

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE 2026 UCI CYCLING ESPORTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - ELITE

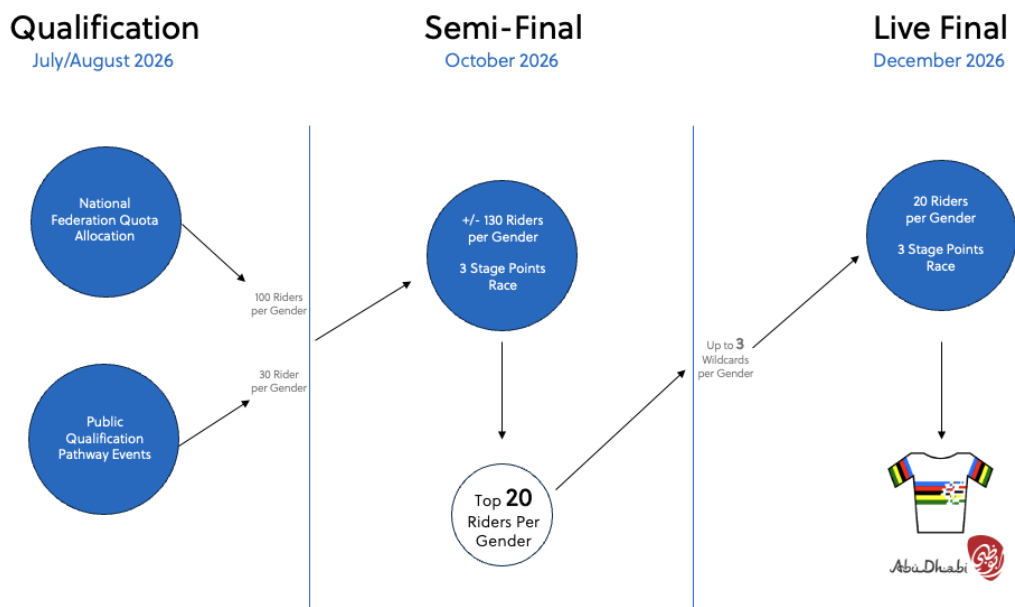
The UCI Management Committee decides the qualification system each year.

Qualification Pathway

The 2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships maintains a similar qualification pathway from 2025, balancing National Federation qualifiers and MyWhoosh-hosted events:

- **National Federation Qualifiers (70%)**
 - Approximately 100 riders of each gender qualifying for the semi-final through National Federations based quota allocated by the UCI.
- **MyWhoosh Qualifiers (30%)**
 - Approximately 30 riders qualifying through MyWhoosh-hosted events, scheduled earlier in the year compared to 2025 for better National Federation coordination and more clear athlete communication.

Visual overview of the Qualification System



Key qualification dates:

- **July/August:** National Federations qualifying period. All riders must participate in at least one MyWhoosh Sunday Race Club Elite event for exposure to selection personal and eligibility for the semi-final.
- **31 August:** National Federation quota allocated due with rider names and UCI ID numbers.
- **4 September:** Final rider list participating in the Semi-final.
- **2 October:** Semi-finals (approximately 130 riders) with exact format to be announced at a later date.
- **12 December:** Live Final in 2 global hubs, exact location and format to be announced at a later date.

National Federations Qualification System

The Semi-finals quotas are calculated using a points system. The methodology used is outlined as follows:

1. Positions 21 through 60 in both genders in the 2024 and 2025 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships Semi-final were awarded points based upon their finish position in the Semi-final. These points are awarded using the respective genders UCI Road World Championships point tables.
2. Positions 1 through 20 in both genders in the 2024 and 2025 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships Final were awarded points based upon their finish position in the Final. These points are awarded using the respective genders UCI Road World Championships point tables.



3. Each nation's points are determined by aggregating the points accumulated by all its riders across the 2024 and 2025 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships.
4. Five groups were established based on the available spots for the 2026 edition, with each National Federation within a grouping receiving an equal number of quota.

GROUP	POINTS	QUOTAS
A	2'000	10
B	1'000-1'999	8
C	500-999	6
D	250-499	4
E	0-249	3

As a result of the process outlined above, the following National Federations will be granted Men's and Women's rider quota for the semi-finals as follows:

National Federation Quota Allocation – Men and Women

Men					Women				
Rank	Nation	Points Total	Group	Quotas	Rank	Nation	Points Total	Group	Quotas
1	BEL	2885	A	10	1	SWE	1955	B	8
2	GER	1925	B	8	2	NZL	1900	B	8
3	DEN	1180	B	8	3	BRA	1430	B	8
4	POL	1165	B	8	4	GBR	1210	B	8
5	USA	950	C	6	5	USA	1090	B	8
6	FIN	900	C	6	6	GER	1080	B	8
7	NOR	435	D	4	7	ITA	650	C	6
8	NZL	350	D	4	8	SUI	600	C	6
9	AUS	340	D	4	9	RSA	305	D	4
10	CZE	285	D	4	10	NOR	255	D	4
11	FRA	185	E	3	11	CH	150	E	3
12	SWE	160	E	3	12	AUS	145	E	3
13	CAN	155	E	3	13	CAN	135	E	3
14	RSA	120	E	3	14	FIN	120	E	3
15	GBR	85	E	3	15	FRA	85	E	3
16	NED	80	E	3	16	BEL	60	E	3
17	ITA	70	E	3	17	DEN	50	E	3
18	POR	40	E	3	18	NED	30	E	3
19	BRA	30	E	3	19	POR	30	E	3
20	IRL	30	E	3	20	HKG	15	E	3
					21	LTU	15	E	3

**2025 UCI World Champions are automatically given an entry, in addition to the Federations allocated total listed above.*

National Federations without quota allocations

As in previous years, it is anticipated that there will be a number of additional National Federations that request places in the event. In 2026 the UCI will enable a route into the UCI Cycling Esports World Championships for any National Federations in the following ways:

- Any National Federation will be able to propose up to two riders that will be automatically invited to the start line of the Semi-finals.
- These riders must complete all necessary requirements outlined by the MyWhoosh Performance Verification team.
 - All riders must have completed at least one Sunday Race Club or Premium MyWhoosh event no more than six months prior to the Semi-finals.

Accepting quota allocation

Dates (2026)	Key Milestones
13 July	• Information shared with National Federations
20 July	• Deadline for National Federations to submit any clarification questions to the UCI
31 July	• UCI to distribute answers to questions from all National Federations
31 July	• Deadline for National Federations to confirm their national kit design
31 August	• Deadline for National Federations to indicate participating riders in the semi-final

1. UCI Point of Contact

The UCI will be responsible for coordination with MyWhoosh and providing feedback to competing National Federations. All correspondence regarding the event should be sent to: esports@uci.ch

2. Raising Clarification Questions

National Federations are invited to submit any questions they have regarding the 2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships to the UCI no later than 20 July 2026 (close of business, CEST). All questions and answers will then be published online and distributed to all National Federations no later than 31 July 2026.

3. Virtual National Kit Design Submission

All National Federations must confirm or submit their virtual national kit design for review and approval by the UCI, and final artwork for inclusion into the MyWhoosh platform by 31 July 2026. If no confirmation is received, a previously approved national kit or a blank neutral kit will be used.

4. Accepting Allocated Quota (semi-final)

To confirm participation in the 2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships, National Federations must send an email to the UCI (address above) by 6 pm CEST on 31 August 2026. The email should include:

- A written indication of how many of the allocated quotas the National Federation will accept, per gender, and if available, the list of riders with their UCI ID.

5. Additional Notes

- a. If the UCI does not receive confirmation by the deadline above, the National Federations' quotas may be reallocated.
- b. Following the acceptance of quotas places by National Federations, the UCI reserves the right to:
 - i. Allocate additional quotas places to any National Federations listed in this document.
 - ii. Invite additional National Federations to participate with allocated rider spots.
- c. By accepting the invitation to enter a national team into the 2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships, National Federations also agree to include any eligible riders from their nation who have qualified through other pathways to their squad. In all instances, the UCI will liaise with the National Federation in advance.
- d. All riders must have completed at least one Sunday Race Club or Premium MyWhoosh event no more than 6 months prior to the Semi-finals.

The UCI is available to provide further clarification regarding National Federation quotas. Please do not hesitate to contact esports@uci.ch should you require additional information.

Riders' registration by National Federations

Online registration of riders by National Federations will be open from 7 September 2026 at 12:00 (CET) until 18 September 2026 at 12:00 (CET). Registrations must be made on [UCI DataRide](#).