

1. Introduction

1.1. The Esports World Championships are also known as the Zwift World Championships.

1.2. New Zealand has been allocated the following quotas by the UCI:

Men: 2 places

Women: 3 places

There is no obligation on the Relevant Selection Panel to fill the maximum number of positions specified by the UCI; pursuant to the UCI Zwift World Championships participation rules.

1.3. This document outlines the selection regulations for these quota spots.

1.4. For the purposes of this Selection Schedule, the selection panel will consist of two selectors and a convener as designated by the High Performance Director of Cycling New Zealand.

2. Eligibility

2.1. Must have a valid licence with the UCI ID code from the national federation of your residence, in accordance with the UCI Regulations.

2.2. Athletes must be registered on Zwift power and have progressed to at least level 5* in the game at the time that they are selected.

It is preferable that athletes have taken part in one of Zwift's major broadcast events, this is to ensure familiarity with protocols around race entry, technological requirements, and performance verification.

2.3. It is preferred, but not mandatory for riders to be part of an existing Registered Testing Pool for Anti-Doping purposes. The UCI will work with the International Testing Agency to implement a specific anti-doping testing regimen around the UCI Cycling Esports World Championships that all selected athletes will be required to comply with.

3. Performance / Selection Time Period: 10 months prior to the Selection Date as specified in Paragraph 6 of this selection schedule.

* Level 5 requires a Zwift User to have ridden on the platform and gained a total of 4,000 XP (Experience Points). This equates to roughly 200km. A Zwift user's level can be seen on their profile via the Zwift Companion App when searching for a user, or in-game by the user themselves at the top of the HUD (Heads up Display).

4. Selection Process

- 4.1 Eligible riders to complete the Athlete Application process by providing all information in the on-line Rider Application Form by the date set out in Paragraph 6 below.
- 4.2 Priority will be given to riders whose results are from verified events, and on courses that are similar to that of the 2023 World Championships.
- 4.3 The selection panel reserve the right to exercise discretion in selecting athletes for this event.

5. Financial Conditions

- 5.1. Participation at the UCI Zwift World Championships is dependent on selected athletes being able to fund the entirety of the cost associated with their participation. Cycling New Zealand will provide free of charge a jersey and bib shorts to all selected riders.

6. Key Timelines

Event	Competition Date	Application Deadline	Selection Date
2023 UCI Zwift World Championships	18 February 2023	15 November 2022	28 November 2022