



**U.S. Paralympics Cycling**  
**2022 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cups #1 & #2**  
**Team USA Roster Selection Process**  
**& Information for Independent Athletes**

Ostend, Belgium | Elzach, Germany

Race Dates: May 5-8 and May 12-15, 2022

**Projected Travel Dates:** Depart USA on May 1, Return on May 16

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will provide support for up to 25 athletes (15 Team USA athletes and 10 independent athletes), not including tandem pilots, for Road World Cups #1 and #2 in Ostend, Belgium and Elzach, Germany, respectively. Support is only provided for athletes competing at both World Cups and there is one selection process for athletes competing at both events.

Athletes who intend to compete at a single World Cup – or who intend to compete at both World Cups but are not selected to the Team USA roster or as partially supported independents – 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, 2022
- Athletes holding a valid USA Cycling International (UCI) license for the 2022 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 are eligible for support and will be submitted by U.S. Paralympics Cycling for classification evaluation at the World Cup(s).
- 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 meet the talent pool standard or better, for their classification in the individual time trial at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open in Huntsville, AL, 4/9/22.
- Athletes who compete in the road race at the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open in Huntsville, AL, 4/10/22.

*Athletes who meet **all** of the eligibility requirements on the above list, except do not meet the talent pool standard or better in the Huntsville time trial and/or do not compete in the Huntsville time trial or road race, are still eligible to compete at the World Cup in Ostend as self-supported Independents.*

## Online Application

The deadline to submit an application to be considered for the Team USA roster or for partial support as an independent is Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 pm, mountain time.

[https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2IDRoWOrKaRcODY](https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2IDRoWOrKaRcODY)

Athletes who do not wish to apply for support but still aim to compete at either World Cup as a self-supported independent should email Jenny Ryan no later than April 6<sup>th</sup> to notify her of their intent to compete:

[jenny.ryan@usopc.org](mailto:jenny.ryan@usopc.org)

## Team USA Roster Selection

Up to 15 athletes, not including tandem pilots will be selected to the Team USA roster for World Cups #1 and #2.

- **First**, up to five (5) men and five (5) women, not including tandem pilots, will be selected based on results from the individual time trial at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open in Huntsville, AL (April 9).
  - The top five (5) men and the top five (5) women - who have submitted applications - on the individual time trial ranking list(s) from the selection time trial will be named to the Team USA roster.
  - To create ranking lists from the individual time trial, each finish time will be converted to a “result” by expressing it as a percentage of the *2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling National Standard*, per classification.
  - 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%). Result = (finish time/National Standard) x 100. All Results will then be utilized to formulate two ranking lists.
    - There will be a separate ranking list for men and women, which will include results for ordered from lowest percentage (best) to highest percentage.
- **Second**, up to five (5) athletes of any gender will be selected 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 performance for discretionary selection include, but are not limited to:
      - The athlete’s performance in the road race at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open
      - The athlete’s performance in the time trial at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open
      - An athlete with a history of podium performances at UCI Para-cycling World Cup events during the 2019 or 2021 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 the 2022 Ostend World Cup and/or 2022 Elzach World Cup.

- An athlete with potential to help a teammate attain a top-3 finish in an event at the World Cup in Ostend and/or Elzach.
- An athlete who experiences an illness, injury, or other problem during the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open that made it impossible for them to compete, but who – based on performances from the 2019 or 2021 seasons – would have likely ranked high in the results in Huntsville.

### **Selection for Partially-supported Independents**

Up to 10 athletes, not including tandem pilots will be selected as partially-supported independent athletes for World Cups #1 and #2.

- Up to seven (7) men and three (3) women, not including tandem pilots, will be selected based on results from the individual time trial at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open in Huntsville, AL (April 9).
  - The top seven (7) men and the top three (3) women - who have submitted applications - on the individual time trial ranking list(s) from the selection time trial – and who have not already been named to the Team USA roster – will be selected as partially-supported independent athletes for the trip, provided USA start rights are available in the rider’s individual classification.

### **Handcycle Relay Selection Process**

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will enter a minimum of one (1) team in to the Handcycle Relay at both World Cups. 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 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 entered into the relay will be entered as a Team USA squad and will wear Team USA uniforms.
- The team(s) will be selected by the discretionary selection committee at the same time the individual athletes are selected.
- 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 2019 and 2021
  - The athlete’s performance in the road race or the relay at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open
  - An athlete with potential to help Team USA win Gold in the Handcycle Relay at the 2022 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup.
- Athletes will be notified if they earned a position on the Handcycle relay roster on or before April 12, 2022.

## **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: Partially-supported independent athletes.
  - Third 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 selection time trial ranking list will receive priority over lower-ranked athletes.

## **Notification**

- All athletes who apply will be notified of their outcome on or before Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

## **Participation Requirements**

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

- Adult athletes must complete, or have completed within the last calendar year, the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Core training, or applicable Refresher training course if they have previously taken the Core training. The training must be completed prior to May 1, 2022 and must be valid through the conclusion of the event.
  - SafeSport Training Link:  
<https://safesport.org/useractivities/index>
  - If you have not previously taken the SafeSport training, please email Jenny Ryan at [jenny.ryan@usopc.org](mailto:jenny.ryan@usopc.org) to get set up.
- Athletes are required to complete and sign the COVID-19 Participation Agreement
- Athletes are required to abide by all event and USOPC COVID-19 protocols, including testing and quarantines (if applicable).
- 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

***Partially-supported Independents:***

- \$1,000 reimbursement for airfare (athletes book their own flight)
- Registration and confirmation as an independent athlete, coordinated by U.S. Paralympics Cycling
- Assistance with pre-event travel documents and travel authorization
- Facilitation of required COVID-19 testing
- Limited, on-the-ground, in-person support at the event, which **may** include, but is not guaranteed:
  - Mechanical help and use of trainers and rollers, if available
  - U.S. Paralympics Cycling staff who will attend the race technical meetings, confirmation of starters, and other meetings as needed. Staff will help athletes coordinate schedules for race day and interface with event organizers and officials on behalf of all U.S. athletes.
- Traveled insurance for the duration of the event
- Equipment transportation, as follows:
  - Transport from BRU airport to Ostend (\$100 charge per athlete)
  - Transport from Ostend to Elzach (\$100 charge per athlete)
  - Transport from Elzach to final departure airport (likely Zurich, tbc) (\$100 charge per athlete)

**Travel Information**

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will help coordinate quarantine and testing for all U.S. athletes. Travel protocols and restrictions are subject to change at any time without notice. U.S. Paralympics Cycling will keep athletes up-to-date on changes to the restrictions.

**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 in to the World Cup, please contact: [jenny.ryan@usopc.org](mailto:jenny.ryan@usopc.org)