



USA CYCLING ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA
2026 Pan American DHI Continental Championships
March 5-8, 2026
Saparina, Brazil

SELECTION AND QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can qualify for nomination to the 2026 UCI Pan American DHI Continental Championship Team ("Team"). There are extensive Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) requirements for entry into 2026 UCI Pan American DHI Continental Championship Team at the nation, event and individual levels. Those requirements can be found on the UCI website under rules and regulations – Continental Championships: <https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>

ELIGIBILITY

- Elite Women and Men: Racing age 19 years and older.
- Junior Women and Men: Racing age 17 and 18.
- Athlete must be eligible to represent the United States in a 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, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).
- ***Any athlete who wishes to be considered for this event must submit a petition.***

Submit a petition [here](#).

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

All athletes participating on the Team will be responsible for organizing and paying for all travel, food and lodging costs associated with the event. *USA Cycling will not assume financial responsibility for any athletes selected to the Team.* In addition, all athletes will be responsible for paying a service fee ("Fee") of \$150.00 which will cover one week of travel insurance and administration expenses.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Deadline for Submission of Petitions:

February 2, 2026

Team Selection:

Week of February 10, 2026

Eligible athletes can submit interest in the event [here](#).

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO THE TEAM

Elite Women and Men

Maximum Quota Positions: TBD

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1. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on their ranking in the UCI Individual Elite Rankings as of February 3, 2026. Selections will be made in descending order, starting with the highest-ranked rider and continuing until all available quotas are filled or all petitions have been considered.

Junior Women and Men

Maximum Quota Spots: TBD

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1. Athletes will be nominated to the team based on their ranking in the UCI Individual Junior Rankings as of February 3, 2026. Selections will be made in descending order, starting with the highest-ranked rider and continuing until all available quotas are filled or all petitions have been considered.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION ON THE TEAM

1. Athletes who are eligible for selection to the Team will be contacted by USA Cycling by phone and/or email the week of **February 10th** of their (non)selection. Selected athletes must commit to a position on the Team within 72 hours from notification by USA Cycling or they may forfeit their place on the Team.
2. If an athlete declines a spot on the Team (or fails to commit as per #1 above), that spot will then be filled in accordance with the procedures described above. An athlete declining a position must submit their declination in writing.

Alternates: An athlete who is withdrawn from the Team due to illness, injury or any other reason may be replaced in accordance with the Team procedures described above or by a previously nominated Alternate.

3. Athletes named to the Team are required to maintain fitness and prepare properly for the event's travel and competition. An athlete is required to report any situation that may affect the athlete's ability to travel and compete to their Discipline Director in a timely fashion.
4. **Alteration:** USA Cycling reserves the right, based on consultation with the UCI, the USOPC, and the State Department, to alter the conditions of travel for this team trip if conditions in the host country warrant.
5. **Anti-Doping Requirements:** Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, UCI, ITA, USADA, USA Cycling and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, UCI, ITA, USADA, USA Cycling and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

6. An athlete may be removed from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, WADA, UCI, ITA, USADA, USA Cycling, and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies, and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy, and USA Cycling's Safe Sport Program, as applicable.
7. In addition to Eligibility Criteria outlined above, each athlete 18 years of age or older must complete and pass USA Cycling's background screen and SafeSport training program. All athletes under 18 years of age must complete SafeSport for Youth training and USA Cycling's onboarding. Athletes in both age categories must sign the National Team Program Agreement.
8. **Financial Responsibility:** Service fee is **due by February 22nd**

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9. **Casual and Competition Clothing:** As a member of the Team, representing USA Cycling and the United States of America, athletes are required to wear national federation clothing during all trainings and competitions. Athletes must wear the complete kit of the current design registered with the UCI. A link to purchase the jersey will be shared with those selected to the team at the time of confirmation.