

2009 USA CYCLING JUNIOR, U23 AND ELITE ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY, RULES & REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A CURRENT & VALID USA CYCLING LICENSE WITH THE PROPER CATEGORY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.** Only riders who have a current and valid USA Cycling license will be allowed to register. Riders must also be licensed for the category in which they are attempting to register. If you do not have a current and valid USA Cycling license, the easiest way to obtain one is via the USA Cycling website at www.usacycling.org. You may purchase, renew and/or request a category upgrade online on your [My USA Cycling](#) page.

ELIGIBILITY

1. At the time of registration, all participants in the USA Cycling Junior, U23 and Elite Road National Championships MUST meet the minimum required category for the respective races according to the [2009 USA Cycling Rulebook](#). Riders attempting to register for a race without having the required category will be removed from the registration list with no refund provided.
2. All participants, in the 2009 Junior, U23 and Elite Road National Championships, MUST be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident depending upon the category as outlined below:
 - a. Junior 10-16: Participants MUST be either a U.S. Citizen OR permanent resident
 - b. Junior 17-18: Participants MUST be a U.S. Citizen
 - c. U23: Participants MUST be a U.S. Citizen
 - d. Elite: Participants MUST be a U.S. Citizen
3. U23 athletes who are on a UCI ProTour roster are not eligible to compete at the USA Cycling Junior, U23 and Elite Road National Championships.
4. Men over the race age of 22 who are members of any UCI-registered trade team (ProTour, Professional Continental, Continental) are not eligible to compete at the USA Cycling Junior, U23 and Elite Road National Championships.
5. Age Group/Category Participation:
 - a. Junior 10-16 participants MUST race in their respective age groups, subject to category restrictions
 - b. Junior 17-18 participants MAY race in both their age group and/or the Elite races, subject to category restrictions
 - c. U23 participants MAY race in both their age group and/or the Elite races, subject to category restrictions.

REGISTRATION

- 1. PARTICIPANTS MAY ONLY REGISTER ONE START SPOT PER ATHLETE.** Riders are allowed to register one start spot per athlete, per race. Start spots will not be held, sold or otherwise transferred to other riders at a later time.

2. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2009 USA CYCLING JUNIOR, U23 AND ELITE ROAD NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL OPEN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF THE EVENT. Online registration for the 2009 edition will open at 12:00 p.m. EDT on Saturday, May 30 at <http://new.sportsbaseonline.com>. Please note: In 2009, USA Cycling has set the

following field limits for this event:

Road Race: M/W 10-16 125 riders M/W 17+ 200 riders

Criterium: M/W 10-16 125 riders M/W 17+ 150 riders

WAITLIST GUIDELINES

NEW WAITLIST PROCEDURE - USA Cycling would like to allow as many interested riders as possible the opportunity to compete at our National Championships. We developed a new waitlist procedure in the event a category reaches the field limit.

In the event of a waitlist, the following procedure will be implemented:

Riders who choose to pick up their packets on race day will have until 1.5 hours prior to the start of their to do so with a \$20 late packet pick-up fee included. From 1.5 hours prior to one hour prior to the start, any packets that have not been picked up will be released and made available to riders on the waitlist in order of registration.

To avoid any confusion regarding pre-registered packet pick-up USA Cycling encourages all participants to pick up their packets at least one day prior to their event.

Online registration will close at 12:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, July 22.

- 3.** In an attempt to encourage members to register for the event early, USA Cycling has implemented a **LATE ONLINE REGISTRATION** period. The late online registration period will begin two weeks prior to the close of online registration at **12:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday July 7**. Members who register online after this time will incur an additional \$25.00 late registration fee **PER RACE** in addition to the original registration fee.
- 4.** Also, in an attempt to allow as many competitors as possible to register for the event, USA Cycling will also allow **late on-site registration**. Participants may register for the 2009 USA Cycling Junior, U23 and Elite Road National Championships up until one day prior to their respective race. All on-site registration must be completed by the close of registration the day **BEFORE** your race. Please note: **All on-site registrants will incur a 100% increase in the original registration fee.**
- 5.** USA Cycling will accommodate refund requests up until two weeks prior to the opening of on-site registration. **Refunds will no longer be considered after 12:00 p.m. EDT on Monday July 13.** All refunds are subject to a 20% processing fee.
- 6. Packet Pick-up/On-site Registration** will be available every day throughout the event at the host hotel. There will be specific times designated each day. USA Cycling encourages participants to pick up their race packets during these times. In order to pick up your packet, you **MUST** present your valid USA Cycling license at packet pick-up/registration. Additional on-site packet pick-up will be available near the start line each day, subject to a \$20.00 late fee.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday May 30 (12:00 p.m. EDT): Online Registration Opens at
<http://new.sportsbaseonline.com>

Tuesday July 7 (12:00 p.m. EDT): Late Online Registration Period Begins (\$25 late fee charged)

Monday July 13 (12:00 p.m. EDT): Refunds No Longer Granted

Wednesday July 22 (12:00 p.m. EDT): Online Registration Closes
Monday July 27: On-Site Registration Begins (100% increase in registration fee)

RULES

1. **UCI BIKE REGULATIONS FOR USA CYCLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** For all National Championships for riders ages 17 and up (i.e., junior 17-18, U23, elite, and masters), all bikes must be UCI legal. For any questions regarding bike measurements please [click here](#).
2. **Individual Time Trials** are open to ALL categories – men's categories 1-5 and women's categories 1-4.

3. ROAD RACE RULES:

- The Junior 10-14 men's and Junior 10-18 women's road races are open to ALL categories
- The Junior 15-18 men's road races are restricted to category 1-3 participants only
 - The U23 men's road race is restricted to category 1-2 participants only
 - The Elite women's road race (including U23 women) is restricted to category 1-2 participants only
 - The Elite men's road race is restricted to category 1 participants only

4. CRITERIUM RULES:

- The Junior 10-14 men's and Junior 10-18 women's criterium are open to ALL categories
- The Junior 15-18 men's criterium are restricted to category 1-3 participants only
 - The U23 women's criterium is restricted to category 1-3 participants only
 - The U23 men's criterium is restricted to category 1-2 participants only