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Introduction

This policy details the process which British Triathlon will apply to allocate GB quota places to athletes to compete in ITU Triathlon World Cup events.

The ITU determines the eligibility criteria and competition rules for ITU WC events. The ITU only accepts athletes entered onto the wait list for each WC event by National Federations (NF) using the ITU online entry system.

Competition Pathway

ITU WC events are the second tier of international standard distance drafting races just below the level of the World Triathlon Series (WTS). While they feature in the competition programme of many of the World's best triathletes, they also provide an important stepping stone between ITU Continental Cups and WTS events, allowing developing athletes to gain race experience and ranking points. Athletes who have not yet reached this level must begin by racing in ITU Continental Cups, in order to demonstrate their readiness for WC level competition. There is a limited ability to fast track outstanding developing athletes to WC competition via ITU invitations and NF substitutions.

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.

This document is laid out in three sections:

1. Criteria Overview - this outlines criteria used by the committee
2. Process - how the criteria is applied
3. Appendix - conditions aligned selection

Criteria Overview

In this policy there will be three types of criteria that will be used to nominate athletes to the ITU

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1. **Qualification** - the athlete through their performance(s) has met the specific performance criteria and automatically qualifies for nomination to the ITU wait list; their performance(s) are not evaluated by the selection committee.
2. **Gateway** - the first British athlete on the podium at the specific Gateway event listed will be automatically nominated to the ITU for the corresponding WTS event.

NOTE: It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure he or she has enough ranking points to gain access to the WTS or WC event they have either met the standards for **Qualification** or **Gateway**. They should not rely on substitution. Qualification or Gateway does not mean the athlete has a right to substitution, should it even be possible to make one.

3. **Selection** - if you meet the minimum criteria or have raced at the listed events the committee will consider a variety of factors and may make a decision whether or not to select an athlete and nominate you to the ITU

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Overview

QUALIFICATION	<p>Have medalled at any of the following individual events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Rio Olympic Games • 2017 or 2018 WTS prior to BTF nomination Deadline • 2018 Commonwealth Games • 2017 or 2018 WC prior to BTF nomination Deadline • 2017 or 2018 Senior European Standard Individual Championship • 2017 or 2018 Senior European Sprint Individual Championship • 2017 U23 World Championships <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an ITU points ranking between 1 and 80 at the time of the BTF nomination deadline
GATEWAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Cape Town WC – 2018 HN Commonwealth Games Team Members (including reserves) • 2018 New Plymouth WC - 2018 HN Commonwealth Games Team Members (including reserves) • 2018 Mooloolaba WC - 2018 HN Commonwealth Games Team Members (including reserves) • 2018 Chendgu WC – 1st British Medalist at 2018 Gran Canaria CC • 2018 Cagliari WC–1st British Medalist at 2018 Quarteria CC • 2018 Karlovy WC – 1st British Medalist at 2018 Weert CC • 2018 Lausanne WC – 1st British Medalist at 2018 Holten CC • 2018 Madrid - 1st British Medalist at 2018 Holten CC
SELECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A medalist at 2017 or 2018 U23 European Championships • A WCPP athlete with the race fitting with athlete’s overall competition strategy • An athlete who has won a medal from 2017 and/or 2018 ITU European Continental Cups prior to entry deadline • An athlete with an ITU ranking between 1 to 250

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Eligibility for nomination to World Cup 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 maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system;
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.

British Triathlon process for nominating athletes to the ITU Wait List:

1. Athletes wishing to be considered for a WC Event should email Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) on or before the British Triathlon advertised WC Nomination Deadline (See 2018 British Triathlon WC Nomination Deadlines at the end of this policy);
2. British Triathlon will enter the athletes onto the ITU wait list via the ITU online entry system no fewer than 33 days before the first competition day after applying the following process;

QUALIFICATION

- 2.1 Athletes will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list if they meet the following criteria;
 - 2.1.1 Have medalled at any of the following individual events
 - 2.1.1.1 2016 Rio Olympic Games
 - 2.1.1.2 2017 or 2018 WTS event prior to BTF event Nomination Deadline
 - 2.1.1.3 2018 Commonwealth Games
 - 2.1.1.4 2017 or 2018 WC event prior to nomination deadline
 - 2.1.1.5 2017 or 2018 Senior European Standard or Sprint Individual Championship
 - 2.1.1.6 2017 U23 World Championships

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OR

- 2.1.2 Have an ITU points ranking between 1 and 80 at the time of the British Triathlon nomination deadline

GATEWAY

- 2.2 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Cape Town WC if they meet the following criteria
 - 2.2.1 A member (including reserves) of the 2018 Commonwealth Games England, Scotland or Wales triathlon teams
- 2.3 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the New Plymouth WC if they meet the following criteria
 - 2.3.1 A member (including reserves) of the 2018 Commonwealth Games England, Scotland or Wales triathlon teams
- 2.4 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Mooloolaba WC if they meet the following criteria
 - 2.4.1 A member (including reserves) of the 2018 Commonwealth Games England, Scotland or Wales triathlon teams
- 2.5 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Chengdu WC if they achieve the following performance
 - 2.5.1 1st British Medalist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at the 2018 Gran Canaria Continental Cup
- 2.6 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Cagliari WC if they achieve the following performance
 - 2.6.1 1st British Medallist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at the 2018 Quarteria Continental Cup
- 2.7 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Karlovy WC if they achieve the following performance

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- 2.7.1 1st British Medallist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at the 2018 Weert Continental Cup

- 2.8 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Lausanne WC if they achieve the following performance
 - 2.8.1 1st British Medallist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at the 2018 Holten Continental Cup

- 2.9 Athletes who do not meet the qualification criteria set out at 2.1 will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list for the Madrid WC if they achieve the following performance
 - 2.9.1 1st British Medallist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at the 2018 Holten Continental Cup

SELECTION

- 2.10 Athletes who do not meet the Qualification or Gateway criteria set out at 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 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;
 - 2.10.1 A medalist at 2017 or 2018 U23 European Championships
 - 2.10.2 A WCPP athlete with the race fitting with athlete's overall competition strategy
 - 2.10.3 An athlete who has won a medal from 2017 and/or 2018 ITU European Continental Cups prior to entry deadline
 - 2.10.4 An athlete with an ITU ranking between 1 to 250

- 2.11 Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at 2.10 will be selected for nomination to the ITU wait list 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 WC event. Selection of any athletes is at the **discretion** of the committee however the performance factors that may be considered include (but not limited to) the following;
 - 2.11.1 The BTF 'Elo' What it Takes to Win model (this document is available on request)
 - 2.11.2 Current form in competition
 - 2.11.2.1 The known competition level and performance of other athletes in the field

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2.11.2.1.1 The committee will use their expertise and the BTF 'Elo'
model to determine quality of field

2.11.2.2 Distance behind winner, distance from podium

- 3 British Triathlon may enter additional athletes into the wait list of each race, to maximise the number of GB quota places available (see note 1 in Appendix 1 for conditions);
- 4 Selection to the WC start list will be made by the ITU in accordance with the ITU WC Qualification Criteria;
- 5 Once the ITU has created and published the start list for a WC event, there are three ways in which GB athletes remaining on the wait list may subsequently be moved to the start list;
 - 5.1 By replacing a GB athlete already on the start list via the substitution procedure;
 - 5.2 By being awarded an invitation from the ITU, following an application from British Triathlon;
 - 5.3 By the ITU's roll down process, in order of position on the wait list, if athletes from any nation withdraw and there are GB quota places available.
- 6 Substitutions;
 - 6.1 Once the ITU has created the start list for a WC event, each National Federation may replace two athletes per gender using the ITU substitution procedure;
- 7 An athlete may be substituted out of an event only under the following circumstances;
 - 7.1 An athlete who does not wish to compete but is entered at point 3 above for the sole purpose of being substituted;
 - 7.2 An athlete on the start list who is unable to compete due to illness or injury and who withdraws within the substitution period;
- 8 For the 2018 World Cup Series, British Triathlon will use the ITU substitution clause following the process below;

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- 8.1 The selection committee will consider athletes for substitution using a wide range of performance factors that in the committee's expertise indicates the ability to race in a WC event. The performance factors considered may include, but not be limited to, the following;
 - 8.1.1 An athlete with a low or no ITU ranking with an improving performance profile;
 - 8.1.2 An athlete returning from an enforced period out of competition that has a past history of elite level performances in international events;
 - 8.1.3 An athlete that requires the opportunity to score points or gain racing experience to allow consideration for Olympic selection in a supporting role;
 - 8.2 If the selection committee decides that there are no athletes who meet the criteria set out at point 8.1 then substitutions will be made based on rankings at the time of the BTF nomination deadline;
- 9 All substitutions into 2018 WC races up to the 31st of December will be made using points 7 and 8
- 10 ITU Invitations;
- 10.1 Once the ITU has created the start list for a WC event, National Federations may apply for invitations;
 - 10.2 If the World Cup Selection Committee considers that a GB athlete on the wait list is likely to be awarded an invitation, they will nominate them to the ITU;
 - 10.3 Invitation nominations will be at the discretion of the Selection committee using the same criteria as set out in point 8.1.

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British Triathlon WC Nomination Deadline Dates

Date	Venue	British Triathlon Selection Deadline Date	ITU Closing Date
11th/12th March	Mooloolaba, Australia	Friday 27th January	Monday 6th February
1st/2nd April	New Plymouth, New Zealand	Friday 17th February	Monday 27th February
6th/7th May	Chengdu, China	Friday 24th March	Monday 3rd April
27th/28th May	Madrid, Spain	Friday 14th April	Monday 24th April
3rd/4th June	Cagliari, Italy	Friday 21st April	Monday 1st May
22nd/23rd July	Tiszaujvaros, Hungary	Friday 9th June	Monday 19th June
12th/13th August	Merida, Mexico	Friday 30th June	Monday 10th July
2nd/3rd September	Karlovy Vary, CZE	Friday 21st July	Monday 31st July
23rd/24th September	Huelva, Spain	Friday 11th August	Monday 21st August
30th Sept/1st Oct	Weihai, China	Friday 18th August	Monday 28th August
30th Sept/1st Oct	Cozumel, Mexico	Friday 18th August	Monday 28th August
7th/8th October	Sarasota, USA	Friday 25th August	Monday 4th September
28th/29th October	Salinas, Ecuador	Friday 15th September	Monday 25th September
28th/29th October	Tongyeong, Korea	Friday 15th September	Monday 25th September
4th/5th November	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Friday 22nd September	Monday 2nd October
4th/5th November	Miyazaki, Japan	Friday 22nd September	Monday 2nd October

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APPENDIX

Note1: ITU Entry Process

1. ITU rules state that an athlete may only take up one quota place across all ITU races on a single weekend, hence it is not possible for an athlete to take up their place in one race, and also to be entered and subsequently replaced in another race to enable another GB athlete to gain a race start. An athlete will only be entered and replaced by another athlete, using the ITU substitution clause, if they do not wish to compete in any other ITU race on a weekend.

Note 2: Nomination for a WC event is dependent on the following

1. WC 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 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 a WC after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ITU closing date, must inform Laura Macey (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. Withdrawals within 30 days of the date of the race may deny other GB athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future WC events. If an athlete withdraws after the closing date set by the ITU, when their reason for withdrawal is not medical or circumstances beyond reasonable control, they will be referred to a BTF disciplinary process set up by the BTF. This may result in the athlete being withdrawn from current start lists and/or not entered in future ITU races for a period which the disciplinary process will determine. Medical withdrawals will need to be endorsed by BTF Medical Officer as approved by the Performance Director
5. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the athlete not being nominated for further WC events.

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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;
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.

http://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy/btf_selection_review_policy_2014.pdf

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