



Cycling Canada Allocation of Wild Card Positions for the 2026 UCI Gravel World Championships

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INTRODUCTION

The 2026 Canadian Gravel Championships serve as a direct qualifier for the 2026 UCI Gravel World Championships and all Canadian Championship category winners receive automatic qualification to the World Championships. As a result of the cancellation of the 2026 Canadian Gravel Championships, The Elite and Master Categories A-B (35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54) have been left without qualification opportunities for the event.

This document outlines Cycling Canada's process for awarding 8 (eight) wild card positions to Canadian riders in these categories for the 2026 UCI Gravel World Championships.

PROCESS

Cycling Canada will be awarding wild card positions following the below process:

Elite:

- Elite athletes wishing to participate in the 2026 UCI Gravel World Championships can apply through [Cycling Canada's Privateer and Independent Athlete Policy](#) (page 12)

Masters A-B

- As a result of Masters Men & Women Categories A-B (35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54) not having verified results, 8 slots will be allocated to random draw.
- To be eligible to enter this draw, the participant must meet the following criteria:
 - o Be a registered participant in the 2026 Canadian Gravel Championships [**1 entry**];
 - o Be a previous Canadian Gravel Champion (2024-2025) [**2 entries**];
 - o Athletes finishing in the top 5 of the previous Canadian Gravel Championship (2025) [**1 entry**]

2026 UCI Gravel World Championships Wild Card Draw

- The draw will open immediately following the publishing of this document and will remain open until 11:59 PM EST Sunday, July 12th 2026. The draw will take place on Friday, July 17th, 2026 before end of day. Cycling Canada will contact all draw winners within 24 hours of the draw.

TO APPLY: If you are interested in being selected for a wild card position and meet the above criteria, you must complete the [online registration form](#) (free to enter) before 11:59pm EST Sunday, July 12th, 2026.

Selections from the Wild Card Draw cannot be appealed under Cycling Canada's Appeal Policy.

Please contact Jacob Graper jacob.graper@cyclingcanada.ca if you have any questions regarding this process.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Official Canadian Championship and UCI World Championship Age Categories	
Men	Women
19-34	19-34
35-39	35-39
40-44	40-44
45-49	45-49
50-54	50-54
55-59	55-59
60-64	60-64
65-69	65-69
70-74	70-74
75-79	75-79
(5-year category created as soon as 1 rider is registered in that age group)	