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**2026 ESPORTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY**

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## SECTION A – GENERAL INFORMATION

This document lays out the criteria to be used for selection to the Canadian team for the 2026 UCI Esports World Championships Semifinals, where athletes can earn spots for the 2026 UCI Esports World Championships.

The Semifinal will be held virtually on Oct. 2, 2026, and is limited to approximately 130 riders per gender.

The top 16 riders per gender from the Semifinal will be invited to attend the World Championships person in one of two hubs, one in Europe and one in North America, on Dec. 12, 2026. Flights and accommodation for the world championships will be paid by MyWhoosh.

Canada has been awarded a quota of 3 women and 3 men for the Semifinal; athletes will be awarded these positions using the specific criteria in Section C.

Additionally, athletes can also qualify through public qualifier events hosted by the UCI on MyWhoosh on Sept. 5 and Sept. 12. The top 20 athletes per gender on Sept. 5 and the top 10 on Sept. 12 will qualify for the Semifinal.

Cycling Canada will provide riders selected to the Semifinal (either using one of Canada's quota spots or through the public qualifier events) with administrative support, invitations to any preparation rides and events that Cycling Canada will host, and a National Team jersey and bib shorts to be worn during the Semifinal and, if they qualify, the World Championships.

At the conclusion of the Semifinal, MyWhoosh and the UCI will conduct performance verification and will then issue individual invitations to riders who qualify to the World Championships.

Here is a calendar of important dates:

| Date           | Time                 | Event                                               | Notes                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aug. 21, 2026  | 19:30 ET<br>20:30 ET | Cycling Canada community rides on qualifier courses | Hosted by Cycling Canada on MyWhoosh.                                                                                                                       |
| Aug. 23, 2026  | 12:00 ET             | Cycling Canada qualifier (2 stages)                 | Hosted by Cycling Canada on MyWhoosh.                                                                                                                       |
| Sept. 5, 2026  | TBC                  | UCI public qualifier                                | Hosted by the UCI on MyWhoosh.                                                                                                                              |
| Sept. 12, 2026 | TBC                  | UCI public qualifier                                | Hosted by the UCI on MyWhoosh.                                                                                                                              |
| Oct. 2, 2026   | TBC                  | UCI World Championship Semifinal                    | Approx. 130 riders per gender, racing as part of their National Teams. Hosted by the UCI on MyWhoosh.                                                       |
| Dec. 12, 2026  | TBC                  | UCI Esports World Championship                      | 16 riders per gender, racing as part of their National Teams. Hosted in person by the UCI. Athletes must qualify via the UCI World Championships Semifinal. |

The technical guide and registration links for the Cycling Canada qualifier can be found on [this page](#) of the CC website.

For more information on the World Championships and the Public Qualifiers, please visit [this page](#) of the UCI website.

Athletes must meet the Eligibility Criteria in Section B to be considered for selection.

Selection decisions are based on the Specific Criteria in Section C.

Unless expressly stated in the Specific Selection Criteria, selections are subject the General Selection Policy found on the Cycling Canada website.



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### SECTION B – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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To be eligible for selection to the Canadian team, an athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen.
- Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire before the date required by the consular authorities of the country in which the event is being held.
- Be in compliance with all relevant CC, UCI and MyWhoosh requirements for eligibility and performance verification.
- Hold a valid UCI license indicating nationality as Canadian.
- Sign, submit and comply with the CC National Team Agreement.
- Have completed all relevant UCI, WADA and Sport Integrity Canada anti-doping requirements.
- Have signed the consent form agreeing to be bound by the Universal Code of Conduct to prevent and address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS).
- Minors must have parental permission to participate in training programs and competitions.
- Have competed at the most recent Canadian Esports Championships or have an approved exemption per the Cycling Canada Canadian Championships Attendance Policy.

Additional eligibility requirements may be detailed in the Specific Selection Criteria below.

**SECTION C – SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA**

| <b>Project</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>UCI Esports World Championships Semifinal</b> |
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| Competition date:       | Oct. 2, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                  |
| Competition location:   | MyWhoosh virtual platform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |
| Category:               | U23 and Elite (born 2007 and earlier)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                  |
| Team size:              | 3 Women<br>3 Men                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |
|                         | <i>The team size is based on the quota allocated to Canada by the UCI.</i><br><br><i>Cycling Canada reserves the right to modify the team size per Section 5 of the General Selection Policy.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                  |
| Performance validation: | Athletes are subject to any applicable performance validation requirements of Cycling Canada, of the UCI, and of MyWhoosh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                  |
| Selection panel:        | Selection decision made by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief High Performance Sport (CHPS)</li><li>• Director of High-Performance Services (DHPS)</li><li>• High Performance Committee (HPC)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |
| Selection dates:        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aug. 24 – CHPS and DSHP, or delegates, submit selection recommendations to HPC</li><li>• Aug. 25 – Selection decision approved; CC informs athletes; appeal period starts*</li><li>• Aug. 30 – Appeal deadline*</li><li>• Aug. 31 – deadline for CC to submit selections to UCI</li></ul><br>* Anyone not named in the selection decision must appeal by the deadline or they lose their right to appeal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                  |
| Selection criteria:     | Athletes of each gender will be selected in the following order of priority until the quota is filled or there are no further athletes to be recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Priority 1: The 2026 Elite Canadian Esports Champion</li><li>• Priority 2: Athletes participating in the Cycling Canada Esports qualifier, in the order of ranking using the points scales in Appendix A</li></ul><br>One or more alternates may be named using the same criteria.<br><br><i>If fewer athletes meet the selection criteria than quota spots available in each category, or if a rider declines selection, Cycling Canada reserves the right to add athletes to the team, at its discretion.</i> |                                                  |
| Self-funding:           | Athletes are responsible for any fees and costs as outlined in the Athlete Fees Policy published on the Cycling Canada website. These costs, if any, will be communicated to the athlete at the time of selection. All outstanding project fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |



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### APPENDIX – CYCLING CANADA ESPORTS QUALIFIERS

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Cycling Canada is hosting an Esports Qualifier consisting of two stages held on Aug. 23, 2026, starting at 12:00 pm ET as follows:

Courses:

- Stage 1: 7.5km – 1 lap of Toulouse Plains (59 m of elevation gain)
- Stage 2: 15.5km – 1 lap of Tour de Course (140 m of elevation gain)

Schedule:

- 12:00 ET – Women Stage 1
- 12:30 ET – Women Stage 2
- 13:00 ET – Men Stage 1
- 13:30 ET – Men stage 2

Participants will be ranked based on points allocated to each stage as follows:

| Finishing place | Points |
|-----------------|--------|
| 1               | 25     |
| 2               | 18     |
| 3               | 15     |
| 4               | 12     |
| 5               | 10     |
| 6               | 8      |
| 7               | 6      |
| 8               | 4      |
| 9               | 2      |
| 10              | 1      |

Any ties will be broken by the athletes' finishing order in the second stage.