



U.S. Paralympics Cycling 2017 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #3 Team USA Roster Selection Process

Emmen, Netherlands, June 30 – July 2

Travel Dates: June 26 – July 3

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U.S. Paralympics will support a Team USA roster to compete at 2017 UCI Para-cycling World Cup #3 in Emmen, Netherlands.

Eligibility for Consideration:

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

- Athletes holding a valid U.S. passport, not expiring before December 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 a National Sport Class status and will have an opportunity to be evaluated by an international classification panel at the World Cup.
- 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 fourteen (14) 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 fourteen (14) athletes from the nominated roster meet the *Minimum Performance Standard*, the team size **may** be reduced accordingly, at the discretion of the High Performance Director, Paralympic Cycling.
 - **Athletes who do not meet the minimum performance standard, but are still selected for the roster will be required to pay the service fee, and are not eligible for a waiver of the service fee per the performance incentive (see below)**
- Athlete petitions must be submitted online and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. mountain daylight time on Tuesday, May 23, 2017** via the application linked at the following url:

<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/1720455/213078774/bcb18702d8/>

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Team USA Event Goals (in order of importance):

1. Support up to twelve (12) *elite athletes* with proven potential to win individual time trial and/or road race medals in their respective sport class.
2. Support up to two (2) *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 sport classes 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 the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Time Trial (part of the 2017 CO State TT Championship) in Keenesburg, CO on June 17, 2017.

Performance Criteria

Performance criteria used to evaluate athlete performance for discretionary selection include, but are not limited to:

Elite Athletes (Up to 12 spots)

1. An athlete with a history of podium performances at UCI Para-cycling World Cup events during the 2016 or 2017 season(s).
2. An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to World Cup #3, intersects the current international performance standards to ascend the podium at the event.
3. An athlete who is contention to win the 2017 overall World Cup title in their respective sport class.

Development Athletes (Up to 2 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 #3.

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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 2) will be required to pay a service fee of \$1,600, due on or before September 30, 2017 (a payment plan is available).

Medal incentive: Development athletes who have met the *Minimum Performance Standard*, *and* win one or more world cup medals will receive a waiver of the service fee.

Elite athletes who do not meet the *Minimum Performance Standard*, and are still selected for the roster, will be required to pay a \$1,600 service fee, and are **not** eligible for a waiver of the service fee regardless of results / medals earned at the World Cup.