



1. QUALIFYING FOR USAT COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1.1. Each year, the Collegiate Committee will allocate to each Conference a specific number of slots available for male and female teams and male and female individuals to qualify for the National Championship race. Male and Female qualification are calculated separately.
- 1.2. The distribution of Team and Individual qualification slots will be awarded based upon the Conference Omnium standings at the conclusion of the racing season on December 31st for the national's event the subsequent year.
- 1.3. Slots for collegiate nationals qualification will allow the purchase of entries to the USAT collegiate nationals event in early January. Those entries are simply placeholders for racers whose names do not need to be designated until approximately 1 month before the event. Entries do not have to be awarded to the athlete or athletes that contributed to the earning of the nationals slot.
- 1.4. Awarding of a qualification slot to a specific athlete on a team is up to the sole discretion of each teams leadership and bylaws. Once slots are awarded to a school, that team has the discretion to fill those slots with any individual on their team that meets all eligibility requirements (academic and athletic) to compete at Nationals.
- 1.5. **TEAM ALLOTMENT** - The total allotment of men's and women's team slots shall be granted to the top placing teams in the conference team omnium standings. A Team allocation shall consist of 7 men for each men's team slot the conference has been granted and 7 women for each women's team slot the conference has been granted.
- 1.6. **INDIVIDUAL ALLOTMENT** – The allotment of men's and women's individual slots shall be granted to the teams of the top placing athletes in individual omnium. Those teams that have already earned a team allocation can earn additional slots but will have their top 7 placing athletes in individual omnium rankings omitted in the individual allotment calculation.
- 1.7. The conference director will officially grant nationals slots on January 1st of the year of the collegiate nationals event, although the director may begin to advise teams as to their allotment once omnium rankings have been determined at the end of the racing season.
- 1.8. Teams should notify the conference director as soon as possible if they will not be requiring or using any or all of their allotment for collegiate nationals. Teams should officially forfeit slots that they will not need on January 31st.
- 1.9. On February 1st the conference director will make use of all forfeited slots to make a second allotment based upon individual allotment rules.

1.10. On March 1st any conference slots allocated to teams which have not been excised, meaning race registration costs have not been paid to USAT for the nationals event, are forfeited back to the conference director which can then make a last minute allotment based solely upon his/her discretion using results from that year's conference championship event. This is intended to grant new teams and new racers the ability to earn last minute slots through performance at that year's conference championship event.

1.11. Teams that haven't earned any team allocation slots may petition the conference director for a limited number of special discretionary slots that are retained by the national collegiate committee. These slots are designed to aid geographically remote or newly formed teams the ability to race at collegiate nationals.

1.12. The maximum number of athletes that may race for any one school is 12 men, and 12 women. If any team earns in excess of these limits, those slots will be reallocated based upon Individual allotment rules.

1.13. In order to be eligible to compete at the National Championships, an athlete must have competed in at least one (1) official Conference event.

1.14. Incoming freshmen may satisfy the above requirement by racing at a Conference Event, as a non-scoring, prior to officially enrolling in the School.

1.15. Only one Team from a School may be entered in National Championships even if the School is capable of entering multiple teams (e.g., 2 Teams of 4-6 athletes).