

U.S. PARALYMPICS CYCLING
PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2024 PARIS PARALYMPIC GAMES
November 1, 2023

TO: U.S. Paralympic Cycling Athletes interested in participating in the 2024 Paralympic Games

FROM: U.S. Paralympic Cycling

RE: Preliminary Notice re: Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2024 Paralympic Games

Dear U.S. Paralympic Cycling Athletes,

Please see the details below outlining the anticipated athlete nomination methods for the 2024 Paralympic Games, for track and road Para-cycling. **This notice has been extended due to the delayed announcement by UCI of details for the road selection events listed on page 2. Complete athlete selection procedures will be published within two weeks of the public announcement (dates, locations and course information) of all road selection events.**

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Track Selection Event:

It is proposed that the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Track selection tryout event for the 2024 Paralympic Games will be as follows:

- **2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships**
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 21-24, 2024.

To qualify to compete at the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships, athletes must be selected to the Team USA roster for the event. The 2024 Track World Championships selection event will be held February 10-11, 2024 in Carson, CA. Selection procedures will be posted on the U.S. Paralympics Cycling website: <https://www.usparacycling.org/athletes-section/selection-procedures>

Paris Track Selection Ranking List

Track athletes must compete at the 2024 World Championships and finish in the top six (6) places in a Paralympic Games event in order to be eligible for inclusion on the track selection ranking list(s).

Athletes will be given one or more results on the ranking list based on performance(s) at the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships. Each finish will be converted to a "Result" by including the athlete's time on a results sheet for their respective Games event (i.e. Women's C1-2-3 500 meter). In cases of factored events, the factor will be applied to individual results and each result will be rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a second before being added to the results sheet.

All Results will then be utilized to formulate two selection ranking lists – a men's ranking and a women's ranking – where points will be awarded based on the Paris Track selection points table. An athlete with a top six (6) finish in more than one event will have a corresponding number of results on the Ranking List.

In the event that two or more athletes are tied for points on the ranking the list, the athlete with the greater margin of time – when expressed as a percentage – ahead of the next-best placed rider in their event(s) will rank higher.

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Road Selection Events:

It is proposed that the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Road selection tryout events for the 2024 Paralympic Games will be as follows:

- **2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup 2**
May 2-5, 2024: Europe. Specific location to be determined
- **2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup 3**
May 16-19, 2024: Europe. Specific location to be determined
- **2024 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Paris Selection Time Trial**
- Spring/Summer, 2024 (USA): Specific date and location to be determined

There are no required qualification events for the 2024 Para-cycling Road World Cups, which are open events. However, athletes *may* – but are not required to – be selected to the Team USA roster for any 2024 World Cup, for which specific selection procedures will be published on the U.S. Paralympics Cycling website:

<https://www.usparacycling.org/athletes-section/selection-procedures>

There are no required qualification or selection events for the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Paris Selection Time Trial.

Road athletes must compete in at least one (1) 2024 World Cup event in order to be eligible for inclusion on the road selection ranking list.

Paris Road Selection Ranking List

Two ranking lists will be created – a men's ranking and women's ranking – following the conclusion of all road tryout events, culminating with conclusion of the 2024 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Paris Selection Time Trial. Each ranking list will rank athletes based on points received from the tryout events listed above. Points will be awarded based on each athlete's top three (3) performance(s) from the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cups in the individual time trial and/or road race, as well as the U.S. Paralympics Cycling Paris Selection Time Trial, as follows:

Road World Cups Individual Time Trial (ITT)

Points will be awarded for ITT results at World Cups, per the medal events on the 2024 Paralympic Games Competition Program.

- Example: Results from the Women's C1, Women's C2, and Women's C3 time trial(s) will be combined in to one results sheet for "WC1-2-3" and the current factor as published in UCI rule 16.01.005 will be applied to individual ITT results before the results sheet is sorted.

Each athlete with an ITT result at the Road World Cups may be given points, provided:

- The result is within the top six (6) places on the combined results sheet; and
- The athlete finished with 110.0% of the winner's time for their sport class; and
- The athlete was not the last finisher in the combined results, in which case no points awarded.

Road World Cups Road Race (RR)

Points will be awarded for road race results at Road World Cups, per individual sport class, or combined sport classes.

- Combined Sport Classes: When sport classes are combined for the road race at the World Cup(s) in the same fashion they will be combined at the 2024 Paralympic Games points will be awarded based on the combined results using the scale of the highest sport class.
- When sport classes are not combined for the road race at the World Cup(s) in the same fashion they will be at the Paralympic Games, points will be awarded per individual sport class, utilizing a weighted points scale for each classification.

Each athlete with a road race result at Road World Cups may be given points, provided:

- The result is within the top six (6) places in their sport class, or combined sport class race (see above); and
- The athlete finished with 115.0% of the winner's time for their sport class or combined sport class race; and
- The athlete was not the last finisher in their sport class or combined sport class race, in which case no points awarded.

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Paris Selection Time Trial

Separate men's and women's results will be created from the selection time trial. Each athlete will be given a Time Trial result based on performance(s) in published Paris 2024 medal events at the selection time trial. Results are not included per individual sport class, except in cases where there is a published Paris 2024 medal event for a single sport class.

Each finish time will be converted to a "result" by expressing it as a percentage of the 2024 Paralympic Games Standards for the Paralympic Games medal event. Each Result will be rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a percent. Lower percentages are better than higher percentages (97.01% beats 99.02% beats 103.03%). $\text{Result} = (\text{finish time}/\text{standard}) \times 100$. All results will then be utilized to formulate two final results sheets: a men's race result and a women's race result. Each results sheet will include results ordered from lowest percentage (best) to highest percentage. Athletes will then be awarded points per the Paris Road selection points table. To earn points athletes must have a performance (result) less than 115.0%. In cases of factored events, the factor per UCI rule 16.01.005 will be applied to individual results and rounded to the nearest one hundredth of a second before the percentage vs. 2024 Paralympic Games Standard is calculated.

Final Ranking Lists

The top three (3) best results (individual race point totals) for each athlete will be totaled, and the ranking lists, respective to each gender, will be sorted from highest to lowest to create the final men's and women's Paris Road Selection Ranking List(s).

Team Selection

Four(4) processes will be utilized to select cycling athletes to the team, in sequential order, as follows:

- Any athlete invited by name by the IPC/UCI (“**Bipartite**”) will be selected to the team provided he or she meets all eligibility provisions and other requirements set forth in these procedures.
- **Ring-fenced** slots will be filled in the following sequence:
 1. By the top-ranked athlete in each ring-fenced sport class from the Paris Track Selection Ranking List, if any.
 2. By the top-ranked athlete in each ring-fenced sport class from the Paris Road Selection Ranking List, if any.
 3. If ring-fenced slots remain after **the steps 1-3 above** are complete, any remaining ring-fenced slots will be filled utilizing the discretionary selection process.
- If any slots remain for men or women, the remaining slots - minus one men’s slot and minus one women’s slot - will be filled by the top-ranked athletes from the track and the road ranking lists, in the following order:
 1. By the top-ranked athlete(s) with at least one (1) individual top-three (3) result in a Paralympic Games medal event on the Paris Track Selection Ranking List, if any.
 2. By the top-ranked athlete(s) from the Paris Road Selection Ranking List (Attachment C), if any.
- Any remaining slots, both male and female, following completion of all of the steps above, will be filled utilizing the **discretionary** selection criteria.

U.S. Paralympics Cycling Events:

All information, including but not limited to, requirements and deadlines pertaining to U.S. Paralympics Cycling selection events will be posted on the U.S. Paralympics Cycling website once finalized: <https://www.usparacycling.org>

Selection Procedures:

Complete details of the selection method, including detailed discretionary criteria, names and locations of all tryout events, and ranking list points scales will be published as part of the U.S. Paralympics Cycling approved Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

Complete athlete selection procedures will be published within two weeks of the public announcement (dates, locations and course information) of all road selection events.

~~which are expected to be published on or before November 1, 2023:~~

<https://www.usparacycling.org/athletes-section/selection-procedures>

Minimum eligibility requirements for all U.S. Paralympics Cycling athletes:

To be eligible for nomination by an NPC, athletes (including Tandem pilots) must:

- hold a UCI license issued by a national cycling federation;
- be at least 14 years of age by 31 December 2024;
- must have raced in at least one (1) sanctioned, international UCI ParaCycling competition between 1 January 2022 and 15 July 2024;
- be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2024 (not applicable to Tandem pilots).

Additional eligibility requirements for all U.S. Paralympics Cycling athletes

Para-cycling athletes selected to the team must compete in the following international events in order to be eligible to compete in track or road disciplines at the 2024 Paralympic Games:

- TRACK: Athletes must compete at the 2024 UCI Para-cycling Track World Championships to be eligible to compete in track events at the Games.
- ROAD: Athletes must compete in at least one 2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup competition to be eligible to compete in road events at the Games.

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification Regulations:

<https://www.paralympic.org/paris-2024/qualification-regulations>

This preliminary information is provided to assist you with your competition planning and is subject to change upon the approval of the final Athlete Selection Procedures.

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