



**U.S. Paralympics Cycling
2023 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #2
Team USA Roster Selection Process
& Information for Independent Athletes**

Ostend, Belgium

Race Dates: May 4-7, 2023

Projected Travel Dates: Depart USA on April 30, Return May 8

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will provide support for up to 20 athletes (plus tandem pilots, if applicable), for UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #2.

Athletes who intend to compete at the World Cup, but are not selected to the Team USA roster may still enter as ***self-supported*** independents provided there are start rights available.

Eligibility for Support

Only athletes who meet the following criteria are eligible to receive support:

- Athletes holding a valid U.S. passport, not expiring before December 30, 2023
- Athletes holding a valid USA Cycling International (UCI) license for the 2023 season
- Athletes internationally classified with an international sport class status of R-review or C-confirmed.
 - Athletes who do not have a current international classification of R-review or C-confirmed but are nationally classified – or who are given a classification appointment at the World Cup
 - , by the UCI - are eligible for support.
- Athletes who **submit an application by the deadline**, per the link below.
- Athletes in classifications with an available start right per the allocation process outlined below.
- Athletes who have met a talent pool standard or better (based on the 2023 standards), for their classification in an individual time trial from the following list of events:
 - 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open, Huntsville, AL
 - 2022 USA Cycling Road National Championships, Chattanooga, TN
 - 2022 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup
 - 2022 UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships
 - 2023 Valley of the Sun, Phoenix, AZ
 - 2023 Swamp Classic, Gainesville, FL

Athletes who do not meet the requirements above are still eligible to compete at the World Cup as self-supported Independents provided there are start rights available.

Online Application

The deadline to submit an application to be considered for the Team USA roster is Friday, February 24, 2023 at 5:00 pm, mountain time.

https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_50D0fzuAT7EdfoO

Athletes who do not wish to apply to race for Team USA, but still aim to compete at the World Cup as a self-supported independent should notify U.S. Paralympics Cycling of their intent to compete by emailing Jenny Ryan **no later than February 24, 2023**: jenny.ryan@usopc.org. **Athletes who do not apply for the Team USA roster – or – notify U.S. Paralympics Cycling of their intent to compete as an independent, will not be registered for the event.**

Team USA Roster Selection

Up to 20 athletes (plus tandem pilots, if applicable) will be selected to the Team USA roster for World Cup #2, as follows:

- **Fully Funded:** 14 athletes of any gender will be named to the Team USA roster and will be fully funded.
- **Partially Funded:** 6 athletes of any gender will be named to the Team USA roster and will be subject to a \$1,800 service fee. If an athlete in this category earns a podium finish in either the Time Trial or the Road Race at the World Cup, their service fee will be waived.

The roster will be named by a discretionary selection committee made up of the following staff and athletes:

- Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling
- Associate Director, High Performance, U.S. Paralympics Cycling
- Athlete Representative

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

- The athlete's performance at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open
- The athlete's performance at the 2022 USA Cycling Para-cycling Road National Championships
- The athlete's performance at the 2023 Swamp Classic
- The athlete's performance at the 2023 Valley of the Sun
- An athlete with a history of podium performances at UCI Para-cycling World Cup events during the 2021 or 2022 season(s).
- An athlete with a history of podium performances at UCI Para-cycling Road World Championships competition during the 2021 or 2022 season (s)
- An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to the World Cups, intersects the current international performance standards help Team USA meet its goals at the event.
- An athlete with potential to earn a top-5 performance in their classification at 2023 World Cup #1.
- An athlete with potential to help a teammate attain a top-3 finish in an event at 2023 World Cup #2.
- An athlete who experienced an illness, injury, or other problem during the 2022 season that made it impossible for them to compete, but who – based on performances from 2021 – has potential to attain high results at international competitions in 2023.

Handcycle Relay Selection Process

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will enter a minimum of one (1) team in to the Handcycle Relay at the World Cup. U.S. Paralympics Cycling high performance staff **may** choose to enter a second relay, only if the team has adequate resources to manage the second relay team. The relay composition (3 athletes) must comply with the UCI rules on total points for mixed classification events.

- Team composition can be made-up of athletes who are selected to the Team USA roster for the event as individual athletes, or it can also include independent U.S. athletes.
 - The composition may be a mix of Team USA roster athletes and independent athletes, exclusively Team USA roster athletes, or exclusively independent athletes, however;
 - The roster(s) entered into the relay will be entered as a Team USA squad and will wear Team USA uniforms.
- Performance criteria used to evaluate athlete performance for discretionary selection to the handcycle relay roster include, but are not limited to:
 - The athlete's performance in Handcycle Relay events in 2021, 2022, or 2023 (W. Cup #1)
 - The athlete's performance in road races or relays in events listed on page 1 of this document.
 - An athlete with potential to help Team USA win Gold in the Handcycle Relay at the 2023 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup.
- Athletes will be notified if they earned a position on the Handcycle relay roster following the conclusion of the handcycle road races at the World Cup.

Entries

- U.S. Paralympics Cycling will manage the entry and confirmation process for all U.S. athletes competing at the event.

Start Rights

- Start rights are managed by U.S. Paralympics Cycling and will be allocated as follows:
 - First priority: Athletes competing as part of the Team USA roster
 - Second priority: Self-supported independent athletes.
 - In the event that there are more USA athletes than available start rights after the prioritization above has been applied:
 - Athletes ranked higher on the *2023, Term 1 National Team ROAD Ranking list* will receive priority over lower-ranked athletes.
 - The ranking list can be found here:
<https://www.teamusa.org/usparacycling/events/results-and-rankings>

Notification

- All athletes who apply will be notified of their outcome on or before Tuesday, ~~March 24, 2023~~.
February 28, 2023.

Participation Requirements

All athletes competing at the World Cups must adhere to the following requirements:

- Adult athletes must have a current SafeSport Training. The training must be completed prior to April 15, 2023 and must be valid through the conclusion of the event. Please see the instructions below. If you have any questions about SafeSport Training, please contact [Lindsay Griswold](#), Athlete Safety Coordinator.

Registered Users

If a user has already completed training previously through the USOPC, all they need to do is:

1. Go to [SafeSportTrained.org](https://safesporttrained.org)
2. Log in with their email & password. (A small number of users may have to reset their password if they have never logged in on this new platform.)
3. Click on the My Courses tab.
4. Click the blue Start button on their next available training. Below is the cycle of training based on previous completion:
 - Year 1 – SafeSport Trained
 - Year 2 – Refresher 1: Recognizing & Reporting Misconduct
 - Year 3 – Refresher 2: Preventing Misconduct
 - Year 4 – Refresher 3: Creating a Positive Sport Environment
 - Year 5 – Restart w/ SafeSport Trained

New Users

If a user has never completed a SafeSport Training:

1. Click on the following link to register for SafeSport with the USOPC:
<https://safesporttrained.org?KeyName=ILANlqlacGkGjSXcgZZ5>
2. You will be asked for your name, email address, and to create a password.

3. You will then be asked to input your address, language, and date of birth. Please leave Membership ID blank. Select your Role from the checkboxes. Enter U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee as the Name of Sport Organization.
4. Next, click on the blue [Sign Up] button on the bottom of the page.
5. Click the [My Courses] tile on the home page.
6. Open the [SafeSport Trained – NGB] tile and click the blue [Start] button to begin the course.

- Athletes are required to complete and sign the National Team, or non-National Team Agreement
- Athletes are required to abide by the USOPC Athlete Code of Conduct.
- Athletes must have completed a background check.

Athlete Support

Team USA:

- Entry into the event as a Team USA roster athlete
- Roundtrip airfare
- Ground transportation (athlete and equipment)
- Accommodations
- Baggage reimbursement up to \$400 (receipts required)
- Accommodations
- Entry fees
- Meals
- Race Day nutrition
- Team USA high performance support leading up to, and during the competition(s)
- Team USA competition gear and casual clothing
- Coordination and implementation of COVID-19 testing
- Traveled insurance for the duration of the event

Classification

Athletes who attend the but do not yet have an international classification with a status of C-confirmed or R-review, should expect to go through a classification evaluation at the event and will be required to submit documentation within four (4) weeks prior to the start of competition.

For questions about this document, or entry into the World Cup, please contact: jenny.ryan@usopc.org