



**USA CYCLING SELECTION GUIDELINES  
JUNIOR WOMEN & MEN - Aged 17-18  
NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM TRIPS  
2026**

**QUALIFICATION INFORMATION**

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be invited to a USA Cycling 2025 Junior Road National Team Program Trip ("a Trip").

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Junior Women and Men: Racing age 17-18
- 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, UCI, U.S. Center for SafeSport and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA)

**METHODS OF INVITATION**

Athletes can be invited to a trip by meeting the automatic criteria outlined in this document or through discretionary invitation.

Athletes interested in being considered can email Tanner Putt: [tputt@usacycling.org](mailto:tputt@usacycling.org)

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**

**AUTOMATIC INVITATIONS**

Athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria will be provided with an economy class roundtrip ticket and baggage expenses for one bike and one suitcase. USA Cycling will provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at the event location, all mechanical/race support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling.

**DISCRETIONARY INVITATIONS**

**First National Team Program Trip:** USA Cycling will provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at event location, all mechanical/race support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. ***Athletes are responsible for purchasing their airfare and baggage expenses. In addition, athletes may be asked to contribute a team service fee to help offset some of the operational costs of the Trip.***

**Second National Team Program Trip:** USA Cycling will provide competition and casual clothing,

lodging/food, ground transportation at the event location, all mechanical/race support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. ***Athletes are responsible for splitting the cost of their economy class roundtrip airfare with USA Cycling and covering their own excess baggage expenses.*** In addition, athletes may be asked to contribute a team service fee to help offset some of the operational costs of a Trip.

**Third National Team Program Trip:** USA Cycling will provide competition and casual clothing, lodging/food, ground transportation at the event location, all mechanical/race support, and travel insurance throughout the duration of the event with USA Cycling. ***Athletes will be provided with an economy class roundtrip ticket. Athletes will remain responsible for the cost of their own excess baggage expenses.*** Athletes may be asked to contribute a team service fee to help offset some of the operational costs of a Trip.

Financial assistance for Trips may be available from the USA Cycling Foundation through the Wyatt Weisel Grant Program. For more information and to apply for a grant, click [here](#).

## **INVITATION PROCESS**

### **Automatic Criteria for Invitation – FULLY FUNDED**

- The Men and Women Overall General Classification (GC) winner of **Valley of the Sun Stage Race, Phoenix, AZ: February 13-15**, provided that the race is held in its entirety, will be invited on a Trip (2 Invitations).
- The Men and Women Overall General Classification (GC) winner of **La Primavera, Lago Vista, TX: February 27 –March 1**, provided that the race is held in its entirety, will be invited on a Trip (2 Invitations).
- The Men and Women Overall General Classification (GC) winner of **Tour of America's Dairyland, Wisconsin, WI: June TBD** provided that the race is held in its entirety, will be invited on a Trip (2 Invitations).
- The Men and Women winner of the **Junior 17 -18 Individual Time Trial National Championships**, provided that the race is held in its entirety, will be invited on a Trip (2 Invitations).
- The Men and Women winner of the **Junior 17 -18 Road Race National Championships**, provided that the race is held in its entirety, will be invited on a Trip (2 Invitations).

### **Discretionary Criteria for Invitations – TIERED FUNDING**

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

- Experience with USA Cycling National Team Programs:
  - Athletes with the National Team Designation
  - Prior World Championships Team members
- 2025 Road Season results and performances at:

- Road World Championships
- Nations Cup (2.NC,1.NC)
- UCI European race results
- USA Cycling National Championships: Road Race, Time Trial and Criterium
- USA Cycling National Talent ID Camp
- La Primavera, Lago Vista, TX
- Valley of the Sun, Phoenix, AZ
- Tour of America's Dairyland, Wisconsin, WI
- Redlands Bicycle Classic, Redlands, CA
- 2026 Road Season results and performances at:
  - UCI European race results
  - USA Cycling National Championships: Road Race, Time Trial and Criterium
  - Swamp Classic, Gainesville, FL
  - La Primavera, Lago Vista, TX
  - Valley of the Sun, Phoenix, AZ
  - Outdoor Capital Classic, Jackson, GA
  - Tour of North Georgia, Clarkesville, GA
  - Tour of America's Dairyland, Wisconsin, WI
  - Redlands Bicycle Classic, Redlands, CA
  - Green Mountain Stage Race, Waitsfield, VT
- Stand-out performances in other cycling disciplines:
  - Track Endurance
  - XCO MTB
  - Cyclocross
  - Gravel
- Referrals (e.g., coach, team)

### **Key Staff Members**

- Jim Miller // Chief of Sport Performance // [jmiller@usacycling.org](mailto:jmiller@usacycling.org)
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