



**U.S. Paralympics Cycling
2018 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #1
Team USA Roster Selection Process**

Ostend, Belgium, May 3 – 6, 2018

Travel Dates: April 29 – May 7

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will support a Team USA roster to compete at 2018 UCI Para-cycling World Cup #1 in Ostend, Belgium.

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, 2018
- Athletes holding a valid USA Cycling International (UCI) license for the 2018 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 Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling is responsible for applying the selection criteria set forth herein.

- The team's maximum size will be twenty (20) athletes, including tandem pilots, if applicable.
- 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).
- Athlete petitions must be submitted online and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. mountain daylight time on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 via the application linked at the following url:
- <https://app.e2ma.net/app2/survey/1720455/213084813/ff2610b5ec/>

Team USA Event Goals (in order of importance):

1. Support up to sixteen (16) *elite athletes* with proven potential to win individual time trial and/or road race medals in their respective sport class.
2. Support up to four (4) *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.

Performance Criteria

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

Elite Athletes (Up to 16 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 #1, intersects the current international performance standards to ascend the podium at the event.

Development Athletes (Up to 4 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.

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 4) will be required to pay a service fee of \$1,200, due on or before September 30, 2018 (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.

Handcycle Relay Selection

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will field up to two (2) handcycle relay teams for the 2018 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #1 in Ostend, Belgium, based on results from a tryout in Ostend on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Eligibility: Only athletes in eligible sport classes (men or women H1-5), who have already been named to the Team USA roster for the World Cup in Ostend – or who are competing in Ostend as independent athletes but have a USA Cycling international license with a USA Nationality -- are eligible.

Tryout: U.S. Paralympics Cycling High Performance staff will conduct a tryout on Wednesday, May 2nd in Ostend, utilizing a 2-3 kilometer section of the time trial or road race course. Each athlete will be timed on three different stopwatches, which will be averaged for each split.

- First, times from the tryout will be used to create a ranking list, as follows:
 - Each athlete will be given a result which is the combined time of their two fastest laps from the tryout.
 - The ranking list will be sorted, first: by each athlete's point category per UCI rule 16.7.012, and second: by the results within each point group, fastest to slowest.
- Second, the three athletes with the fastest combination of times that do not exceed the six (6) points per UCI rule 16.7.012, will be named to Team USA relay team #1.
- Third the three athletes with the next fastest combination of times that do not exceed the six (6) points per UCI rule 16.7.012, will be named to Team USA relay team #2.

Replacement Athletes: In the event of an illness or injury which would a) render an athlete unable to compete, or b) limit the medal potential of the team, The Director, Paralympic Cycling, in consultation with the Associate Director, High Performance and the coaching staff shall select replacement athlete(s) based on results from the following events that would indicate an athlete has the potential to help team USA attain a high finish at the World Championships:

- 2018 USA Cycling National Road Championships (TT, RR, or handcycle relay)
- 2017 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships (handcycle relay)
- 2017 UCI Para-cycling World Cups (handcycle relay)

Factors used to name substitute athletes may include, but are not limited to:

- Single or multiple lap split times from handcycle relays
- Per kilometer times from time trials
- Results attained in road races due to race awareness and tactical expertise