



Selection Policy for 2021 Elite Aquathlon World and European Championships

These events are liable to regular change due to the ongoing impact of Covid. We recommend athletes continually check back for any changes.

Introduction

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) details the process which the British Triathlon Federation (BTF) will apply when selecting athletes to compete in the major European Triathlon and World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon Championships. Please note that for **ALL** championships, athletes are obliged to **nominate their interest** **BEFORE** the nomination deadlines stated within this Policy (even if they have taken part in an official qualification race). This is so athletes can be contacted easily after the closing date and so that any medical checks required prior to the race can be made in good time.

Events listed in this policy:

- 2021 Europe Triathlon Aquathlon Championships, Walchsee, Austria, 24th June 2021
- 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World champs, Almere-Amsterdam, 3-12th Sept 2021

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL EVENTS

1.1. To be considered for nomination to World Triathlon 2021 Championship events, athletes must:

- a. Be a member in good standing 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 World Triathlon;
- b. Request nomination for entry into the relevant race via email to Francesca Bolt (francescabolt@britishtriathlon.org) by the stated Nomination Deadline date **AND** in so doing list the performances where they believe have met the policy at Section 2;
- c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to Francesca Bolt by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table below; **AND**
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

2021 Europe Triathlon Aquathlon Championships, Walchsee, Austria, 24th June 2021

These races will be part of the European Multisport Championship. There will be **NO** funding for athlete travel and accommodation for this event. GBR kit **WILL** be provided.

2.1 **Nomination deadline:** 5pm Friday 14th May 2021 (email francescabolt@britishtriathlon.org)

- 2.2 Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the team will be notified to athletes by 23rd May 2021.

Senior and Under 23

- 2.3 A senior/U23 team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise:

- a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
- b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

If any one of the above race categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes.

- 2.4 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.3 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:
- a. Competed at elite European or World level in an Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (European or World Championships) in 2019; OR
 - b. Have achieved the minimum swim AND run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

	Swim*	Run*
Senior/U23 Men	09:36 (800m) OR 04:35 (400m)	16:15 (5km)
Senior/U23 Women	10:08 (800m) OR 04:57 (400m)	18:00 (5km)

**Distances must be accurate and verified.*

- 2.5 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's single best performance from their listed results (taking into account finishing position, race format, quality of field and/or times achieved*). All other performances will be disregarded;
 - b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.
- *Where an athlete is ineligible at point 2.4 [a] e.g. they do not have a best result, comparison will be made using their swim/run times (accounting for expected transition times/along with other factors e.g. pool to OW, etc.)*

Junior

- 2.6 A junior team of up to 4 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 2 male and 2 female junior athletes. If either gender category is not filled, additional junior athletes may be added to the other gender category to bring the total junior team size to a maximum of 4 athletes.
- 2.7 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.6 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:

- a. Competed at elite European or World level in an Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (ETU Junior Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (European or World Junior Championships) in 2019; OR
 - b. Placed in the top 8 overall (Junior field) in a British Super Series event 2019/2021.
- 2.8 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's single best performance from their listed results (taking into account finishing position, race format and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded;
 - b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

2021 World Triathlon Multisport World champs, Almere-Amsterdam, 3-12th Sept 2021

These races will be part of the World Multisport Championships. There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation for this event. GBR kit WILL be provided.

- 2.9 **Nomination deadline:** Friday 23rd July 2021 (email francescabolt@britishtriathlon.org).
- 2.10 Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the team will be notified to athletes by 2nd August 2021.

Senior and Under 23

- 2.11 A senior/U23 team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise:
- a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
 - b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.
- If any one of the above race categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes.
- 2.12 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.11 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:
- a. Competed at Elite European or World level in an Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (e.g. European or World Championships) in 2019; OR
 - b. Have finished in the top 5 overall (irrespective of category) in the North/South British Super Series Junior Aquathlon 2021*; AND have achieved the minimum swim and run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.
- *senior/U23 athletes may apply to BTF for special dispensation to race*

	Swim*	Run*
Senior/U23 Men	09:36 (800m) OR 04:35 (400m)	16:15 (5km)
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**Distances must be accurate and verified.*

- 2.13 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete’s single best performance from their listed results (taking into account finishing position, race format, quality of field and/or times achieved*). All other performances will be disregarded;
 - b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes’ single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.
- *Where an athlete is ineligible at point 2.4 [a] comparison will be made using their swim/run times (accounting for expected transition times/along with other factors e.g. pool to OW, etc.)

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- 2.14 A junior team of up to 4 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 2 male and 2 female junior athletes. If either gender category is not filled, additional junior athletes may be added to the other gender category to bring the total junior team size to a maximum of 4 athletes.
- 2.15 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.14 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:
- a. Competed at Elite European or World Junior level in a Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (ETU Junior Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (European or World Junior Championships) in 2019 or 2021; OR
 - b. Have finished in the top 5 overall (irrespective of category) in the North/South British Super Series Junior Aquathlon 2021;
- 2.16 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete’s single best performance from their listed results (taking into account finishing position, race format and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded;
 - b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes’ single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS & SELECTION PANEL

Conditions

- 3.1 Athletes will be required to sign a Team Members’ Agreement to accept their place on each team. The Agreement will include a code of conduct, and will require athletes to adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear the provided GB race suit (which must be unaltered [championship suits may not have personal sponsors added]).
- 3.2 From 2018 onwards, World Triathlon have introduced COMPULSORY pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening for ALL athletes entered into any Europe World Triathlon races. Failure to undertake this evaluation, or to provide the necessary paperwork will result in you not being able to be selected or entered into any Europe/ World Triathlon events. The main purpose of the screening is to identify athletes at risk of sudden cardiac death due to an electrical or structural heart abnormality. Details of how to complete this screening can be found on the [Selection Policies](#) page of the BTF website, under World Triathlon PPE Screening Requirements (please read ‘All Athletes - Pre Participation Evaluation(PPE) Criteria’).

Selection Panel

- 3.3 A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will be established comprising three members, including the BTF Performance Director as Chair, the BTF Head Coach and the BTF Olympic Pathway Manager.
- 3.4 Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the Panel at the request of the Chair.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-nomination under this Selection Policy, but only after provision of written confirmation of the relevant decision and only according to the procedure laid out in the “BTF Appeals Policy” which can be found on the BTF website. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) 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.