

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE 2026 UCI ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UCI Management Committee decides the qualification system each year.

Road Races

Men Elite

The qualification system is to be used and applied in the order of the following provisions (1 to 6).

1. Qualification through the UCI World Ranking by nation, calculated on 19 October 2025, coinciding with the last day of the 2025 UCI Road Calendar (200 riders to start)

A. Nations ranked 1 to 10 may enter 8 riders to start (80 riders to start)

B. Nations ranked 11 to 20 may enter 6 riders to start (60 riders to start)

C. Nations ranked 21 to 30 may enter 4 riders to start (40 riders to start)

D. Nations ranked 31 to 50 may enter 1 rider to start (20 riders to start)

2. Qualification through the UCI Individual World Ranking *

Nations with a rider ranked 1 to 200 in the UCI Individual World Ranking on 19 October 2025 and not yet qualified after provision 1 may enter 1 rider to start.

3. Reigning Olympic and Continental Champions *

Unless the nation concerned has qualified 8 riders to start through provision 1, the reigning Men Elite Road Race Olympic Champion and reigning Men Elite Road Race Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships after they won their respective title, in addition to the quota allocated to their nation. The additional quotas obtained by the reigning champions may not be used by another rider.

However, through this disposition a nation can only obtain one additional quota. If a nation has several champions, it will be up to the nation to choose the one quota.

4. Reigning UCI World Champion *

The reigning Men Elite Road Race UCI World Champion may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships after he won his title, in addition to the quota allocated to his nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champion may not be used by another rider.

5. Host nation*

Unless the nation of the country in which the UCI Road World Championships are organised has qualified a minimum of 6 riders to start through provision 1 to 4, the concerned nation may enter 6 riders to start.

6. Confirmation of the quotas

The qualified nations must confirm their partial or total use of quota(s) by 1 December 2025 by sending an email to rwg@uci.ch.

Any non-confirmed quota(s) shall be considered as not being used by the relevant nation.

7. Reallocation system

The reallocation shall only be applied in case less than 200 quota places have been allocated and confirmed after application of provisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The number of quota places to be reallocated is determined by deducting the number of allocated and confirmed quota places after application of provisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 from the total number of riders allowed to take part in a road race (200 riders to start).

The available quotas will be reallocated at the rate of 1 quota place per nation – to the nations qualified through provision 1. D), i.e. ranked 31 to 50 in the UCI World Ranking by nations on 19 October 2025 and which confirmed the use of their quota place. The reallocation will follow the order of the ranking and the nation given an additional quota place through the reallocation system will have to confirm use of such quota place.

8. Invitations

The UCI can decide to award a maximum of 3 non-qualified nations the opportunity to enter 1 rider to start in addition to the qualification system for this category. The interested nations would have to ask for an invitation by sending an email to rwg@uci.ch before 1 December 2025. The selected nations will be informed individually.

** Through application of provisions 2, 3, 4 and 5, quotas beyond the maximum number of 200 riders to start may be allocated.*

Men Under 23

The qualification system is to be used and applied in the order of the following provisions (1 to 8).

1. Qualification through the UCI Continental Men Under 23 nations ranking on 19 October 2025

- The first 5 nations in the Men Under 23 ranking by nations of the UCI Africa Tour:
the nation ranked 1st may enter 5 riders to start;
the nation ranked 2nd may enter 4 riders to start;
the nations ranked 3rd to 5th may enter 3 riders to start.
- The first 10 nations in the Men Under 23 ranking by nations of the UCI America Tour:
the nations ranked 1st to 3rd may enter 5 riders to start;
the nations ranked 4th to 6th may enter 4 riders to start;
the nations ranked 7th to 10th may enter 3 riders to start.
- The first 7 nations in the Men Under 23 ranking by nations of the UCI Asia Tour:
the nations ranked 1st and 2nd may enter 5 riders to start;
the nations ranked 3rd and 4th may enter 4 riders to start;
the nations ranked 5th to 7th may enter 3 riders to start.
- The first 27 nations in the Men Under 23 ranking by nations of the UCI Europe Tour:
the nations ranked 1st to 15th may enter 5 riders to start;
the nations ranked 16th to 20th may enter 4 riders to start;
the nations ranked 21st to 27th may enter 3 riders to start.
- The first 2 nations of the Men Under 23 ranking by nations of the UCI Oceania Tour:
the nation ranked 1st may enter 5 riders to start;
the nation ranked 2nd may enter 3 riders to start.

2. Qualification through the UCI Continental Men Elite individual rankings on 19 October 2025

- The African nations not qualified through provision 1 and with at least one Men Under 23 rider ranked among the first 60 in the Men Elite individual ranking of the UCI Africa Tour may enter 1 rider to start.
- The American nations not qualified through provision 1 and with at least one Men Under 23 rider ranked among the first 200 in the Men Elite individual ranking of the UCI America Tour may enter 1 rider to start.
- The Asian nations not qualified through provision 1 and with at least one Men Under 23 rider ranked among the first 150 in the Men Elite individual ranking of the UCI Asia Tour may enter 1 rider to start.

- The European nations not qualified through provision 1 and with at least one Men Under 23 rider ranked among the first 400 of the Men Elite individual ranking of the UCI Europe Tour may enter 1 rider to start.
- The Oceanian nations not qualified through provision 1 and with at least one Men Under 23 rider ranked among the first 20 of the Men Elite individual ranking of the UCI Oceania Tour may enter 1 rider to start.

3. Qualification is allocated on 19 October 2025 and is taken from the UCI Nations' Cup Men Under 23 ranking.

A nation that is included in the UCI Nations' Cup U23 ranking on 19 October 2025 and is not qualified through provisions 1 and 2 may enter 1 rider to start.

4. Additional quotas

The first 5 nations of the UCI Nations' Cup U23 ranking on 19 October 2025 may enter 1 additional rider.

5. Reigning Continental Champions

Unless the nation concerned has qualified 6 riders to start through provisions 1 and 4, the reigning Men Under 23 Road Race Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of their title, in addition to the quota allocated to their respective nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champions may not be used by another rider.

6. Reigning UCI World Champion

The reigning Men Under 23 Road Race UCI World Champion may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of his title, in addition to the quota allocated to his nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champion may not be used by another rider.

7. Host nation

Unless the nation of the country in which the UCI Road World Championships are organised has qualified a minimum of 4 riders to start through provisions 1 to 6, the nation may enter 4 riders to start.

8. Invitations

The UCI can decide to award a maximum of 3 non-qualified nations the opportunity to enter 1 rider to start in addition to the qualification system for this category. The interested nations would have to ask

for an invitation by sending an email to rwg@uci.ch before 1 December 2025. The selected nations will be informed individually.

Men Junior

1. Qualification is allocated on 19 October 2025 and is taken from the UCI Nations' Cup Men Junior ranking.

- The nations ranked 1 to 10 may enter 5 riders to start.
- The nations ranked 11 to 15 may enter 4 riders to start.
- The nations ranked 16 to 25 may enter 3 riders to start.
- Other nations and non-ranked nations may enter 2 riders to start.

2. Reigning Continental Champions

Unless the nation concerned has qualified 5 riders to start through provision 1, the reigning Men Junior Road Race Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of their title, in addition to the quota allocated to their respective nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champions may not be used by another rider.

3. Reigning UCI World Champion

The reigning Men Junior Road Race UCI World Champion may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of his title, in addition to the quota allocated to his nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champion may not be used by another rider.

Women Elite

1. Qualification through the UCI World ranking by nations on 19 October 2025

- The nations ranked 1 to 5 may enter 7 riders to start.
- Nations ranked 6 to 15 may enter 6 riders to start.
- Nations ranked 16 to 20 may enter 5 riders to start.
- Other nations and non-ranked nations 3 riders to start.

2. Reigning Olympic and Continental Champions

Unless the nation concerned has qualified 7 riders to start through provision 1, the reigning Women Elite Road Race Olympic Champion and the reigning Women Elite Road Race Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of their title, in addition to the quota allocated to their respective nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champions may not be used by another rider.

However, through this disposition a nation can only obtain one additional quota. If a nation has several champions, it will be up to the nation to choose the one quota.

3. Reigning UCI World Champion

The reigning Women Elite Road Race UCI World Champion may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of her title, in addition to the quota allocated to her nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champion may not be used by another rider.

4. Host nation

Unless the nation of the country in which the UCI Road World Championships are organised has qualified a minimum of 4 riders to start through provisions 1 to 3, the nation may enter 4 riders to start.

Women Under 23

1. Each nation may enter 5 riders to start.

2. Reigning Continental Champions

The reigning Women Under 23 Road Race Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of their title, in addition to the quota allocated to their respective nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champions may not be used by another rider.

3. Reigning UCI World Champion

The reigning Women Under 23 Road Race UCI World Champion may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of her title, in addition to the quota allocated to her nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champion may not be used by another rider.

Clarification new UCI Regulations

9.2.015 quarter

Women Under 23 riders who have participated in the Women Elite individual road race at previous World Championships may not participate in the Women Under 23 individual road race.

(article introduced on 01.01.25)

Women Junior

1. Qualification is allocated on 19 October 2025 and is taken from the UCI Nations' Cup Women Junior ranking.

- The nations ranked 1 to 5 may enter 5 riders to start.
- Other nations and non-ranked nations may enter 4 riders to start.

2. Reigning Continental Champions

Unless the nation concerned has qualified 5 riders to start through provision 1, the reigning Women Junior Road Race Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of their title, in addition to the quota allocated to their respective nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champions may not be used by another rider.

3. Reigning UCI World Champion

The reigning Women Junior Road Race UCI World Champion may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of her title, in addition to the quota allocated to her nation. The additional quota obtained by the reigning champion may not be used by another rider.

Individual Time Trial

All categories

Each nation may enter 2 riders to start.

The reigning UCI Individual Time Trial World Champions, the reigning Individual Time Trial Olympic Champions and the reigning Individual Time Trial Continental Champions may take part in the first UCI Road World Championships following the award of their title (in the category in which they obtained their title), in addition to the number of starters allocated to their respective nation according to the present qualification system. They may not be replaced by another rider.

Clarification new UCI Regulations

9.2.020

Under 23 riders who have participated in the Men Elite individual Time-Trial or Women Elite individual Time-Trial at a previous World Championships may not participate in the Men Under 23 or Women Under 23 individual Time-Trial.

(article introduced on 01.01.25)

Team Time Trial – Mixed Relay

The nations interested in taking part in this event shall have to apply for an invitation by sending an email to rwc@uci.ch before 1 December 2025. The selected nations will be informed individually.

Correlation table between the number of riders each National Federation may enter to start and the number of riders to be registered for all individual events

Number of riders registered that are allowed to start	Maximum number of riders registered
9	14
8	13
7	11
6	9
5	8
4	7
3	6
2	4
1	2

RIDERS' REGISTRATION BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Riders' online registration begins on **1 August 2026 at 12:00 (CET)** on the following website: [UCI DataRide](#) (*registration of riders and Team Managers*). If the National Federations do not already have logins, please request access by filling in the following form: [Access Request UCI Regonline](#).

In all cases, the UCI must receive online registrations before the deadline set out in **Article 9.2.004 of the UCI Regulations**.

All registrations (Men Elite, Women Elite, Men Under 23, Women Under 23, Men Junior, Women Junior – INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL AND ROAD RACE) must be received **before 11 September 2026 at 12:00 (CET)**. After this deadline, no registrations will be accepted.

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