



Selection Policy for British Triathlon School Games National Finals 2024 **Loughborough University 29 August - 1 September**

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for the British Triathlon School Games 2024

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) vision of developing people and delivering excellence to inspire growth. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to the support the above; AND
- support the development of athletes with the necessary experiences (Intelligent Racing & One Day One Race) for senior success at Olympic and World level.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

1.1. To be considered eligible for selection to the British Triathlon School Games **ALL** athletes need to:

- a. Be aged 15 or 16 on 31 August 2024¹;
- b. Be a member in good standing (i.e. not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or ongoing disciplinary procedure) of a Home Nation Triathlon Association which is a member of the BTF and eligible to represent Great Britain in international championships under the rules of the ITU; AND
- c. In respect of nomination for the female event, be an athlete who was registered as a female at birth. See the BTF Transgender Policy [HERE](#); AND
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

Note 1 – For English and Welsh athletes this means being in **Year 10 or 11** at school.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

2.1 A team of 2 male and 2 female athletes will be selected for Wales, Scotland and each English region on or before **July 5 2024**.

2.2 A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will convene either via email or conference call for Wales, Scotland and each English region in advance of this deadline and shall comprise of:

- a. Voting members;
 - i. The Welsh, Scottish or English Regional School Games Team Lead; AND
 - ii. 1 Home Nation Performance Programme staff member from the relevant nation.

2.3 Automatic selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) the first finisher from Scotland, Wales or their English Region in the Youth event at **the European Youth Championships Trial** (Mallory Park June 30th) will be **automatically** selected^{2,3} to the relevant team;

2.4 Discretionary selections

- a. Following completion of the automatic selections, 1 additional male and female athlete using the process outlined below.
 - i. The Panel will select to the team the athlete with the best overall result from either the European Youth Trials^{2,3} or the British Super Series event in Llanelli (May 11)^{2,3}

2.5 Reserves

- a. 1 male and 1 female reserve will be selected as per the process at 2.3 and 2.4.
- b. Reserves will be contacted at point of selection but will not travel to the event unless required.

2.6 Guest Team selections

- a. A further 'guest' team comprising of 2 male and 2 female athletes will be selected once all other team selections have been made by a panel containing a staff member from each Home Nation. This team will be selected at the **complete discretion of the panel** with the aim of ensuring that athletes who, in the sole opinion of the panel, will benefit from the development opportunity are at the event – this may include but is not limited to,
 - i. The next best athletes in the trial race e.g., those from a very strong region/Home Nation who would have made other teams; OR
 - ii. Athletes from the Channel Islands or IOM or any other British Island not directly linked to a HN Sports Council who are otherwise ineligible for one of the listed teams; OR
 - iii. Athletes who were ill or injured or suffer mechanical mishap for both the trial races.

In so doing the panel will consider the athletes single best performance from either trial race assuming they competed (in the case of points i and ii) or a 2024 British Super Series race (point iii) to determine which athletes to select to the Guest Team.

Note 2 – If 2 athletes have the same result at 2.4a[i] the Mallory result will be prioritised, results can also be compared across Tiers (Llanelli) and A/B Final (Mallory) with the fastest time being considered the 'best' result i.e., a faster athlete in Tier 2 or the B Final will be selected ahead of a slower Tier 1/A Final athlete.

Note 3 – The School Games National Finals is a high-level event, if a region/home nation either has no eligible athletes who meet the policy or if, in the opinion of the panel, the considered athlete's competitive level would lead to a wholly negative experience, a 'guest' athlete may be selected as per 2.6.a [i-iii] to fill that place in the team.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS OF SELECTION AND ALTERNATIVE SELECTION RACE PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify nominations via the Automatic Nomination Criteria, should a performance that qualifies an athlete for automatic nomination have been achieved in a race which was, as determined solely by the Panel, **significantly impacted by:**
 - a. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash); OR
 - b. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format; OR

- c. an anomalous incident, usually completely outside of the athletes' control, that seriously affects the result (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) – please note, this does **NOT** include individual mechanical issues.

3.2 Where this is the case, affected athletes will be considered using results from the other trial race.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

4.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the selections decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the British Triathlon selections for the School Games. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case. In addition, any athlete who wishes to seek independent advice regarding the selection process in general are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at www.britishathletes.org.

SECTION 5: AMENDMENT

5.1 In the event that any unforeseen circumstance makes any provision of this Policy unworkable or ineffective to promote the aims of the Policy, the BTF will be entitled to amend this Policy so that the aims can be secured. Any amended version will be made available at www.britishtriathlon.org.