

2026 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships Cycle-ball Competition Format

This document sets out the competition format and match schedule for the cycle-ball events of the 2026 UCI Indoor Cycling World Championships. It covers the Men Elite League, the Challenger League and the Women Elite League, from the group stage to the finals, and shows how teams progress from one phase to the next.

Balls used for the championships: Indybike (Ballmanufaktur Leipzig)

MEN ELITE LEAGUE

GROUP A	
1	Germany
2	France
3	Japan
4	Belgium

GROUP B	
1	Austria
2	Switzerland
3	Czechia
4	Hungary

Game number	Team 1	Team 2
1	Japan	Belgium
2	Czechia	Hungary
3	Austria	Switzerland
4	Germany	France
5	Austria	Hungary
6	Switzerland	Czechia
7	France	Belgium
8	Germany	Japan
9	Austria	Czechia
10	Germany	Belgium
11	Switzerland	Hungary
12	France	Japan

2ND ROUND

(The result of the 2nd Round determines the final ranking of the teams eliminated in the quarterfinals).

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
13	4A	4B	Loser will play the relegation game / Winner will play against the loser of game 16
14	3A	3B	Loser will play against the winner of game 15.
15	2A	2B	Loser will play against the winner of game 14.
16	1A	1B	Winner qualifies for the semi-finals (1/2 final)

QUARTER FINALS

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
17	W14	L15	Winner qualifies for the semi-finals.
18	W15	L14	Winner qualifies for the semi-finals.
19	L16	W13	Winner qualifies for the semi-finals.

RELEGATION GAME

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
20	1 st Challenger League	L13	Winner qualifies for Men Elite League 2027

SEMI FINALS

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
21	W16	W17	Winner competes for Gold, Loser competes for Bronze
22	W19	W18	Winner competes for Gold, Loser competes for Bronze

FINALS (potential extra time-game)

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
23	L21	L22	The winner wins the bronze medal.
24	W21	W22	The winner is the new UCI Cycle-Ball World Champion

CHALLENGER LEAGUE

GROUP A	
1	Slovakia
2	Hong Kong, China
3	Great Britain

GROUP B	
1	Armenia
2	Italy
3	Malaysia

Game number	Team 1	Team 2
1	Slovakia	Great Britain
2	Armenia	Malaysia
3	Great Britain	Hong Kong, China
4	Malaysia	Italy
5	Slovakia	Hong Kong, China
6	Armenia	Italy

QUARTER FINALS

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
7	2A	3B	Winner qualifies for Semi Finals; Loser plays for place 5 th /6 th place.
8	2B	3A	Winner qualifies for Semi Finals; Loser plays for place 5 th /6 th place.

SEMI FINALS

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
9	1A	W8	Winner competes for the first place; Loser competes for the 3 rd place.
10	1B	W7	Winner competes for the first place; Loser competes for the 3 rd place.

FINALS

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
11	L7	L8	Winner finishes 5 th , Loser finishes 6 th
12	L9	L10	Winner finishes 3 rd , Loser finishes 4 th
13	W9	W10	Winner finishes 1 st , Loser finishes 2 nd

WOMEN ELITE LEAGUE

TEAMS	
1	Germany
2	Switzerland
3	Japan

Game number	Team 1	Team 2
1	Switzerland	Japan
2	Germany	Switzerland
3	Germany	Japan
4	Switzerland	Germany
5	Switzerland	Japan
6	Germany	Japan

Final (potential extra time game)

Game Number	Team 1	Team 2	Comment
7	1	2	Winner is the new UCI Cycle Ball World Champion