



U.S. Paralympics Cycling 2017 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cups #1 & #2 Team USA Roster Selection Process

May 12 – 14: Maniago, Italy | May 19 – 21: Oostend, Belgium
Travel Dates: May 8 - 22

U.S. Paralympics will support a Team USA roster to compete at the first two UCI Para-cycling World Cups of 2017. Athlete and staff rosters will be the same for both World Cups.

Eligibility for Consideration:

Only athletes who meet the following criteria are eligible for consideration:

- Athletes holding a valid U.S. passport, not expiring before November 30, 2017
- Athletes holding a valid USA Cycling International (UCI) license for the 2017 season
- Athletes internationally classified with an international sport class status of R-review or C-confirmed - *or* - who have been nationally classified and will have an opportunity to be evaluated by an international classification panel at the World Cups.
- Athletes who submit a petition, per the link below.

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 seventeen (17) athletes, including tandem pilots, if applicable.
- No objective criteria will be applied, with the exception of the *Minimum Performance Standard* (see below).
- Discretionary nominations will be made based on review of eligible athlete petitions, in order to field the strongest team capable of meeting the Team USA goals for the event (see below).
- Athletes nominated will be required to meet the *Minimum Performance Standard* (see below) to confirm their spot on the roster.
 - If fewer than seventeen (17) athletes from the nominated roster meet the *Minimum Performance Standard*, the team size will be reduced accordingly.
 - Athletes who do not meet the minimum performance standard will not be entered as part of the Team USA roster, but may still compete as independent athletes.
 - Athletes competing as independents will be responsible for all expenses, including reimbursement of any fees or expenses prepaid by U.S. Paralympics.
- Athlete petitions must be submitted online and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. mountain daylight time on Saturday, April 1, 2017 via the application linked at the following url:

<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/1720455/213077954/6060b7fe96/>

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Team USA Event Goals (in order of importance):

1. Support up to fourteen (14) *elite athletes* with proven potential to win individual time trial and/or road race medals in their respective sport class.
2. Support up to three (3) *development athletes* who require more international competition experience, but have demonstrated future medal potential in individual events, when looking towards Tokyo 2020.
3. Support enough athletes in the appropriate classifications to field a podium-potential handcyle relay team.

Minimum Performance Standard

All athletes nominated to the roster must confirm their roster spot by riding the **Talent Pool standard**, or better, for their individual sport classification -- as outlined in Attachment A of the 2017 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Athlete & Sport Program Plan (<http://www.usparalympics.org/cycling>) -- at a 2017 USA Cycling-sanctioned individual time trial on or before April 30, 2017. The time trial must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- The time trial must be a USA Cycling-sanctioned race, category A, B, C, or D.
- Course must be a circuit, or an out back, with equal elevation gain / loss per "lap"
- Minimum of 9 kilometers for H1 (men and women), T1 (men and women), and T2 women
- Minimum of 25 kilometers for C4 Men, C5 Men, B/Tandem Women, and Men B/Tandem
- Minimum of 15 kilometers for *all* other classes

Performance Criteria

Performance criteria used to evaluate athlete performance for discretionary selection include, but are not limited to (in priority order):

Elite Athletes (Up to 14 spots)

1. An athlete with a history of podium performances at UCI Para-cycling World Cup events during the 2015 or 2016 season(s).
2. An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to World Cup #1 or World Cup #2, intersects the current international performance standards to ascend the podium at the event.

Development Athletes (Up to 3 spots)

1. An athlete who has demonstrated future potential - through results and/or testing by Team USA high performance staff – but requires more international race experience to further improve their performance
2. An athlete who has demonstrated future potential, and has not been internationally classified, but has a likelihood of being included on the classification schedule at World Cup #1 or #2.

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Athlete Support

All nominated athletes will receive the following support:

- Roundtrip airfare
- Ground transportation
- Baggage reimbursement up to \$400
- Accommodations
- Entry fees
- Meals
- Team USA high performance support leading up to, and during the competition(s)
- Team USA competition and casual clothing
- Traveled insurance for the duration of the event

Service Fee

Development athletes (up to 3) will be required to pay a service fee of \$1,600, due on or before June 30, 2017 (a payment plan is available).

Medal incentive: Development athletes who win one or more world cup medals will receive a waiver of the service fee.