



Elite Semi-Finals Technical Guide & Roadbook

1. Event Overview & Schedule

The 2026 UCI Cycling Esports World Championships Semi-Finals will take place as a remote, global competition hosted on the MyWhoosh platform. The Semi-Finals determine the riders who will advance to the World Championship Final.

- **Date:** Friday, 2 October 2026
- **Platform:** MyWhoosh
- **Women's Start Time:** 19:00 GST
- **Men's Start Time:** 21:00 GST
- **Field Size:** Approximately 130 verified riders per gender, comprising of National Federation quota allocations and qualifiers from the official MyWhoosh qualification races
- **Official Startlist:** The official startlist will be communicated by the UCI.
- **Rider Briefing:** An official race briefing will be held, virtually, in the days prior to the competition. A Zoom invitation will be shared closer to the scheduled time and a recording of the meeting will be made available to all riders.

2. Qualification Pathway & Final Progression

Rider Eligibility & Entry

- Riders must hold a valid UCI ID/license and be eligible to represent their respective National Federation.
- All participating riders must complete the mandatory MyWhoosh pre-race verification protocols, including the Power Passport Test, at least one SRC race within the previous 6 months, and verified weigh-in, before being confirmed on the UCI start list.

- Riders must have completed at least one MyWhoosh SRC event prior to the Semi-Finals

Progression to the Final

Automatic Qualifiers: The top 15 riders from each gender in the Semi-Finals will qualify for the Final, subject to post-race performance verification and UCI Commissaire approval.

- **Invitation Protocol:** Invitations are awarded to individual riders and are strictly non-transferable between riders or federations.
- **Wildcard Applications:** If a National Federation wishes to apply for an exceptional wildcard entry, an official request detailing the rider's name, UCI ID and extraordinary circumstances must be sent to esports@uci.ch within 48 hours of the conclusion of the Semi-Finals. Wildcard consideration for riders who competed in the Semi-Finals but failed to qualify is reserved exclusively for exceptional circumstances.

3. Semi-Final Race Format & Rules

The Semi-Final uses a two-stage, points-based format. This is the same race format that will be used in the Final. The overall classification is determined by the total points scored across both stages.

- **Timing & Scoring Line:** All sprint and checkpoint scoring is judged based on the leading edge of the front wheel. For the avoidance of doubt, all final positions will be taken from MyWhoosh server data and global broadcast feeds, not individual rider visuals.
- **Points Distribution:** Points are awarded to the top 10 riders at standard scoring opportunities. The exception is the Stage 1 final sprint, where points will be available to a wider field.
- **Stage Interval:** Stage 2 starts exactly 30 minutes after the official start gun of Stage 1. Individual recovery time varies based on when each rider crosses the Stage 1 finish line. Riders will need to leave stage 1 and manually enter stage 2. It will not be possible to enter Stage 2 until 20 minutes after the start of Stage 1.
- **Tie-Breaks:** If riders are tied on points following stage 2, then the rider with the higher point total in stage 2 will be ranked higher. If riders are still tied on points in stage 2, then the rider who crossed the final finish line of stage 2 will be ranked higher.

4. Courses

Stage 1 PEARL DISTRICT: Surge Checkpoints

Pearl District features five hidden sprint checkpoints along the course, known as Surge Checkpoints. Riders receive an in-game visual alert 500 meters prior to each Surge Checkpoint.

The Surge checkpoints locations will not be revealed in advance. All riders competing in the same race will receive the same surge checkpoint activations.

Because riders do not know when the next checkpoint will activate, they need to remain well positioned and ready to accelerate throughout the stage. Moving too early may use energy before the next scoring opportunity, while sitting too far back may leave too little time to move into a points-scoring position.

The stage rewards awareness, positioning, repeated acceleration and the ability to recover quickly between efforts.

Specification	STAGE 1 PEARL DISTRICT Detail
Distance	7.64 km
Elevation Gain	98 m
Scoring Concept	Five dynamically activated checkpoints, with the top 10 riders scoring points
Warning Distance	500 m advance notice before each activated checkpoint line

The Stage 1 final sprint will offer points to a wider field than the standard checkpoint. Scoring for the stage is as follows:

Stage / Checkpoint	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
Stage 1 – Surge Checkpoints	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Stage 1 – Finish Sprint	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th
Stage 1 – Finish Sprint	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Stage 2 HORIZON DISTRICT: Route Choice Points Race

Horizon District consists of four laps on a 5.0 km circuit, with two scoring opportunities per lap and eight checkpoints in total. Riders must select one of two route options 400 metres before the course splits.

- **Tactical Split:** Riders must manually select (with mouse, keyboard, touch screen, or Linkapp controls) either a flat route with a standard points or a hillier route carrying a higher points weighting. *A rider may enlist the help of someone else present in the room with them, but are responsible for the actions of that person.*
- **Default Selection:** If a rider fails to make an active route selection before the branch, the system automatically assigns the flat route.
- **Merge & Sprint:** Both routes rejoin before a common sprint checkpoint on each lap. On lap four, the final sprint coincides with the race finish line and awards double points.

Specification	Option 1: Flat	Option 2: Hilly
Lap Distance	5.00 km	5.00 km
Elevation Gain / Lap	36 m	44 m
Scoring Value	Standard points scale, top 10 riders	Higher points scale, top 10 riders
Notice Distance	Prompted 400 m prior to junction	Prompted 400 m prior to junction

Points Distribution

Stage / Checkpoint	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Stage 2 – Flat Route Checkpoints	15	13	11	9	7	6	4	3	2	1
Stage 2 – Hilly Route Checkpoints	20	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	2
Stage 2 – Start/Finish Sprints 1-3	15	13	11	9	7	6	4	3	2	1
Stage 2 – Final Start/Finish Sprint	30	26	22	18	14	12	8	6	4	2

5. Equipment & Technical Specifications

All competitors must strictly adhere to the technical and hardware rules outlined below:

- **Primary Power Source:** Direct-drive smart trainer or smart bike certified by MyWhoosh, for example Wahoo KICKR v5/v6/MOVE/Pro Bike; Tacx NEO/NEO 2T/NEO 3M/NEO Bike; Elite Justo/Justo 2. Non-smart and wheel-on trainers are strictly prohibited.
- **Virtual shifting:** Will not be supported in the event.
- **Secondary Power Source:** Independent crank- or pedal-based power meter paired as a secondary power recorder within the MyWhoosh app. Secondary devices must use factory slope calibration settings; Power Match settings are prohibited.
- **Heart Rate Monitor:** Separate Bluetooth chest-strap monitor required. Optical armbands and smartwatch sensors are prohibited.
- **Trainer Difficulty:** Set to a minimum of 50% gradient difficulty in the MyWhoosh application.
- **Software:** Latest official public build of the MyWhoosh application.
- **Broadcast:** All riders will be expected to be available for a live broadcast link from a separate device. This will be used to verify rider identity, check on issues, and validate equipment and kit if needed. Details for joining will be shared closer to the race start.

6. Verification & Post-Race Procedures

- **Pre-Race:** Completion of the Power Passport Test, one SRC race, and historical performance file submission if needed.
- **Weigh-In:** Submission and validation of rider weight video recorded and submitted between 50 and 30 minutes prior to the event via the web profile pop-up. The same process as SRC for Cat 1 or Cat 2/3 for SRC Finals. Questions on this process can be answered by emailing racecontrol@mywhoosh.com and will be covered during the rider briefing.
- **During Race:** Mandatory compliance with official video streaming check-ins, webcam monitoring and dual recording capture.
- **Post-Race Data:** Riders must upload their MyWhoosh activity immediately upon stage completion. Secondary power data is captured automatically by MyWhoosh

and does not need to be submitted separately by the rider. Additional evidence may be requested by Race Control if required.

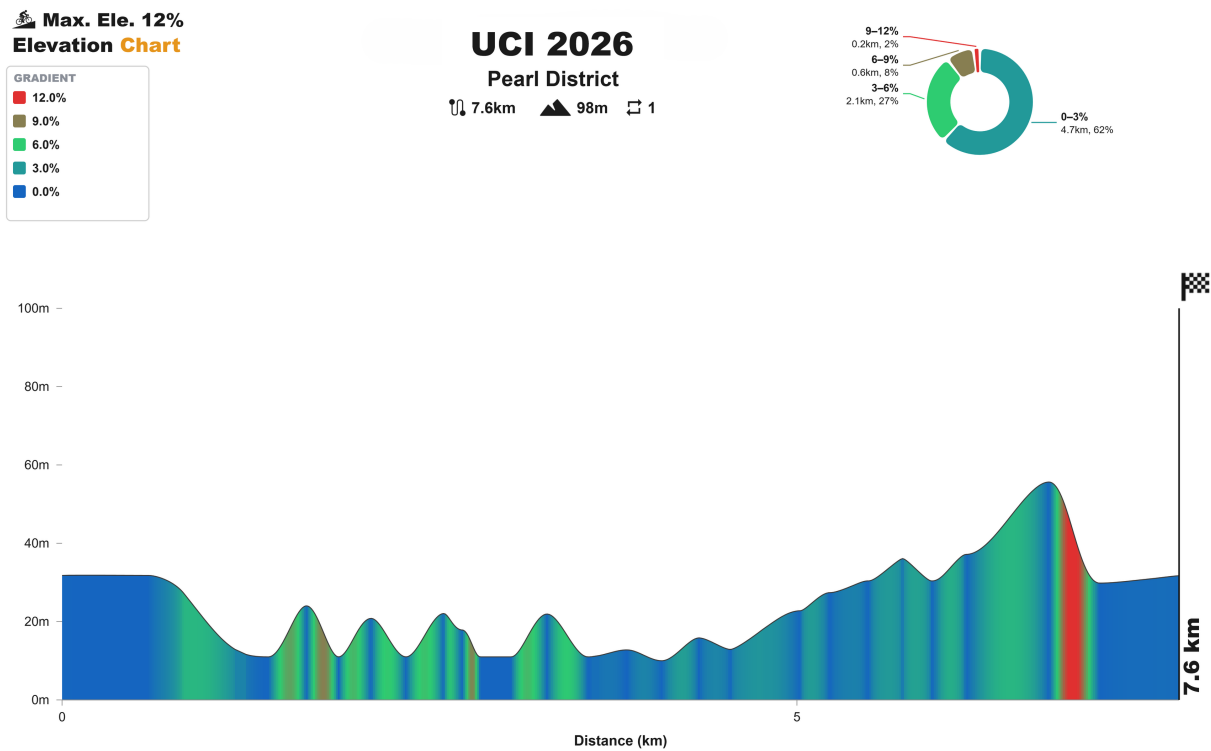
- **Classification Status:** All results remain provisional pending MyWhoosh data analysis, UCI Commissaire review and anti-doping clearance.

7. Official Contacts

Department	Contact Name	Email
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PR & Media	MyWhoosh Media	media@mywhoosh.com
UCI Cycling Esports Unit	UCI Headquarters	esports@uci.ch

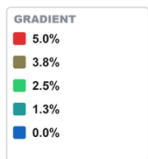
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Stage 1

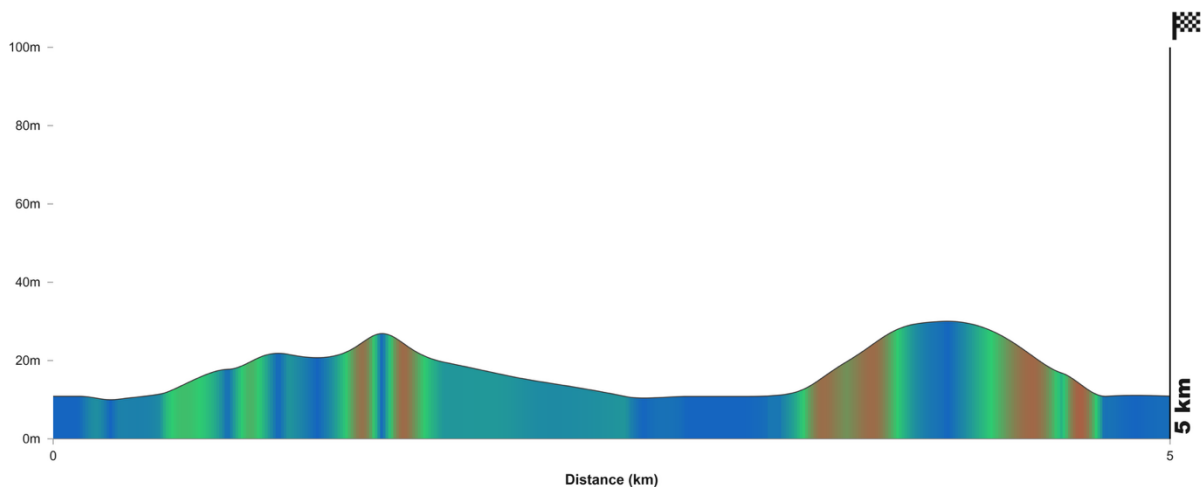


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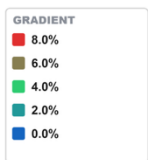
 Max. Ele. 5%
Elevation Chart



UCI 2026
Horizon District - Flat
5.0km 36m 1



 Max. Ele. 8%
Elevation Chart



UCI 2026
Horizon District - Climb
5.0km 44m 1

