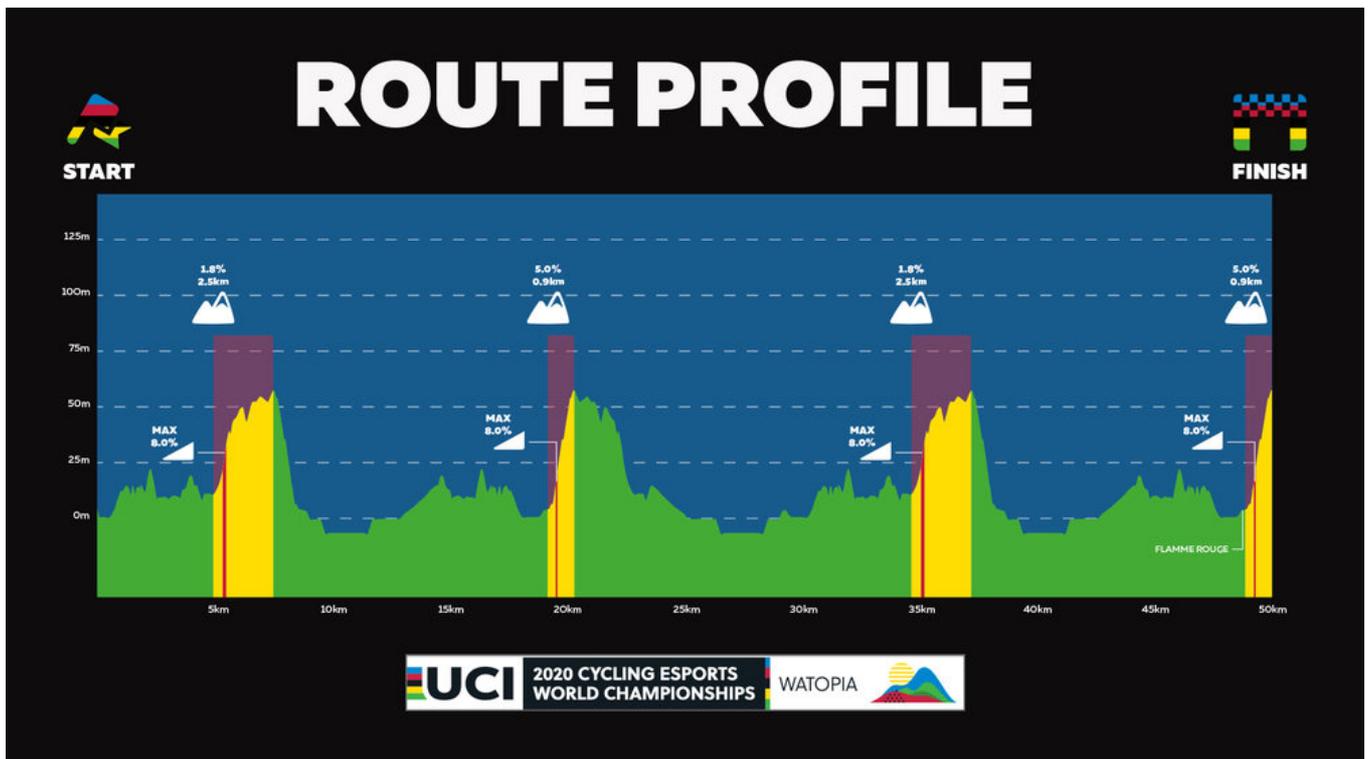




2020 UCI CYCLING ESPORTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Course

Riders will be taking to Zwift's Watopia for a 50km race on the Watopia Figure 8 Reverse course, finishing on top of the Hilly Q/KOM. Both the Elite Men and Women will compete on the same course over the same distance. With 483m in elevation, this course will suit a rider with all-round abilities. At an average gradient of 5.5% over 0.9km, the Watopia Hilly Q/KOM will be a testing finish.



Where to watch

On the 9th of December, the world's best cyclists take to the start line of the inaugural UCI Cycling Esports World Championships. You can watch both the Men's and Women's elite races from 14:00 UTC/GMT.

Europe: Eurosport 2 with commentary in 21 languages (<https://www.eurosport.co.uk/>)

Asia Pacific: Eurosport

Belgium: RTBF (www.rtf.be/sport)

Belgium: VRT (www.sporza.be)

France: L'Equipe (www.lequipe.fr)

New Zealand: Sky TV NZ (<https://www.sky.co.nz/>)

Norway: TV2 (<https://sumo.tv2.no>)

Spain: TVE (<https://www.rtve.es/deportes/mas-tdp/directo/>)

South Africa: SuperSport (<https://supersport.com/>)

USA & Canada: FloSports (<https://www.floports.tv/>)

If you don't find a broadcaster in your country above, make sure to go to <https://www.youtube.com/zwift> to catch the live action

The Start List

The full start lists for both fields can be found [here](#)

Riders to Watch

Women -

Ashleigh Moolman-Pasio (South Africa) - former South African road race champion, Ashleigh has been converted to indoor riding in 2020 and is now a regular Zwifter. She was the strongest performer during the Tour for All, winning every stage she started. Ashleigh followed that success by winning the Queen Stage of the Virtual Tour de France on Alpe du Zwift. A longer finish climb may have been preferred, but don't count her out.

Lauren Stephens (USA) - Lauren was a multiple stage winner at the Virtual Tour de France, winning on the virtual Champs-Élysées while wearing yellow for her Tibco-Silicon Valley Bank team. With a strong sprint finish, Lauren will certainly be one to watch.

Kristen Kulchinsky (USA) - another esports specialist and now riding for team Twenty20 on the road in the USA.

Anna van der Breggen (Netherlands) - winner of both the women's individual time trial and road race world championships this year, could Anna add a third rainbow jersey to her collection this year?

Annemiek van Vleuten (Netherlands) - Annemiek van Vleuten is one of the stand-out riders of her generation. She has enjoyed a strong season on the road in 2020. She attempted to defend her road race title this year with a broken wrist, unbelievably finishing second behind her compatriot. Another fiercely competitive rider and one never afraid to take the race on solo.

Cecilia Hansen (Sweden) - Cecilia will be relatively unknown to many of the pro riders but they will likely know her name after Wednesday. Cecilia is one of the strongest esports specialists on the platform. Knowing exactly how to race, she will be able to use her tactical knowledge to save as much energy on the course as possible. A name to look out for.

Tanja Erath (Germany) - Tanja is in her third year as a professional cyclist with Canyon//SRAM having initially won a contract with the team through the Zwift Academy talent ID program. Tanja is a powerful rider with a strong sprint and has proven success on Zwift, winning a stage of the Virtual Tour de France earlier this year.

Men -

Lionel Vujasin (Belgium) - An esports specialist who races for the Canyon Esports team. Lionel has also recently been selected for the Zwift Academy finals where he will fight for a contract with Alpecin-Fenix next season. Lionel will be very dangerous.

Lionel Sanders (Canada) - Our second Lionel. Sanders is one of the best long-course triathletes in the world and is famous for doing most of his training indoors using Zwift - favouring training indoors over the open road. With the season largely cancelled this year, Lionel has been doing a lot of racing on Zwift. He recently took the Canadian Hour Record and is in great shape for the bike and knows Zwift.

Tom Pidcock (Great Britain) - Tom has tasted success on Zwift in the past. One of the most exciting young riders of his generation - Tom is a multi-discipline specialist like Mathieu van der Poel and Wout van Aert. The uphill finish on the Forward Q/KOM will suit.

Alberto Bettiol (Italy) - Bettiol shot to fame last year when he won the Tour of Flanders. Since then, he's proven himself a solid classics rider and was a strong competitor during the Virtual Tour de France.

Freddy Ovett (Australia) - Freddy Ovett, son of the British middle-distance runner Steve Ovett. He was one of the strongest performers during the Virtual Tour de France, taking one stage and a number of podium spots. This is a course that will suit him.

Victor Campanaerts (Belgium) - the current hour record holder, Victor has the engine to do well on Zwift. The explosive nature of the Q/KOM climb will be a test, but if he gets a gap it will be hard to catch him



ABOUT ZWIFT

Zwift is the indoor training phenomenon taking the world by storm. An online platform helping everyone meet their fitness goals while having tons of fun along the way. Engaging gameplay meets fitness meets a global community of cyclists and runners. The result? Serious training made fun.

Meet new friends. Make new rivals. Ride up mountains. Run through jungles. Sprint through real roads made virtual or cruise across futuristic cities. Fun, flexible year-round training becomes the new normal with Zwift.

Build strengths and smash weaknesses with thousands of workouts. Train day or night, no matter the weather, and close the gap between where you are and where you want to be. Looking for something more specific? Flexible training plans by world-class coaches adjust to your schedule and help get you ready for race day.

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