



Selection Policy for 2023 British Triathlon Senior Super Series

Overview

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which the British Triathlon will award starts for athletes in the British Triathlon Senior Super Series.

The Super Series is designed to give our leading Senior, Junior and Youth athletes the best possible domestic learning and development platform as well as to support the continued development of racing standards in Britain.

For Senior athletes, the British Super Series also provides selection opportunities into the next level of racing, specifically World Triathlon Continental Cups. That policy can be found [here](#).

The 2023 British Triathlon Senior Super Series will consist of the events outlined in the table below. For more information on the Series, including event details, tiers and/or start numbers for each event and entry systems, please consult the Senior Super Series Explained document on the [British Triathlon Super Series](#) website (found under resources) .

| Date(s) | Race | Format |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| May 13 | Llanelli | Sprint |
| May 27/28 | Junior World Trial Race | Sprint |
| June 24/25 | Mallory Park | Super Sprint (Heat/Finals) & Relay |
| July 29/30 | Sunderland | ¾ Olympic Distance |
| August 28 | Eton Eliminator | Eliminator Triple Mix |
| September 9/10 | Grand Final (Mallory Park) | Sprint |

Some athletes may need to qualify for starts in the Super Series via the **2023 British Triathlon Performance Assessments** (April 1st/2nd). More information on which athletes this applies to can be found below in this policy and more information on the Performance Assessments themselves can be [found here](#).

Section 1: Eligibility

Athletes wishing to gain a start in any Super Series race must:

- i. be a member in good standing of a Home Nation Triathlon Association which is a member of the BTF; and
- ii. not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.
- iii. In respect of entry to a female event, be an athlete who was registered as a female at birth. See the [BTF Transgender Policy](#).

Section 2: Awarding of Start Places

Selection Panel

A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) – as required at criteria 2.1 and 2.2 iv below - will convene ahead of entries being decided for each event either via email or conference and shall comprise a staff member of the World Class Programme AND each Home Nation Programme.

2.1 Starts for events UP TO and INCLUDING Mallory

Athletes with the following will be awarded a start in the relevant race, NB in the unlikely event the senior start quota is reached before points 2.1 (i-iii) are complete senior starts will be awarded in the rank order created 2.1.(i-iii)

- i. All athletes with a World Triathlon rank of between 1 and 300; then
- ii. All athletes with a Top 10 finish from a 2022 British Super Series event¹; then
- iii. The first 5 Senior finishers at the 2023 British Triathlon Performance Assessments; then

If starts are still available further places will then be awarded as below until the event is full:

- iv. 6th to 10th place Senior finishers at the 2023 British Triathlon Performance Assessments; then
- v. A roll down list constructed as follows:
 - a. The two next best 2022 British Super Series results (athletes best single result) up to a maximum of Top 20
 - b. The next best placed athlete from the 2023 British Triathlon Performance Assessments
 - c. Steps (a) and (b) will then be repeated until the start list fills *(for those events with a Tier 2 race, once the Tier 1 start list is full Tier 2 starts will be awarded following the above listed criteria)*.

2.2 Starts for all Tier 1 events AFTER Mallory:

All athletes with the following will be awarded a start in the relevant race, NB in the unlikely event the senior start quota is reached before points 2.2 (i-iii) are complete senior starts will be awarded in the rank order created at 2.2.(i-iii)

- i. All athletes with a World Triathlon rank of between 1 and 300; then
- ii. All athletes with a Top 10 finish from a 2022 British Super Series event¹; then
- iii. Top 5 ranked athletes in the 2023 British Senior Super Series (who do not already meet points 2.1.(i-ii); then

If starts are still available further places will then be awarded as below until the event is full:

- v. Any athlete who achieves a podium in the preceding Tier 2 event²; then
- vi. 2023 British Super Series ranking.

2.3. Invites (available for ALL events):

- i. Up to 5 invites (determined by the selection panel) will be available for every event (in Tier 1 if relevant) for any athlete (who does not secure a place via 2.1. (i to iii) above) with a prior history of delivering high quality performances at Super Series level or above, who - in the opinion of the Panel - have a valid reason for not starting or finishing the Performance Assessments OR are at a performance level that adds value to the event. Should the Panel decide not to award 5 invites, those places will then roll down to the next ranked athletes.³

Performance Assessments

Any athlete without a Top 20 overall¹ in any 2022 British Super Series events OR who did not compete in the 2022 Super Series **MUST** attend the 2023 British Triathlon Performance Assessments to get a start in a Tier 1 event.

Any athlete without a Top 10 finish overall¹ in (i.e., finished 11th to 20th) any 2022 British Super Series event is **ADVISED** to attend the 2023 British Triathlon Performance Assessments to improve their likelihood of getting a start.

Lists of athletes who have achieved a Top 10 and Top 20 overall result in the 2022 Super Series is published along side this policy on the website and can be found [here](#).

If events are not full the Panel may consider awarding a start to an athlete who has not attended the Performance Assessments and has clear evidence that they meet the performance requirements to race at this level. However, absolute priority will always be given to those who attended the Performance Assessments.

Notes

1. *Super Series events for Senior athletes always contain a mixture of age groups (Senior, Junior and at points Youth B's) and as such Super Series **OVERALL** results that are referred to (e.g., a 2022 Top 10 or Top 20 result) are considered as the position across the line in the race **OVERALL**, this is **IRRESPECTIVE** of the finishing position within the respective age category.*
2. *The podium criteria can be used **ONCE** only and applies to the preceding event e.g., the previous Super Series event (at a different venue on a different date) **NOT** the preceding race that day/weekend at the same venue.*
3. *Any athletes who did not compete in the 2022 Series and are at a very high level e.g., members of Home Nation programmes, previously raced at Continental Cup level or higher may qualify for an invite, **however**, these cannot be guaranteed until selections are made. Instead, **we would advise** competing at the Performance Assessments in order to attempt to ensure a start.*

Appeals

Due to the volume of events and the need to meet entry timescales there shall be no right of appeal against any decision made by the selection panel, nor will there be any right of appeal if quota places or start numbers are adjusted by either British Triathlon, or the race organisers we work with to deliver the Series. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected or have found themselves without a place due to quotas/start numbers being adjusted are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case.