



**U.S. Paralympics Cycling
2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup 1
Team USA Roster Selection Process
& Information for Independent Athletes**

Adelaide, Australia

Race Dates: January 13-17, 2023

Projected Travel Dates: Depart USA on January 7 and January 8

Return: January 18

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will provide support for **up to 16** athletes (plus tandem pilots, if applicable), for 2024 UCI Para-cycling Road World Cup #1 in Adelaide, Australia.

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 be named to the Team USA roster:

- Athletes holding a valid U.S. passport, not expiring before June 30, 2024.
- Athletes holding a valid USA Cycling International (UCI) license for the 2024 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 selection.
- 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.

Online Application

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

https://usoc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cgJOFXssuejj0

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 November 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 16 athletes (plus tandem pilots, if applicable) will be selected to the Team USA roster for World Cup #1, per the following process, **in sequential order**:

- Up to six (6) female athletes will be named to the Team USA roster for World Cup 1, per the discretionary selection criteria below.
- Up to six (6) male athletes will be named to the Team USA roster for World Cup 1, per the discretionary selection criteria below.

- Up to four (4) additional athletes of any gender will be named to the Team USA roster for World Cup 1, per the discretionary selection criteria below.

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
- Sr. Director, Internally Managed Sports, U.S. Olympics & Paralympic Committee
- Athlete Representative
- Athlete Representative

Performance criteria used to evaluate athlete performances for discretionary selection to World Cup 1 are listed below, in priority order:

1. An athlete with history of and demonstrated potential to reach the podium in an individual event at a World Cup.
2. An athlete who has demonstrated a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to 2024 World Cup 1, intersects the current international performance standard for a top 5 result at the World Cup.
3. An athlete who demonstrates a trend of improving performance in international competition, that when extended to 2024 World Cup 1, intersects the current international performance standard for a top 8 result at the World Cup.
4. An athlete who has a proven potential to help a teammate earn a podium performance in the road race at the World Cup.
5. An athlete with a history of and demonstrated potential to help Team USA earn a top 5 result in the handcycle relay at World Cup 1.

Results the discretionary selection committee will consider in applying the above discretionary criteria are listed below:

- 1) The athlete's performance in an individual event at a 2022 or 2023 UCI Para-cycling World Cup. Performances will be weighted by the discretionary selection committee in the following order:
 - a) Podium (top 3) Performances
 - b) Top 5 Performances
 - c) Top 10 Performances
- 2) The athlete's performance in an individual event at the 2023 Road World Championships. Performances will be weighted by the discretionary selection committee in the following order:
 - a) Podium (top 3) Performances
 - b) Top 5 Performances
 - c) Top 10 Performances
- 3) The athlete's position on the ranking list at the 2023 Rock Prairie Time Trial

Other factors the discretionary selection committee may consider in selecting athletes:

- An athlete who experienced an illness, injury, or other problem during the 2023 season that made it impossible for them to compete and attain results at one or more of the races above, but who – based on historical performances from the 2023 or 2023 season – has potential to attain high results at World Cup 1.

Handcycle Relay Selection Process

U.S. Paralympics Cycling will enter a maximum of one (1) team in to the Handcycle Relay at the World Cup. The relay composition (3 athletes) must comply with the UCI rules on total points for mixed classification events.

The discretionary selection committee will select and name the relay roster for World Cup 1, immediately after the individual Team USA roster has been named.

- Relay team composition will be made-up only of athletes who have already been selected to the Team USA roster for the World Cup as individual athletes.
- 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 2022, or 2023.
 - The athlete's performance in road races or relays in events listed on page 2 of this document.
 - An athlete with potential to help Team USA earn a podium (top 3) performance 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 at the same time they are notified of their individual selection.

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 in *2023 UCI World Cup final rankings will earn start rights ahead of lower-ranked, or un-ranked athletes.*

Notification

- All athletes who apply will be notified of their outcome on or before December 6, 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 December 31, 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.
- 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.

Team USA Athlete Support

- 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
- Traveled insurance for the duration of the event

Classification

Athletes who attend the World Cup 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 – December 13, 2023.

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