

2015 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Road World Cup Team Selection Criteria World Cups #1 and #2

Maniago Italy (June 5-7, 2015) and Yverdon-les-bains Switzerland (June 13-16, 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 (or if international classification is being offered in conjunction with the respective World Cup and are able to undergo classification at the event) 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 minimum size will be 18, not including tandem pilots. The team's maximum size (including discretionary selections) is 24, not including tandem pilots. In the event that fewer than 18 athletes meet the objective criteria, the minimum team size may be reduced accordingly.
- Objective selections shall be based on results achieved at the U.S. Paralympics Cycling time trial (part of USA Cycling Collegiate Nationals) on May 10, 2015 in Asheville, NC (the "selection period").
- Discretionary selections, if any, may be based on a variety of factors, including results from the 2014 road racing season. Only athletes who submit a petition per the procedure outlined below will be considered under the discretionary criteria.
- World Cup Team participation does not guarantee funding from the USOC.

Objective Criteria:

Up to 18 athletes who meet the following criteria during the selection period defined above, will be added to the Team USA roster for World Cups #1 and #2:

- Meet the National Team standard at the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Time Trial on May 10.
- Are the top ranked athlete in their class on the Time Trial Ranking List.

Time Trial Ranking List:

To create a ranking list from the selection time trial, each finish time will be converted to a "result" by expressing it as a percentage of the 2014 U.S. Paralympics National Standard. Each Result will be rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a percent. Lower percentages are better than higher percentages (97% beats 99 % beats 103%). $\text{Result} = (\text{finish time}/\text{National Standard}) \times 100$. All Results will then be utilized to formulate a selection ranking list.

There will be a separate ranking list for men and women, which will include results for all athletes, ordered from lowest percentage (best) to highest percentage.

Discretionary Selection Criteria:

After applying the objective criteria, the High Performance Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling may apply the discretionary selection criteria to fill any remaining team slots, using factors other than the objective criteria, including the following, which are not in order of importance:

- An athlete who demonstrated medal potential in an individual race at the 2014 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships.
- An athlete who demonstrated medal potential in an individual race at any 2014 UCI-Para-cycling Road World Cup.
- An athlete who demonstrated medal potential in an individual race at any 2014 UCI-Para-cycling C1 road event.
- An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to World Cup #1 and/or World Cup #2, intersects the current international performance standards to earn points to be applied towards Rio 2016 athlete slots.

Only athletes who complete and submit the discretionary selection petition (Attachment A) will be considered. Submissions must be received by 5:00 pm MST on ~~Wednesday, May 13~~ Monday, May 11, 2015 in order to be considered.

Injury Clause:

An athlete shall be ineligible for consideration if he/she is not fit to compete at the time selections are made due to any injury or illness from which he/she is not expected to recover adequately by the time of the competitions for which he/she has been selected.

Attachment A
Discretionary Selection Athlete Petition

Athletes who wish to be considered for discretionary selection must complete this document and submit to the Director, Paralympic Cycling High Performance, no later than 5:00 p.m. MST on ~~Wednesday, May 13~~ Monday, May 11, 2015 in order to be considered.

Submissions will be accepted via email only. Email petitions to: ian.lawless@usoc.org

Athlete Name _____

USA Cycling International License # _____

Athlete Classification _____

Please attach a statement – 2 pages maximum – outlining the reasons you should be considered for selection to the Team. The statement may include information about any of the following:

- Outstanding competition results (including results achieved outside of the selection period).
- Recent direction or trend of competition results.
- Attitude and commitment of athlete.
- Illness or injury during the selection period.
- Indication of medal potential in future Paralympic or World Championship competition.
- Other unanticipated failure of objective criteria to select an athlete likely to achieve competition results consistent with program goals