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**2018 ITU WORLD TRIATHLON MIXED RELAY SERIES SELECTION and NOMINATION**  
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**Introduction**

This policy details the process which British Triathlon will apply to select and nominate athletes to the 2018 ITU World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series events.

**Competition Pathway**

The 2018 ITU World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series is part of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Qualification Process. The series will form a key part of British Triathlon's ambition to qualify a maximum of three male and female quota places for Team GB.

**One Day, One Race and Intelligent Racing**

The BTF Performance Programme has set itself an aspiration of operating as a 'High Performing Community' that adds value and enables individuals to deliver their best. In the competition environment the programme works towards achieving this through a clear objective to 'Create the performance environment that supports athletes to deliver 'ONE DAY, ONE RACE'' and to develop 'Intelligent Racing' skills. This document has been written to reflect and reinforce this objective.

The targets of this policy are to:

- Provide the best chance for British Triathlon to gain 3 male and female individual quota places for Team GB for Tokyo 2020
- Allow British Triathletes opportunities to experiment and explore different tactics, strategies and team make up in Mixed Relay racing so that Team GB triathletes are the best prepared and supported team on the start line in Tokyo in 2020

This document is laid out in two sections:

1. Process - how the criteria is applied
2. Appendix

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**Eligibility requirements for nomination to Mixed Relay Series events:**

1. Have confirmed their nomination via email as set out below by the stated deadline date
2. Athletes must be eligible to represent Great Britain under ITU rules and must be members in good standing with a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (BTF);
3. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's anti-doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. If required to do so by UKAD or the ITU, they must
4. Athletes must have completed the required ITU pre participation examination and sent the BTF Fit to Compete form to Laura Macey by the nomination deadline.

**2018 ITU World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series Nottingham - 7 June, 2018:**

1. Athletes wishing to be considered for the Nottingham ITU Mixed Relay Event should email Laura Macey ([lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org)) on or before 27 April 2018

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2. Athletes will be considered for nomination to the team by the selection committee if they meet at least one of the following minimum performance criteria;
  - 2.1.A 2017/2018 WCPP athlete
  - 2.2. Have placed in the top 15 in a 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series event prior to BTF nomination deadline
  - 2.3. Have placed in the top 10 in a 2018 ITU Triathlon World Cup race prior to BTF nomination deadline
  - 2.4. Are selected to compete in the 2018 Leeds WTS
3. Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at point 2 will be selected for nomination to the team by the selection committee across a wide range of performance factors that, in the committee's expertise, indicates an athlete's ability to race competitively in a WTS MTR event. Selection of any athletes is at the **discretion** of the committee however the performance factors that may be considered include (but are not limited to) the following;
  - 3.1. Current form in the following individual events
    - 3.1.1. 2018 WTS prior to entry deadline
    - 3.1.2. 2018 World Cups prior to entry deadline

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- 3.1.3. 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Individual Event
- 3.1.4. 2018 Continental Cups prior to entry deadline
- 3.2. Performances in the following Mixed Relay events
  - 3.2.1. 2017 Hamburg Mixed Team Relay Event
  - 3.2.2. 2018 Commonwealth Games Mixed Team Relay Event
  - 3.2.3. 2017 Senior European Mixed Team Relay event
  - 3.2.4. 2017 British Mixed Team Relay Championship
- 3.3. The combination of athletes that will give GB the best chance of medal success

A team of up to 6 athletes (3 male, 3 female) and 2 non-travelling reserves (1 male and 1 female) will be initially selected. At least 10 days prior to the event, the head coach will confirm the fitness of the 6 athletes selected. At this point, the 2 athletes selected as the non-travelling reserves will be notified that they are:

- Required to travel to the event as a member of the 6 athlete team due to a withdrawal  
OR
- Not required for the event.

As the Mixed Relay Series forms part of the process to qualify quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, it is important that British Triathlon fields a team in this event. In the circumstances that less than 2 males and/or 2 females from the original selection (of 3 + non travelling reserve) are deemed unfit to compete any time up to the departure to the event, the selection committee reserves the right to re-open selection to ensure British Triathlon has the capacity to field a relay team.

All 6 athletes will travel to the event, with the 4 competing athletes being confirmed by the PD and HC prior to the MTR event briefing.

1. On the morning of the MTR event the HC and PD will, with assistance from medical staff, make a final assessment of readiness to compete of the athletes selected and confirm the final make up of the team. If needed there is provision to replace any member or change the order of the team up to an hour prior to the event.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified of initial selections by 7 May 2018.

All athletes selected to the Team will be required to arrive at the Nottingham Mixed Team Relay event by Wednesday 6 June, and to stay in the Team accommodation. Half board accommodation will be provided and funded by British Triathlon.

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**2018 ITU World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series Hamburg - 15 July, 2018:**

1. Athletes wishing to be considered for a Mixed Relay Event should email Laura Macey ([lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org)) on or before 1 June 2018

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2. Athletes will be considered for nomination to the team by the selection committee if they meet at least one of the following minimum performance criteria;
  - 2.1. A 2017/2018 WCPP athlete
  - 2.2. Have placed in the top 15 in a 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series event prior to BTF nomination deadline
  - 2.3. Have placed in the top 10 in a 2018 ITU Triathlon World Cup race prior to BTF nomination deadline
  - 2.4. Athletes selected to compete in the individual race at the 2018 Hamburg WTS event
3. Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at point 3 will be selected for nomination to the team by the selection committee across a wide range of performance factors that in the committee's expertise indicates an athlete's ability to race at the performance level required in a WTS event. Selection of any athletes is at the **discretion** of the committee however the performance factors that may be considered include (but are not limited to) the following;
  - 3.1. Current form in the following individual events
    - 3.1.1. 2018 WTS prior to entry deadline
    - 3.1.2. 2018 World Cups prior to entry deadline
    - 3.1.3. 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Individual Event
    - 3.1.4. 2018 Continental Cups prior to entry deadline
  - 3.2. Performances in the following Mixed Relay events
    - 3.2.1. 2018 Nottingham ITU Mixed Team Relay Event
    - 3.2.2. 2017 Hamburg Mixed Team Relay Event
    - 3.2.3. 2018 Commonwealth Games Mixed Team Relay Event
    - 3.2.4. 2017 Senior European Mixed Team Relay event
    - 3.2.5. 2017 British Mixed Team Relay Championship
  - 3.3. The combination of athletes that will give GB the best chance of medal success

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A team of up to 10 athletes (5 male, 5 female) and, if required, 2 non-travelling reserves (1 male and 1 female) will be initially selected. At least 10 days prior to the event the head coach will confirm the fitness of the athletes selected. If non-travelling reserves have been selected, at this point these athletes will be notified that they are:

- Required to travel to the event as a member of the up to 10 athlete team due to a withdrawal

OR

- Not required for the event.

As the Mixed Relay Series forms part of the process to qualify quota places for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, it is important that British Triathlon fields a team in this event. In the circumstances that less than 3 males and/or 3 females from the original selection (of up to 10 + non travelling reserve) are deemed unfit to compete any time up to the departure to the event, the selection committee reserves the right to re-open selection to ensure British Triathlon has the capacity to field a relay team.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified of initial selection by 11 June 2018.

Athletes not competing in the individual event and selected to the Team will be required to arrive at the Hamburg WTS Mixed Team Relay event by Friday 13 July, and to stay in the Team accommodation. Half board accommodation will be provided and funded by British Triathlon.

Confirmation of SELECTION PROCESS FOR Mixed Relay Team:

1. Following the individual events at the championship the HC and PD will, with assistance from medical staff, assess the form and readiness to compete of the athletes selected and nominate a provisional team at the MTR event briefing.
2. Athletes will be notified as soon as this decision is made
3. On the morning of the MTR event the HC and PD will, with assistance from medical staff, make a final assessment of readiness to compete of the athletes selected and confirm the final make up of the team.
4. Athletes will be notified as soon as this is done and a team meeting will be held to discuss the team order and tactics.

**2018 ITU World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series Edmonton - 29 July, 2018:**

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1. Athletes wishing to be considered for a Mixed Relay Event should email Laura Macey ([lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org)) on or before 15 June 2018

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2. Athletes will be considered for nomination to the ITU wait list by the selection committee if they meet at least one of the following minimum performance criteria;
  - 2.1. A 2017/2018 WCPP athlete
  - 2.2. Have placed in the top 15 in a 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series event prior to BTF nomination deadline
  - 2.3. Have placed in the top 10 in a 2018 ITU Triathlon World Cup race prior to BTF nomination deadline
  - 2.4. Athletes selected to compete in the individual race at the 2018 Edmonton WTS event
3. Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at 2.1 will be selected for nomination to the team by the selection committee across a wide range of performance factors that in the committee's expertise indicates an athlete's ability to race at the performance level required in a WTS event. Selection of any athletes is at the **discretion** of the committee however the performance factors that may be considered include (but are not limited to) the following;
  - 3.1. Current form in the following individual events
    - 3.1.1. 2018 WTS prior to entry deadline
    - 3.1.2. 2018 World Cups prior to entry deadline
    - 3.1.3. 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Individual Event
    - 3.1.4. 2018 Continental Cups prior to entry deadline
  - 3.2. Performances in the following Mixed Relay events
    - 3.2.1. 2018 Nottingham ITU Mixed Team Relay Event
    - 3.2.2. 2017 Hamburg Mixed Team Relay Event
    - 3.2.3. 2018 Commonwealth Games Mixed Team Relay Event
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    - 3.2.5. 2017 British Mixed Team Relay Championship
  - 3.3. The combination of athletes that will give GB the best chance of medal success

A team of up to 10 athletes (5 male, 5 female) and, if required, 2 non-travelling reserves (1 male and 1 female) will be initially selected. At least 10 days prior to the event the head coach will

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confirm the fitness of the athletes selected. If non-travelling reserves have been selected, at this point these athletes will be notified that they are:

- Required to travel to the event as a member of the up to 10 athlete team due to a withdrawal

OR

- Not required for the event.

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Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified of initial selection by 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

Athletes not competing in the individual event and selected to the Team will be required to arrive at the Edmonton WTS Mixed Team Relay event by Wednesday 25th July, and to stay in the Team accommodation. Half board accommodation will be provided and funded by British Triathlon.

Confirmation of SELECTION PROCESS FOR Mixed Relay Team:

1. Following the individual events at the championship the HC and PD will, with assistance from medical staff, assess the form and readiness to compete of the athletes selected and nominate a provisional team at the MTR event briefing.
2. Athletes will be notified as soon as this decision is made
3. On the morning of the MTR event the HC and PD will, with assistance from medical staff, make a final assessment of readiness to compete of the athletes selected and confirm the final make up of the team.
4. Athletes will be notified as soon as this is done and a team meeting will be held to discuss the team order and tactics.

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## APPENDIX

Note 1: Nomination for an ITU Mixed Relay event is dependent on the following

1. ITU MTR event start positions are limited. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform Laura Macey [lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) immediately, so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete;
2. An athlete who elects to withdraw from an ITU MTR event after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ITU closing date, must inform Laura Macey ([lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org)) immediately, so that a replacement athlete can be nominated. This communication should be done in person or in writing by the athlete;
3. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, the BTF Code of Ethics and ITU WC rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals;
4. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the athlete not being nominated for further WC events.

Note 3: Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will be comprised of the following members
  - Brendan Purcell (Performance Director)
  - Ben Bright (Head Coach - Olympic)
  - Dan Salcedo (Performance Pathway Manager - Olympic)
  - Glenn Cook (Olympic Programme Delivery)
2. The composition of the selection committee will be reviewed and agreed annually by Performance Director and the British Triathlon CEO;



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

Note 4: Appeals

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 British Triathlon website.

<https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/gb-teams/selection-policies/2017-policies/btf-selection-review-policy-2017.pdf>

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