



ELITE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION POLICIES 2017

Introduction

Junior international championship races provide valuable opportunities for athletes, aged 16 to 19 on 31 December in the year of competition, to gain championship competition experience as part of their journey towards the senior international podium. The objective of this competition experience is for junior athletes to start developing the racing skills (Intelligent Racing) required to be a successful senior athlete, which includes the ability to race in a manner at Senior Championship races that supports each athlete to achieve their best performance (One Day One Race).

For individual Junior Championships British Triathlon operates a two-stage selection process

1. **Qualification Process** - the athlete through their performance(s) have met the specific performance criteria and automatically qualifies for the team; their performance(s) are not evaluated by the selection committee.
2. **Selection Process** - the athlete has not met the specific performance criteria for automatic qualification and their performance(s) are evaluated by a selection committee in order to be selected to the team

Please note: From 2017 onwards the International Triathlon Union (ITU) have introduced **COMPULSORY** pre participation evaluation (PPE) screening for **ALL** junior athletes entered into any ITU races. Failure to do this and not provide the necessary paperwork will result in you not being able to be selected and entered into any ITU 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 Junior policies (please read 'Junior Athletes - Pre Participation Evaluation(PPE) Criteria').

Kitzbuhel ETU Triathlon European Junior Championships - Austria 16-18th June 2017

A Team of up to four junior men and four junior women (subject to this number of GB places being confirmed by the ETU) will qualify or be selected using the process detailed below:



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Notification Process

Athletes are required to notify Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) by email that they wish to be considered for selection AND send in their completed BTF 'Fit to Compete' form (see Appendix Note 1 point 6) by 5pm 21 April 2017; **Communication from parents or coaches will NOT be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 11.

To be considered for qualification or selection all junior athletes must compete in the May Gateway in Llanelli on the 13 May 2017.

Qualification Process

1. Athletes will gain automatic qualification if they meet one of the following criteria:
 - 1.1 Reigning World or European Junior individual medallists;
 - 1.2 The first two eligible male and first two eligible female athletes (excluding athletes who fulfil point 1.1) in the May Gateway on May 13th 2017;
 - 1.3 If a pre-qualified athlete cannot compete at the May Gateway due to injury or illness the selection committee needs to be notified and a medical report supplied by a BTF approved doctor for the athlete still to be considered for selection. The medical report must include
 - 1.3.1 The medical condition preventing the athlete from competing
 - 1.3.2 The expected time for return to full training.
 - 1.3.3 The agreed rehab plan and agreed benchmarks and reporting time frames.

Selection Process

- 2 If there are still GB places available, the selection committee will consider athletes' performances from events in the following order:
 - 2.1.1 2017 May Gateway
 - 2.1.2 2017 Performances Assessment
 - 2.1.3 2016 ITU World Junior Triathlon Championships
 - 2.1.4 2016 Quality of Field assessed performance



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- 2.2 The selection committee will use the following process when assessing each athlete's performance at these events;
 - 2.2.1 Consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performances. All other results will be disregarded;
 - 2.2.2 Determine whether the athlete's performance demonstrates the ability to achieve a top 15 finish in their respective championship;
 - 2.2.2.1 When assessing whether an athlete's performance demonstrates the ability to finish in the top 15 of the respective Championship, the selection committee will consider an athlete's overall performance and their performances in each discipline, and compare them to the standards expected at the 2017 European Junior Championships. Results from previous European (and World) Junior Championships will be used as a guide to predict the expected standards;

Appeals Process

- 3.1 If an athlete does not contest or complete the 2017 May Gateway (Llanelli) for medical reasons these must be supported before the race or within a further 24 hours, if they do not complete the race, with a Medical Doctor's report. In the latter case the Performance Pathway Manager must be notified within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race.
- 3.2 In the event of an accident during the race, a written report may be filed with the Performance Pathway Manager by, or on behalf of, the athlete within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race, explaining mitigating circumstances and including previous results. Appropriate grounds for consideration will usually be those deemed to be outside of the athlete's own control.
- 3.3 The selection committee will consider those athletes with valid accident or medical reasons for selection by assessing whether the athlete's performance at one of the events below demonstrates the potential to finish within the top 15 in the respective Championship;
 - 3.3.1 2017 Performance Assessments
 - 3.3.2 2016 ITU World Junior Triathlon Championships



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3.3.3 2016 ETU European Championships

3.3.4 2016 European Junior Cups (of appropriate field quality)

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified by **22 May 2017**. Athletes will need to be available to travel to the Championships and stay in team accommodation on **June 14 to 19 2017**.

Any athletes expecting to qualify who are taking school or university exams during this period must ensure that they have begun the necessary conversations with both their educational establishment and British Triathlon well in advance (months) of the selection notification date. Whilst school exams can be sat abroad the process is convoluted, requires a lot of planning and administration, and in some cases proves impossible to facilitate. University exams tend to be more flexible and easier to manage.

Kitzbuhel ETU Triathlon European Junior Mixed Relay Championships - Austria 16-18th June 2017

A provisional Team of two men and two women will be nominated to the relay team by the selection committee 14 days prior to the relay race.

Notification Process

Athletes are required to notify Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) that they wish to be considered for selection by 5pm 21 April 2017; **Communication from parents or coaches will NOT be accepted**. Please see Appendix Note 1 point 11.

Selection Process

Final selections will not be made until the completion of the Individual event to allow selectors the ability to assess the readiness and suitability of all athletes for the event.



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Rotterdam ITU Triathlon World Junior Championships - 14-17 September 2017

A Team of up to four junior men and four junior women will be selected using the process detailed below: (Note: The number of places allocated to Great Britain by the ITU will be dependent on the results of the 2017 ETU European Junior Championships):

Notification Process

Athletes are required to notify Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) by email that they wish to be considered for qualification or selection AND send in their completed BTF 'Fit to Compete' form (see Appendix Note 1 point 6) by 5pm 4 August 2017; **Communication from parents or coaches will not be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 11.

To be considered for qualification or selection all junior athletes must compete in the Under 20's Festival (Mallory Park) on the 28 August 2017. Athletes will then qualify or be selected by the following processes:

Qualification Process

1. Athletes will gain automatic selection if they meet the following criteria;
 - 1.1. Reigning World Junior Medallists 2016
 - 1.2. Reigning European Junior Individual Championship Medallists 2017

3. If a pre-qualified athlete cannot compete at the Under 20's Festival (Mallory Park) due to injury or illness the selection committee needs to be notified and a medical report supplied by a BTF approved doctor for the athlete still to be considered for selection. The medical report must include:
 - 1.2..1. The medical condition preventing the athlete from competing
 - 1.2..2. The expected time for return to full training
 - 1.2..3. The agreed rehab plan and agreed benchmarks and reporting timeframes

Selection Process

2. If there are still GB places available, the selection committee will consider athletes' performances from:



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- 2.1. The Under 20's Festival on 28 August 2017 at Mallory Park and determine whether the athlete's performance demonstrates the potential to achieve a top 15 finish in their respective championship;
- 2.2. When assessing whether an athlete's performance demonstrates the potential to finish within the top 15 in the respective Championship, the selection committee will consider an athlete's overall performance and their performances in each discipline, and compare them to the standards expected at the 2017 World Junior Championships; Results from previous World (and European) Junior Championships will be used as a guide to predict the expected standards;

Appeals Process

- 3.1 If an athlete does not contest or complete the Under 20's Festival (Mallory Park) for medical reasons these must be supported before the race or within a further 24 hours, if they do not complete the race with a Medical Doctor's report. In the latter case the Performance Pathway Manager must be notified within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race.
- 3.2 In the event of an accident during the race, a written report may be filed with the Performance Pathway Manager by, or on behalf of, the athlete within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race, explaining mitigating circumstances and including previous results. Appropriate grounds for consideration will usually be those deemed to be outside of the athlete's own control.
- 3.3 The selection committee will consider those athletes with valid accident or medical reasons for selection by assessing whether the athlete's performance at one of the events below demonstrates the potential to finish within the top 15 in the respective Championship;
 - 3.3.1 2017 European Junior Championships
 - 3.3.2 2017 May Gateway Event
 - 3.3.3 2017 ETU European Junior Cups (of appropriate field quality)
 - 3.3.4 2016 ITU World Junior Triathlon Championships

Except in unforeseen circumstances, the Team will be notified by 1 September 2017. Athletes will need to be available for travel to the World Championships from **13 to 18 September 2017**.



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Rotterdam ITU Triathlon World Championships Mixed Junior/U23 Relay - 14-17 September 2017

A provisional Team of two men (junior and/or U23) and two women (junior and/or U23) will be nominated to the relay team by the selection committee 14 days prior to the relay race.

Notification Process

Athletes are required to notify Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) by email that they wish to be considered for selection to the Junior/U23 Relay Team by 5pm on 4 August 2017; **Communication from parents or coaches will not be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 11.

Selection Process

Final selections will not be made until the completion of the Individual event to allow selectors the ability to assess the readiness and suitability of all athletes for the event. **Please note** this event has yet to be confirmed in the schedule.

APPENDIX:

Note 1 - Guiding principles and conditions of selection

1. This opportunity aims to provide Junior athletes with appropriate experiences in supporting their development toward the Olympic Podium
2. The goal of each Team is to represent GB and British Triathlon in a manner that aligns with the values and philosophies of the GB Triathlon Team. Each team member will be made aware or reminded of their obligations on arrival into the team environment;
3. Athletes must be members in good standing with a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (BTF);



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4. Athletes must be eligible to represent Great Britain in International Championships under the rules of the International Triathlon Union (ITU) from the time of selection until the completion of the competition;
5. Athletes must be compliant with BTF's anti doping policy and hence be available for testing at all times. If required to do so by UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMs system;
6. Athletes must have completed their compulsory Pre-Participation Evaluation before the nomination deadline for the event, evidenced by sending BTF a copy of their completed and signed 'Fit to Compete' form, which can be downloaded from the BTF website [here](#).
7. Selected athletes must be given medical clearance from British Triathlon's Chief Medical Officer, and performance clearance from the Performance Pathway Manager two weeks prior to their Championship race, to confirm they are able to compete to the standard that earned them selection;
8. Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to their Championship race, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Pathway Manager;
9. 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 a commitment to adhere to specified travel dates, to observe BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear appropriate Team apparel.
10. Athletes will be expected to take part in both individual and team debriefs as required.
11. To comply with BTF child protection policy athletes under the age of 18 when emailing to register interest (as with all other correspondence with the BTF) should ensure that they copy a parent in. Likewise the BTF will follow the same procedure.

Note 2: Event Cancellation



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2.1 May Gateway (European Junior Championship Selection Race): Should this event be cancelled or changed to a duathlon due to adverse weather conditions/act of God the following will be used for selection:

- i. Performance Assessment 2017
- ii. World Championships 2016
- iii. Quality of Field rated performances 2016

3.1 Under 20's Festival (World Junior Championship Selection Race): Should this event be cancelled or changed to a duathlon due to adverse weather conditions/act of God we will use the following for selection:

- a. European Championships 2017
- b. European Junior Cup Events 2017 (of appropriate quality of field)
- c. May Gateway Event 2017
- d. World Championships 2016

3.2 The selection committee will then use the following process when assessing each athlete's performance at these events:

- 3.2.1 Consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performances. All other results will be disregarded;
- 3.2.2 Determine whether the athlete's performance demonstrates the potential to achieve a top 15 finish in the respective Championship

Note 3: Selection Committee

1. A selection committee will be established comprising a minimum of three and a maximum of five members, including the BTF Performance Director, BTF Performance Pathway Manager, BTF Head Coach and any others who have expert knowledge of international junior drafting triathlon. The composition of the selection committee will be reviewed and agreed by the BTF Performance Director and the BTF CEO;
2. The Home Nation Head Coaches will be asked to provide race and training performance information to the panel to inform the selection process;



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3. Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee at the request of the Chair;

Note 3: Selection Review Process

1. Athletes have the right to appeal selection decisions through British Triathlon's Selection Review Process. A copy of the policy outlining this process is available on the BTF website;

https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy-documents/general-policies/btf_selection_review_policy_2014_nb.pdf

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