

U.S. Paralympics Cycling
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships
March 20-24 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Travel Dates: March 11 – 25, 2024
11/27/2023

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for selection to the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships Team (the Team):

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport Requirements:

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships.

1.1.2. Minimum International Paralympic Committee (IPC) standards for participation:

Any competitor in the 2024 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships must be a national of the country of the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the UCI Rules for World Championships (<https://www.uci.org/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>).

1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation (if any):

Athlete must hold a USA Cycling International Racing License at the time of selection (www.usacycling.org).

At the time of selection an athlete must have an UCI International Classification with an international sport class status of R-Review, FRD-Fixed Review Date or C-Confirmed, or if there has been no opportunity for the athlete to undergo international classification evaluation, the athlete must be evaluated by USOPC medical and/or Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he/she would be qualified for the Team; provided that athletes without an international sport class status are allowable for submission on the official team entry into this competition. A description of sport-specific classification requirements and current athlete sport class status can be found at the UCI website at www.uci.ch.

1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- To be eligible for selection to the Team, athletes must attend, and compete in at least one race at the Tryout event outlined in section 1.2.1.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the last day of competition will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

1.2. Tryout Events

1.2.1. Event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

U.S. Paralympics Track Cycling Open
Carson, CA
February 10-11, 2024

1.2.2. Describe how athletes qualify for the events listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

No preliminary or qualifying events are required.

1.3. Step-by-step description of the selection process for these Games (include maximum Team size):

The maximum Team size will be twelve (12) athletes, not including tandem pilots or outgoing World Champions (if applicable).

A. Cycling Athletes: Three (3) processes will be utilized to select cycling athletes to the Team.

- i. First, outgoing Individual Track World Champions will be selected to the Team per UCI Rule 9.2.065 (<https://www.uci.org/regulations/3MyLDDrwJCJ0BGGOFzOat>) An athlete selected to the Team pursuant to this process will be awarded a start right in the event(s) in which he/she qualified and may have the opportunity to compete in additional events where open start positions are available.
- ii. Second, up to five (5) male and four (4) female athletes will be selected to the Team based on the results of the individual pursuit (IP) and the 1km or 500m time trial (TT) at the U.S. Paralympics Track Cycling Open in Carson, CA.
 - a. Only athletes who qualify in an event/sport class for which there is an open start right (per the UCI “World Championships Qualifying Places”

- document, published by the UCI on their website) will be eligible for selection.
- b. Each athlete's results from the selection event will be included in a ranking list (separate ranking lists for men and for women) by expressing the results as a percentage vs. the National Track standards (Attachment B). Each result will be rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a second. Athletes may have up to two (2) results on the ranking list (IP and TT).
 - iii. Third, up to three (3) athletes of any gender, not including tandem pilots (if applicable), **may** be nominated to the Team based on a discretionary selection process. The discretionary selection criteria utilized to select these athletes is detailed in Section 2 below.

Athletes selected under step 1.3.A will be notified no later than 8:00 pm Pacific Time on February 11, 2024.

Athletes selected to the Team must accept or refuse their participation electronically within 48 hours of notification that they have been selected.

All athletes selected to the Team including tandem pilots (if applicable), and who have accepted their participation as part of the Team USA roster for the event, must sign and complete the National Team Agreement, or the non-National Team agreement for the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, on or before March 1, 2024.

The complete Team USA roster for the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships will be published at www.usparacycling.org the week of March 4, 2024.

Athlete selections to the team will be finalized by U.S. Paralympics Cycling and submitted to the UCI and the World Championships Organizing Committee by the published entry deadline date.

Each athlete selected to the team pursuant to section 1.3.A.iii will receive start rights in the IP and/or the TT at the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, up to the maximum start rights published in the UCI World Championships Qualifying Places document, per sport class and event.

- B. Pilot Athletes: Pilot athletes, if applicable, will be selected to the team utilizing the discretionary criteria for pilot athletes as set forth in Section 2.2.B.
- C. Team Sprint: The Discretionary Selection Committee (Section 2.3), in consultation with the Associate Director, Para-cycling High Performance, shall select the athletes for the Team Sprint to be conducted at the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships per the process outlined in Attachment E.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The rationale for utilizing discretionary selection is to allow U.S. Paralympics Cycling the ability to select athletes based on their overall capabilities, performance and projected development, rather than on a single competition result.

2.2. Define the discretionary criteria to be used (if any):

A. Cycling athletes:

The U.S. Paralympics Cycling Discretionary Selection Committee will consider the following performance-related factors (which are not in priority order):

- i. The athlete's performance in an individual event at UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships from the 2022 or 2023 season.
- ii. The athlete's proven ability to help Team USA meet performance goals at the World Championships: to earn high finishes and maximize points for Paris 2024 Games qualification.
- iii. The athlete met a 2023 U.S. Paralympics Cycling National Team Standard (Attachment B).
- iv. The athlete is eligible and is likely to fill a position in a medal-capable Team Sprint roster.
- v. The athlete demonstrates a trend of improving performance in domestic or international competition, that when extended a reasonable distance into the future, intersects the current international performance standards for a top three (podium) finish.
- vi. The athlete experienced an injury or illness that prohibited them from competing in the selection event.
- vii. The athlete can positively impact team performance.
- viii. The availability of an open start right for the athlete's event/sport class.

B. Pilot Athletes:

Pilot athletes are used for the B classifications (visually impaired). A pilot athlete will typically work with one (1) athlete during practice, competition and day-to-day activities; therefore, accreditation allocation is typically provided for one (1) pilot athlete per qualified athlete as outlined in UCI Rule 16.3.006 in the UCI Para-cycling rulebook (<https://www.uci.org/regulations/3MyLDDrwJCJ0BGGOFzOat>).

The U.S. Paralympics Cycling Discretionary Selection Committee will consider the following performance-related factors (which are not in priority order) in selecting pilot athletes to the Team:

- i. Preference of the qualified visually impaired athlete.
- ii. Ability to positively affect the performance of the visually impaired athlete.
- iii. Demonstrated expertise of the pilot athlete—must have expertise and experience in the assigned athlete's specific event(s).
- iv. Knowledge and understanding of the UCI Rules pertaining to pilot athletes.

Pilot athletes will be held to the same standards and code of conduct as outlined in these Procedures.

The pilot athlete position is contingent on the selection of the visually impaired athlete to be piloted. If the visually impaired athlete declines his/her selection or is subsequently removed from the Team after selection, the pilot athlete also loses his/her place on the Team.

- 2.3. Name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, or other decisions/recommendations directly impacting athletes in the selection process, along with a complete list of the members' titles:

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Discretionary Selection Committee

Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling

Associate Director, Operations, U.S. Paralympics Cycling

Sr. Director, Internally Managed Sports

Athlete Representative

Athlete Representative

- 2.3.1. Process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

All members of the selection committee must comply with the USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form consistent with the USOPC's Conflict of Interest Policy before convening the committee.

Any member of the selection committee who has an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose it consistent with the USOPC's Conflict of Interest Policy prior to the start of the selection process. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team or business interest of the committee member poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for the applicable team selection that could compromise or could be perceived to compromise the committee member's ability to participate in the selection process in a fair and impartial manner. If an actual, potential, or perceived conflict exists, the internally managed sport team should send the disclosure to the Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer and the Sr. Director, Compliance Investigations and Ethics (collectively, the Ethics team) to share with the Ethics & Compliance Committee for review and disposition. For example, if a Selection Committee member may be required to recuse him/herself from voting, but that individual may still be able to provide relevant or necessary information concerning athlete performance in a fair and impartial manner. The Selection Committee member must not otherwise influence other members of the committee during the selection process.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that a committee member has a conflict of interest may report the alleged conflict of interest to the USOPC's Ethics team. Reports may also be made anonymously through the [USOPC's Integrity Portal](#). No committee member shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

Any recused individual shall be replaced in accordance with the USOPC's internally managed sport selection committee appointment process.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1. Prior to submission by U.S. Paralympics to the UCI and the World Championships Organizing Committee, an athlete who is to be selected to the team by U.S. Paralympics Cycling may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by U.S. Paralympics Cycling:
 - 3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling.
 - 3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Paralympics Cycling. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by U.S. Paralympics Cycling, his/her injury will be assumed to be debilitating and he/she may be removed.
 - 3.1.3. Failure to participate in Mandatory Training and/or Competition as defined in Section 9 of these procedures.
 - 3.1.4. Violation of the U.S. Paralympics Code of Conduct (Attachment A)
 - 3.1.5. Non-compliance with the eligibility requirements listed in Section 1.1. of these selection procedures.
 - 3.1.6. Removal by the UCI of the event in which the athlete qualified for the team from the medal event program of the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships.
 - 3.1.7. Change in the athlete's sport class(es) following team selection, such that:
 - 3.1.7.1. the athlete's qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the team; and/or
 - 3.1.7.2. the athlete is deemed Not Eligible (NE) by the UCI.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the [USOPC Dispute Resolution Hearing Procedures](#) or the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

- 3.2. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team for an adjudicated violation of CADF, UCI, IPC, WADA, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code and the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:

4.1.1. Prior to submission of Entries by Name to the UCI and World Championships Organizing Committee:

Replacement athletes will be selected pursuant to discretionary selection set forth in Section 2.2.

4.1.2. After submission of Entries by Name to the UCI and World Championships Organizing Committee:

No replacement of athletes will occur.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the conclusion of the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships (include as attachments or provide links):

- USOPC Code of Conduct for U.S. Paralympics National Teams and Paralympic Programs (Attachment A)
- USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy (Attachment B)
- [USOPC Dispute Resolution Hearing Procedures \(Attachment C\)](#)
- U.S. Paralympics Cycling National or non-National Team Agreement

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by U.S. Paralympics in the following locations:

7.1. U.S. Paralympics Cycling website: <http://www.usparalympics.org/sports/cycling>

8. DATE OF ENTRY TO THE UCI AND THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Athlete selections to the Team will be finalized by U.S. Paralympics and submitted to the UCI and the World Championships Organizing Committee on or before the published UCI entry

deadline.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Optional Camp: February 12-16 in Carson, CA

Mandatory Training: In Rio, beginning on March 12 (this training is built into the overall travel dates for the trip: March 11 – 25).

All athletes selected to the Team USA roster for the World Championships are required to share training logs and data with U.S. Paralympics Cycling via Training Peaks. In addition, athletes and their individual coaches will be contacted by the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Associate Director of High Performance and coaching staff for the Track World Championships to develop an agreed-upon training plan in preparation for the World Championships.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all CADF, UCI, IPC, WADA, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the CADF, UCI, IPC, WADA, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Ian Lawless – Director, U.S. Paralympics Cycling
Sarah Hammer – Associate Director, High Performance, U.S. Paralympics Cycling
Travis Gaertner – Athlete Representative
Chris Murphy – Athlete Representative

12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USOPC Dispute Resolution Hearing Procedures are included at the following link: <https://www.usparacycling.org/athletes-section/athlete-and-sport-program>

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13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IPC, as applicable, and IF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IPC, as applicable, and/or IF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to U.S. Paralympics. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening

circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures may require revisions, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDS Office

The Athlete Ombudsman provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

To contact the Athlete Ombuds Office:



PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: ombudsman@usathlete.org

WEBSITE: www.usathlete.org

15. NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by U.S. Paralympics Cycling.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
NGB/HPMO President or CEO/Executive Director	Julie Dussliere		12/5/2023
Nat. Team Coach, Head Coach, or Nat. Program Director	Ian Lawless		11/28/2023
USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council Representative*	Travis Gaertner		11/28/2023

* If the USOPC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

* Signature by the Athlete Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures. If the Athlete Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/HPMO, he/she may submit those

reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance Team.

- * If, for some reason, a sport does not have an elected USOPC AAC Representative, the NGB/HPMO must designate an athlete from that sport to review and sign the Selection Procedures.

ATTACHMENT A

[USOPC Code of Conduct](#)

*Please navigate to the bottom of the webpage, click “Complaint Forms” then select “Code of Conduct for U.S. Paralympics National Teams and U.S. Paralympics Programs”

ATTACHMENT B
USOPC Conflict of Interest Policy

<https://www.teamusa.org/-/media/Legal/USOPC-Conflict-of-Interest-Policy-June-2022.pdf>

ATTACHMENT C

2024 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Track Standards

2024 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Standards for track and road can be found at the following address:

<https://www.usparacycling.org/athletes-section/athlete-and-sport-program>

ATTACHMENT D

USOPC Dispute Resolution Hearing Procedures

USOPC Dispute Resolution Hearing Procedures can be found at the following link:
<https://www.usparacycling.org/athletes-section/athlete-and-sport-program>

Attachment E

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Team Rules

The following rules apply to all official National Team and Team USA para-cycling activities and events (additional rules may be implemented on a per-event basis as needed):

- The possession or use of weapons, tobacco products (including E-cigarettes or vape pens) or controlled substances by any athlete or staff member is prohibited. If an athlete possesses a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for medical marijuana, it may not be used within the confines of a shared room. Despite the existence of a TUE, athletes are required to abide by local, state, and federal laws of the country, city, or region in which any team activity takes place.
- Daily Curfews (“lights out” times) established by the Team Staff and published in the daily schedule must be observed by all athletes.
- Team members and staff will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, exhibitions, press conferences, competitions, etc., unless otherwise excused or instructed by U.S. Paralympics staff.
- Team members and staff will wear USOPC and/or U.S. Paralympics Cycling provided apparel as required and as designated by Team leadership (Director, Associate Director of High Performance, Associate Director of Operations).
- Team members and staff will cooperate with Team leadership U.S. Paralympics staff.
- Team members and staff will refrain from behavior that would detract from a positive image of the U.S. Paralympics Cycling National Team or that would be detrimental to its performance objectives.
- Team members and staff will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors and the public.
- Team members are required to sleep in their assigned rooms and are not permitted to switch rooms – even temporarily – without prior approval from team staff.
- An open and observable environment should be maintained for all interactions between staff and athletes. Private, or one-on-one situations should be avoided unless open and observable. Common sense should be used to move a meeting to an open and observable location if the meeting inadvertently begins in private.
- Bullying, harassment, disparagement, or defamation of teammates, fellow competitors, team staff, event organizers, or UCI/IPC representatives – verbally, through social media, email, or text – is prohibited.
- Public intoxication or consuming alcohol to excess is prohibited.
- Staff drinking with athletes is **not allowed**. This includes being in the same establishment or even in the same room together.
- Friends and family are not permitted in athlete rooms or beyond the hotel lobby.
- Team USA staff **only** on the field of play (including team pits/cabins). No

friends/family/personal coaches.

- For athletes who need help putting on competition apparel (i.e. speedsuits):
 - Athletes are not required to have assistance and should request it of the staff if/when they require it.
 - There will always be at least three persons present when assisting with suits:
 - Three persons can be defined as two athletes (including the athlete putting on the suit) and one staff member, or one athlete and two staff members. The make-up of staff and athletes when assisting with suits should be the same gender whenever possible.
 - Staff will be considerate of the athlete and will avoid all but inadvertent touching of the groin, buttocks, and breast area.

ATTACHMENT F

2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships – Team Sprint Selection Process

The discretionary selection committee will select the team sprint roster for the 2024 UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships. Athletes selected to the team sprint roster must already be selected to the team individually.

- The roster must be comprised of athletes meeting the appropriate team sprint points totals per the UCI team sprint rules.
- In the event that there are not enough eligible athletes to comprise medal-capable team sprint roster, the discretionary selection committee is not required to name a team sprint roster.

Criteria for selecting the team sprint roster:

- The athlete attained a top-5 result as part of a team sprint at the World Championships or Paralympic Games from the 2021, 2022, or 2023 season.
- The athlete's performance in an individual event from the 2021, 2022, or 2023 season that aligns with the skills and times necessary to contribute to a team sprint medal at the 2024 World Championships.