18), U23 (19-22), or Elite, are eligible to compete.
 - In UCI World Cups, Juniors compete in the U23 category.
- 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.
- If asked to attend, 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-October 30, 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:

UCI World Cup #1	Sarrains, FRA	May 1, 2026
UCI World Cup #2	Papendal, NED	May 1, 2026
UCI World Cup #3	TBD, China	August 1, 2026
UCI World Cup #4	Sarasota, USA	September 1, 2026

Communication of Nominated Team Members:

UCI World Cup #1	Sarrains, FRA	May 8, 2026
UCI World Cup #2	Papendal, NED	May 8, 2026
UCI World Cup #3	TBD, China	August 8, 2026
UCI World Cup #4	Sarasota, USA	September 8, 2026

INVITATION CONSIDERATIONS

UCI World Cup #1	Sarrains, FRA
UCI World Cup #2	Papendal, NED

EVENT SELECTION STRATEGY

Elite Men and Women

For UCI BMX Racing World Cups #1 and #2, USA Cycling will prioritize the selection of elite men and women athletes who have demonstrated the ability to be competitive at the World Cup level or who are clearly on a trajectory toward World Cup Finals performance (top 8). Competitive readiness will be evidenced by an athlete's ability to reach World Cup Finals or by consistently advancing to the semi-final rounds in World Cup competition.

Selection decisions will emphasize recent international performance trends, progression across successive World Cup events, and demonstrated capacity to perform under World Cup racing conditions. Athletes selected for these events are expected to show performance indicators consistent with finals-level potential rather than isolated results, ensuring that World Cup participation aligns with podium-capable development and long-term Olympic performance objectives.

Jr / U23 Men and Women

The Junior and U23 Men and Women category is designated as a **development-focused selection tier**, with the objective of preparing athletes for sustained success at the elite World Cup and Olympic levels. Selection within this category will prioritize athletes who have demonstrated the ability to compete effectively in international competition or who are showing clear progression toward elite-level competitiveness.

Selection decisions will be based on a combination of international results, demonstrated performance trajectory, and objective ranking benchmarks, with the intent of accelerating the development of

internationally capable Junior and U23 athletes while ensuring World Cup participation is performance-aligned and purposeful.

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

Elite Men and Women

- 2025 UCI BMX World Cup events – Results, including individual race performances and overall standings
- 2025 UCI BMX World Championships – Top eight (8) finish
- 2026 UCI BMX Continental Championships – Podium finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX European Series events – Podium finishes at the following rounds:
 - Rounds 1 & 2 – Italy (March 14–15)
 - Rounds 5 & 6 – Czechia (April 25–26)
 - Rounds 7 & 8 – France (May 16–17)
- Current UCI Individual BMX Racing - World Ranking
- 2026 US Cycling National Champion – Elite
- Additional Performance Markers – See Appendix A

Jr / U23 Men and Women

- 2025 UCI BMX World Championships – Top eight (8) finish
- 2025 UCI BMX World Cup events – Results, including individual race performances and overall standings
- 2026 UCI BMX Continental Championships – Podium finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX European Series – Event winners by U23 and Junior Men/Women athletes at the following rounds:
 - Rounds 1 & 2 – Italy (March 14–15)
 - Rounds 5 & 6 – Czechia (April 25–26)
 - Rounds 7 & 8 – France (May 16–17)
- Current UCI Individual BMX Racing – World ranking
- 2026 USA BMX ABA Futures Nationals – Event winners:
 - Legacy National, Tulsa, OK (May 2): winner may be considered for selection to European UCI BMX World Cups in June.
- 2026 US Cycling National Champion – Jr and U23
- Additional Performance Markers – See Appendix A

INVITATION CONSIDERATIONS

UCI World Cup #3	TBD, China
UCI World Cup #4	Sarasota, US

EVENT SELECTION STRATEGY

Elite Men and Women

For UCI BMX Racing World Cups #3 and #4, USA Cycling will continue to prioritize the selection of elite men and women athletes who have demonstrated the ability to be competitive at the World Cup level or who are clearly on a trajectory toward World Cup Finals performance. Competitive readiness will be evidenced by an athlete's ability to reach World Cup Finals or by consistently advancing to the semi-final rounds in World Cup competition.

With the commencement of the Olympic qualification period, selection decisions for World Cups #3 and #4 will place additional emphasis on World Cup overall standings and the accumulation of Olympic qualification points, while maintaining the same performance standards applied to World Cups #1 and #2. Athletes selected are expected not only to demonstrate finals-level capability but also to contribute meaningfully to USA Cycling's Olympic qualification objectives.

Selection will be informed by recent international performance trends, progression across successive World Cup events, demonstrated consistency at the semi-final and final levels (top 8 result), and the athlete's capacity to perform under the competitive and strategic demands associated with Olympic qualification racing. Participation in World Cups #3 and #4 is intended to balance immediate competitive results with strategic point accumulation in support of long-term Olympic medal objectives.

Jr / U23 Men and Women

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Selection decisions will be based on a combination of international results, demonstrated performance trajectory, and objective ranking benchmarks, with the intent of accelerating the development of internationally capable Junior and U23 athletes while ensuring World Cup participation is performance-aligned and purposeful.

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

Elite Men and Women

- 2026 UCI BMX World Championships – Top eight (8) finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX World Cup events (World Cups #1 & #2) – Top eight (8) finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX Continental Championships – Podium finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX European Series events – Podium finishes at the following rounds:
 - Rounds 1 & 2 – Italy (March 14–15)
 - Rounds 5 & 6 – Czechia (April 25–26)
 - Rounds 7 & 8 – France (May 16–17)
- Current UCI Individual BMX Racing – World Cup ranking
- 2026 USA Cycling National Championships – Elite National Champion
- 2025 UCI BMX World Cup events – Results, including individual race performances and overall standings
- 2025 UCI BMX World Championships – Top eight (8) finishes
- Additional performance markers – See Appendix A

Jr / U23 Men and Women

- 2026 UCI BMX World Championships – Top eight (8) finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX World Cup events (World Cups #1 & #2) – Top sixteen (16) finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX Continental Championships – Podium finishes
- 2026 UCI BMX European Series events – Event winners by U23 and Junior Men/Women athletes at the following rounds:
 - Rounds 1 & 2 – Italy (March 14–15)

- Rounds 5 & 6 – Czechia (April 25–26)
 - Rounds 7 & 8 – France (May 16–17)
- Current UCI Individual BMX Racing – World ranking
- 2026 USA BMX ABA Futures National events – Event winners: Derby City National, Louisville, KY, (Sept 5): winner may be considered for selection to USA UCI BMX World Cups in September
- 2026 USA Cycling National Championships – Junior and U23 National Champion
- 2025 UCI BMX World Cup events – Results, including individual race performances and overall standings
- Additional performance markers – See Appendix A

Appendix A

Additional Performance Markers

Experience with USA Cycling National Team Programs

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

Previous Results and Performances

- 2024 Olympic Games
- 2023 Pan Am Games

Pre-Event Training Camps

- Field Testing
- Camp Participation
- Sport Performance Coaching Recommendations