

## **FAQ - National Championship Jersey**

#### **Welcome National Champion:**

As a National Champion, there are certain rights and obligations regarding the national champion's uniform. USA Cycling has created this document to assist you with the design and creation of your jersey.

### Your National Championship Jersey:

Your National Champion's jersey can be worn as is.

Your National Champion's jersey is a symbol of you, USA Cycling and the United States. It should be recognizable to both the general public and those involved in the sport. Having a National Champion at an event is exciting for a race organizer, spectators and your fellow competitors.

## Rights Duties and Responsibilities:

Following are simple guidelines that allow everyone to recognize you and your accomplishments. Jerseys are regulated by both USA Cycling and the UCI. For those champions competing in UCI events or events run under UCI regulations, those rules will take precedence. You'll see the important regulations highlighted below.

#### **Design Approval Required:**

The following National Champion classes must follow USA Cycling's UCI registered design guidelines when creating customized jerseys

Elite Men U23 Women Junior Men 17-18
Elite Women U23 Men Junior Women 17-18

Jerseys must be submitted to USA Cycling as a PDF document to Technical Director at officials@usacycling.org.

If you are creating a design for your team or club with sponsorship, USA Cycling has created a **template** for this jersey that is registered with the UCI. The key design elements of blue field and white stars with red and white vertical stripes are critical. Use of the attached template is allowed and encouraged.

For all other classes, you are free to utilize the template to create your National Champion's uniform without design approval, but we are happy to review them at your request.

## **USA Cycling Regulations:**

**1J5(f)** Only current National Champions may wear National Championship jerseys and only in the specialty (road race, time trial, criterium, Cyclocross, short track cross-country, downhill, Madison, etc. and class age group (Junior, Master, U23, Elite) in which the title was won.

Age-graded champions may wear the jersey in other age classes within their overall class, age Group and discipline; e.g., Junior 15-16 road race champion in a Junior 17-18 road race.

- (i) In Elite races, only the USA Cycling Elite champion, Amateur, and U23 champion may wear the jersey in the appropriate specialty.
- (ii) In stage races, the jersey may only be worn by the current National Champion in the same specialty as the stage; e.g., Criterium Champion in a criterium stage.

## **USA Cycling Regulations cont:**

- (iii) Members of registered clubs/teams may place advertising on the jersey. Riders or teams that create their own National Champions jerseys must follow the approval procedure outlined by USA Cycling and must follow the approved format recognized internationally. All National Champion's jerseys must comply with **UCI rules** for advertising as published on the UCI web site.
- (iv) Only former National Champions are permitted to wear the Stars and Stripes pattern on the trim of their jerseys. The Stars and Stripes pattern may be worn in all disciplines, not just the discipline in which it was won.
- (v) A National Champion in one discipline (mountain bike, collegiate etc.) may not wear the jersey in events of another discipline, except as noted above.
- (vi) The defending National Champion must wear their National Championship jerseys in the subsequent National Championship of the same discipline and class, when eligible.

## **Relevant UCI Regulations:**

## 1.3.068 National Champion's Jersey:

National road, track, cyclo-cross, mountain bike, BMX, trials and indoor cycling champions must wear their jersey in all events in the discipline, specialty and category in which they won their title and no other event.

The national champion in the individual time trial is not authorized to wear the distinctive national champion's jersey during team time trial events.

In a six-day event, only madison national champions must wear the jersey even if they are not paired together.

(N) When they no longer hold the title of national champion, a rider can wear piping in national colors on the collar and cuffs of his jersey and shorts as per the technical specifications determined by the national federation. However, he can wear such a jersey only in events of the discipline, specialty and category in which he won the title and in no other event.

Wearing the national champion's jersey or piping in national colors is prohibited as soon as the anti-doping commission, after the review described in article 204 of the anti-doping rules, asserts that the rider committed an anti-doping violation and until his definitive acquittal.

The national champion jersey must be worn whenever a rider is engaged in activities on the track, awards ceremonies, press conferences, television interviews, autograph sessions and other occasions which require a good presentation.



# **National Championship Jersey Template**



Color: Pantone 289C Pantone 193C

Advertising on shoulders may be on a solid 5cm band of blue (Pantone 289c) in lieu of the stars shown. UCI regulations allow for a manufacturer's logo of up to  $30 \text{cm}^2$  on the front or back, but not both. UCI regulations allow advertising on the front and back of the jersey in an area 10 cm high.