



**USA CYCLING SELECTION GUIDELINES
ELITE WOMEN & U23 MEN
NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAMS
2026**

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

Below you will find information on how an athlete can be invited on a U23 Women or U23 Men National Team Program Trip ("Trip").

ELIGIBILITY

- Racing age 19-22
- 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 be part of the Team through discretionary invitation.

Athletes interested in being considered can email Tanner Putt: tputt@usacycling.org

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

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 CONSIDERATIONS

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

- Experience with USA Cycling National Team Programs:
 - Athletes with the National Team Designation
 - Prior World Championships Team members
- 2025 season results and performances at:
 - UCI Road World Championships
 - Nations Cup (2.NC,1.NC)
 - UCI European road races
 - USA Cycling National Championships: Road Race, Time Trial and Criterium
- Stand-out performances in other cycling disciplines:
 - Track Endurance
 - XCO MTB
 - Gravel
 - Cyclocross
- 2026 results and performances at:
 - European UCI races
 - European Nations Cups (2.NC, 1.NC)
 - Domestic results (Redlands, Gila, JMSR,)
 - USA Cycling National Championships: Road Race, Time Trial and Criterium
- Referrals (e.g., coach, team)

Key Staff Members

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