



Elite Field Vetting Process for Life Time Cycling Events

1. Objective

To ensure a consistent, fair, and safety-conscious method for vetting elite athletes in Life Time off-road events that feature prize purses or Elite fields.

2. Scope

Applies to Elite fields at these events with prize purses or Elite fields for the 2026 season:

- Sea Otter Classic Gravel
- UNBOUND Gravel
- Crusher in the Tushar
- Leadville 100 MTB
- Chequamegon 40
- The Rad
- Little Sugar MTB
- Big Sugar Gravel

4. Automatic Qualification

- Current LTGP athletes
- Current Wild Card or U23 LTGP athletes
- Top 5 overall from prior year's LTGP events
- Top 10 overall in previous year's LTGP
- National Champions (Gravel or MTB)
- Top 3 overall at the following (Non-LTGP) Life Time events
 - Lutsen
 - Crusher in the Tushar
 - Silver Rush MTB
 - Leadville Stage Race
 - The Rad
 - Austin Rattler MTB

5. Competitive Qualifications (Applicants **May** qualify based upon the following)

- **Elite team affiliation** (UCI, Pro domestic)
- **Performance at High-Level Off-Road Events (Elite/Pro fields)**
 - Top performances (overall) at these premier races within the last 12 months:
 - **American Events**
 - SBT Gravel (Elite field) - Top 5
 - Oregon Trail Stage Race - Top 5 Overall
 - US Nationals - MTB Cross Country - Top 3 Overall
 - US Nationals - Gravel - Top 5 Overall
 - Gravel Worlds - Top 5 Overall
 - Breck Epic - Top 5 Overall
 - Mid-South - Top 5 Overall
 - Whiskey Off-Road 50 (Pro/Open) - Top 3 Overall

- Barry Roubaix - Top 3 Overall
- Valley of Tears - Top 5 Overall
- Rule of 3 - Top 5 Overall
- **International Events**
 - Heathland Gravel - Top 5 Overall
 - Cape Epic - Top 5 Overall (Teams)
 - BC Bike Race - MTB Stage race in BC - Top 3 Overall
 - La Ruta - MTB Stage Race Costa Rica - Top 3 Overall
 - UCI MTB XCO/XCM events - All
 - UCI Gravel - Top 3 Overall
 - Gravel Earth
 - Traka (360km) - Top 5 Overall
 - Rift - Top 5 Overall
- **Additional Consideration**
 - **Overall Non-Elite winners** from the events listed above **may be considered** at the discretion of the selection committee, particularly where field depth and competitiveness are demonstrated.

6. Entry Fees

- Entry fees will not be covered by Life Time for the Elite field.
- The winner of the previous year's event will be guaranteed entry into the same event in the next year; however, entry fees will not be complimentary.

7. Registration

- Note this policy outlines criteria to be eligible for the Elite Corral only and does not grant entry into the event.
- Selected Elite athletes must still register for the event in accordance with standard policy and deadlines.

8. Discretionary Slots

- A select number of entries will be reserved for discretionary picks by the selection committee on an ongoing basis.

9. Policy Adjustments

- The Selection Committee reserves the right to modify these policies and criteria in response to unforeseen circumstances, evolving competitive landscapes, or to uphold the values and integrity of the Elite field.