



PRO ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHARLESTON, WV

ELITE, U23, and JUNIOR 17-18

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All riders who want to compete at the 2026 Pro Road National Championships must meet all eligibility, licensing, category, and age requirements as indicated in this document.

LICENSING/CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to compete in the Pro Road National Championships all riders must:

Be a **United States citizen** and have a current:

- USA Cycling International (UCI) license with a USA sporting nationality **OR**
- A UCI license issued by a foreign federation with a USA sporting nationality

Riders holding a USA Cycling Domestic license will need to log onto their USA Cycling account, go to the Race License link, and upgrade their license. Please note, riders may need to provide proof of US citizenship before their license is valid. If you have any questions, please email membership@usacycling.org for assistance.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL

Race Ages

- **Elite** – racing age of 19 or older
- **U23** – racing age of 19-22; birth year 2004 – 2007 (*Riders in this age group are eligible to enter the U23 **AND** the Elite category*)
- **Junior** – racing age of 17-18; birth year 2008 – 2009

Domestic Elite Teams (DET) are limited to rosters submitted and approved by USA Cycling by March 31. *DET*s will be limited to eight (8) riders per event. If additional registration spots are still available on June 1, the additional spots will be allocated evenly across all DETs.

Per UCI regulation 1.2.028, USA Cycling has organized separate U23 and Elite Road Races, allowing U23 riders the ability to compete in both championship events. In addition, U23 riders are also allowed to enter both the U23 and Elite Criteriums.

Riders who do not meet the eligibility requirements to participate but feel they should be considered for eligibility may petition to USA Cycling using [this form](#). Petitions will be considered until May 31, unless field size is met.

Example: Rider racing outside the US on the foreign equivalent of a Domestic Elite team who shows exceptional results in international competition.

MEN ELITE (ME)

Time Trial	All riders registering for the Men Elite Time Trial must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above: 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team OR 3. At least 20 UCI Road ranking points, current ranking on May 15, 2026; OR 4. Top 10 finisher in the 2025 Men's Elite Time Trial Championship; OR 5. Any prior Men's Elite or Men's U23 Time Trial Champion from the previous 5 years.
Criterium	<p>All riders registering for the Men Elite Criterium must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team; OR 3. Top 10 riders in the 2025 American Criterium Calendar (ACC) series; OR 4. Any prior Men's Elite or Men's U23 Criterium champion from the previous 5 years; OR 5. Top 5 finisher in the 2025 Men's Elite Pro Criterium Championships; OR 6. Road Category 1 <p><i>All teams are limited to a max of 8 riders per team.</i></p>
Road Race	<p>All riders registering for the Men Elite Road Race must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team; OR 3. At least 20 UCI Road ranking points, current ranking on May 15, 2026; OR 4. Top 20 finisher of the 2025 Pro Road National Championship Race Road Race; OR 5. Any prior Men's Elite or Men's U23 Road Race National Champion from the previous 5 years.
WOMEN ELITE (WE)	
Time Trial	<p>All riders registering for the Women Elite Time Trial must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team; OR 3. Top 10 finisher in the 2025 Women's Elite Time Trial Championship; OR 4. Any prior Women's Elite or Women's U23 Time Trial Champion from the previous 5 years OR 5. Road Category 1 or Category 2.
Criterium	<p>All riders registering for the Women Elite Criterium must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team OR 3. Top 10 riders in the 2025 American Criterium Calendar (ACC) series; OR 4. Any prior Women's Elite or Women's U23 Criterium champion from the previous 5 years; OR 5. Top 5 finisher in the 2025 Women's Elite Criterium Championships; OR 6. Road Category 1 or Category 2.
Road Race	<p>All riders registering for the Women Elite Road Race must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team OR 3. Any prior Women's Elite or Women's U23 Road Race National Champion from the previous 5 years.

	4. Road Category 1 or Category 2.
MEN U23 (MU)	
Time Trial	All riders registering for the Men U23 Time Trial must meet the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above: 1. Road Category 1, Category 2, or Category 3.
Criterium Road Race	All riders registering for the Men U23 Criterium or Road Race must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above: 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team; OR 3. Road Category 1 or Category 2.
WOMEN U23 (WU)	
Time Trial	The Women U23 Time Trial is open to all categories and all riders must meet the General Eligibility Requirements above.
Criterium Road Race	All riders registering for the Women U23 Criterium or Road Race must meet <u>one</u> of the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above: 1. Members of a UCI registered trade team (road or cyclo-cross); OR 2. Members of a Domestic Elite Team; OR 3. Road Category 1 or Category 2 or Category 3.
MEN JUNIOR (MJ)	
Time Trial	The Men Junior Time Trial is open to all categories and all riders must meet the General Eligibility Requirements above.
Criterium Road Race	All riders registering for the Men Junior Criterium and Road Race must meet the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above: 1. Road Category 1 or Category 2 or Category 3.
WOMEN JUNIOR (WJ)	
Time Trial	The Women Junior Time Trial is open to all categories and all riders must meet the General Eligibility Requirements above.
Criterium Road Race	All riders registering for the Women Junior Criterium and Road Race must meet the following criteria, as well as the General Eligibility Requirements above: 1. Road Category 1 or Category 2 or Category 3.
REGULATION INFORMATION	
Time Trials: Conducted under UCI Regulations, including UCI equipment regulations, for all categories.	
Radios are allowed in all categories.	
Road Races: Conducted under UCI Regulations, including UCI equipment regulations, for all categories.	
Radios are allowed in the Men and Women Elite categories ONLY.	
Criteriums: All races will be run under USA Cycling Regulations. Please review the National Championship rules in the USA Cycling rulebook .	
Per the USA Cycling regulation 1J6, radios will only be permitted in the Elite and U23 categories.	

ANTI-DOPING

All registered competitors, regardless of category entered, are subject to anti-doping testing. If selected for testing, athletes are required to comply with the applicable rules. Noncompliance or refusing to be tested will result in the same penalties as a doping violation.

VEHICLES AND DRIVERS

Time Trial

- **Follow vehicles are permitted in Elite and U23 categories ONLY.**
- All drivers **must** hold a current **UCI Support License*** issued by USA Cycling or the equivalent from any other recognized National Federation.
- All drivers **must** be identified, and their license presented at rider confirmation.
- All drivers **must** attend the ITT Manager's Meeting as listed on the schedule. Any driver who does not attend the meeting will not be allowed to follow riders.
- The UCI vehicle height requirement is not in force for time trials, however extremely large vehicles (i.e. 15 passenger vans) are prohibited.

Road Race

- **Caravan vehicles are permitted in the Elite and U23 categories ONLY.**
- Caravan vehicles are only permitted for UCI and Domestic Elite teams.
- All vehicles **must** conform with UCI regulations. **Rear bike racks are prohibited.**
- All drivers **must** hold a current **UCI Support License*** issued by USA Cycling or the equivalent from any other recognized National Federation.
- All drivers **must** take the UCI Caravan Driver Training offered following the Team Manager meetings as listed on the schedule. Any driver who does not attend the meeting will not be allowed to drive in the caravan.

***The USA Cycling UCI Support License requires a current Safe Sport training certification, current background screening and current MVR. The background screening and MVR may take several days to complete. All three items may be initiated by logging on to your USA Cycling account. If you need assistance, please review the following [LINK](#).**

FIELD LIMITS

Criterium Championships

Men Elite	Field Limit: 175
Women Elite	Field Limit: 175
Men U23	Field Limit: 125
Women U23	Field Limit: 125
Men Junior 17-18	Field Limit: 100
Women Junior 17-18	Field Limit: 100

Road Race Championships

Men Elite	Field Limit: 200
Women Elite	Field Limit: 200
Men U23	Field Limit: 150
Women U23	Field Limit: 150
Men Junior 17-18	Field Limit: 125
Women Junior 17-18	Field Limit: 125