



Qualifying Policy for 2022 Senior Super Series Age Group places at the Performance Assessment Weekend 2 & 3 April 2022

Introduction

This Qualifying Policy details the process which the British Triathlon Federation (BTF) will apply when selecting athletes to compete in the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments (PA). The PA's PAs are a gateway for senior athletes to compete for race starts to Participate in the British Triathlon 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. In 2022 there will be Super Series race starts available for age group athletes who meet the required standard at the PA's.

Successful athletes from the PA's will be ranked and offered places in 2022 Super Series Senior events according to how many places are available. This is dependent on operational capacity which varies at each race within the series ~~This is dependent on course type and operational capacity, communicated with as to which Super Series events they will be awarded starts in~~

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1.1. To be considered to compete at the PA's, athletes must meet the following criteria;
 - a. Be a member in good standing with Home Nation Association and hold either a Core or Ultimate membership
 - b. Not to be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation

SECTION 2: QUALIFYING EVIDENCE

- 2.1. To be considered for selection athletes must supply **ALL** of the following evidence (including any and all relevant links to results, etc.) to multisport@britishtriathlon.org by the registration deadline of **5pm Friday the 4th of March 2022**. Applications received after this deadline will NOT be considered.
 - a. **SWIM** - Provide a minimum swim time of 11 minute and 30 second (or faster) 800m swim time (short course)¹ from a certified source. Sources can include;
 - i. A verified 800m pool swim time from swimmingresults.org; OR
 - ii. A coach's letter showing the date and time for an 800m pool swim. Coaches must be a minimum of a level 2 BTF coach or similarly qualified Swim England, Swim Wales or Scotland Swimming coach.

Note 1 - this time applies to BOTH men and women

- b. **BIKE** - Athletes must demonstrate they have experience riding in groups. This can be done by either by;
- i. Competing and finishing a British Cycling sanctioned race (at any level); OR
 - ii. By providing a letter from a Level 2 (or higher) BTF or British Cycling qualified coach confirming the athlete's bike handling skills and that ~~you~~ they are competent to compete in draft legal racing; OR
 - iii. Successfully completing one of the Pre-Performance Assessment (Bike) Intelligent Race Days (IRD's) information on these can found [here](#) (scroll down to Pre-Performance Assessment IRD's).¹

Note 1 - E mail multisport@britishtriathlon.org to request a place (which are limited). If an athlete takes part in an IRD and does not meet the required standard they will not be considered for the PA.

- c. **RUN** - Provide a minimum 5km run time
- i. 18 minutes (men)
 - ii. 21 minutes (women).
- Times must be from a verified source; Power of 10 or UK Parkrun results. OR from an accurate/verified 5km course AND athletes MUST provide evidence to show the course is verified.
- d. **TRIATHLON RESULT** - Detail AND provide a working link to your best sprint triathlon race result (open water event with a 750m swim) from 2021 or 2022. This must evidence the OVERALL position in the race NOT the position in your AGE GROUP¹.

Note 1 - It is your responsibility to provide the required result, working link and finishing positions as asked for. Given the expected number of applications regrettably we will not have the time to search links that do not work, nor calculate overall finishing positions if they're not supplied or immediately obvious, such applications will be considered incomplete.

SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1. Athletes will be notified on or before Tuesday 8th March 2022XXXX
- 3.2. The Selection Panel ("the Panel") will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. Verity Miles
 - ii. Dan Salcedo; AND
 - iii. Katie Parish;
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) Daisy Perry-Mitchell if/as required.
- 3.3. Athletes who can successfully evidence the above listed swim/bike/run minimum standards will be considered for selection as follows;
 - a. The Panel will, at their complete discretion, consider each athletes supplied best sprint triathlon (overall) race result and compare it with all other athletes supplied best sprint triathlon (overall) result. The ten athletes with the best (overall) results in both genders will then be offered a start at the PA.

In comparing results, the Panel will use the following priority process,

- i. First consider all athletes with a top 30 in a 2021 British Super Series race; THEN
- ii. Consider all athletes with results from a World OR European Age Group Championship OR a top 40 place finish in a 2021 British Super Series race; THEN
- iii. Consider all athletes with results from a British Age Group Championships, English, Scottish or Welsh National Age Group Championships or a place outside the Top 40 in a 2021 British Super Series race; THEN
- iv. Consider all athletes with results from other triathlons in Great Britain, providing there are 250 or more athletes who finished the race (including DNF and DSQ) AND which took place in open water with a bike predominantly on tarmac and the run predominantly on path/tarmac.

N.B., In **ALL** cases above athletes will be considered on their finishing position in the **OVERALL** field, **NOT** their own Age Group. If there is more than 1 athlete at the same priority level with the same result the athlete with the fastest submitted swim and run times will be prioritised.

SECTION 4: CONDITIONS

- 4.1 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify any results should they have been achieved in a race which where a significant number of the front of the field was, as determined solely by the Panel, **clearly and obviously impacted by**:
- a. a large-scale racing incident (such as a multi-rider 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 affected the result of a number of athletes at the front of the field (such as a vehicle on the course, a significant number of athletes being directed the wrong way)

The Panel does not have exhaustive knowledge of all events being considered and in ALL cases, it is the athlete's responsibility to supply results that DO NOT meet any of the above criteria. Should it later transpire that, in the sole opinion of the Panel, a supplied result falls outside of these criteria the Panel reserves the right to withdraw any selected athletes.

SECTION 5: APPEALS

- 5.1. There shall be no right of appeal against the selection decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply here. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case.