

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Selection Procedures
UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #4

Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

September 11 – 13, 2015

(note: Above dates are competition dates, actual trip dates are t.b.d.)

Eligibility for Consideration:

Only those athletes who have a valid U.S. passport, a valid USA Cycling International (UCI) license for the 2015 season and who have been internationally classified with an international sport class status of R-review or C-confirmed will be considered.

Criteria Guidelines:

- The High Performance Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.
- The team's maximum size will be 16 athletes, including tandem pilots, if applicable. No objective criteria will be applied.
- Discretionary nominations will be made based on review of eligible athlete petitions, in order to field the strongest, most sound team capable of meeting the TeamUSA goals for the event (see below). If fewer than 16 athletes meet the TeamUSA goals, the team size may be reduced accordingly.
 - Athlete petitions must be submitted online and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. mountain daylight time on Wednesday, August 5th, 2015 via the application linked at the following url:
<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/1720455/213059208/d717607507/?v=a>

Team USA Event Goals:

- Support athletes in contention to win the overall world cup title in their respective sport class
- Support athletes who are best positioned to score maximum UCI points towards slots for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

Performance criteria used to evaluate athlete performance for discretionary selection are as follows (in priority order):

1. An athlete in contention to win the 2015 overall world cup title in their sport class
2. An athlete positioned to be the top-ranked American athlete in their sport class – relative to the Rio 2016 (international) road ranking – as of August 4, 2015
3. An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to World Cup #4, intersects the current international performance standards to earn points to be applied towards Rio 2016 athlete slots

Support for Athletes Nominated to the Team

Fully Funded (6 athletes)

1. Athletes nominated to the roster who are ranked #1 or #2 in the world cup standings for their respective sport class, as of August 4, 2015, and who are mathematically in contention to win the overall world cup title will be fully funded for World Cup #4.
2. If additional fully funded slots remain, athletes nominated to the roster, who are best positioned to score maximum UCI points towards slots at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games will be fully funded.

Partially Funded (up to 10 athletes)

All additional athletes nominated to the roster will be partially funded, and will be subject to a \$1,600 (USD) service fee. All service fees must be paid by October 15, 2015.

All athletes nominated to the roster (both fully and partially funded) will receive the following support:

- Airfare (one roundtrip ticket to cover World Cup #4)
- Lodging and food in Pietermaritzburg
- Coaching (during event), soigneur, and mechanical support
- Ground Transportation during the event
- Team USA competition and casual clothing
- Traveled insurance for the duration of the event