



## ELITE JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION POLICIES 2018

### 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).

This policy is broken into four parts - these are explained below:

1. **Eligibility Process** - There are number of essential components that support this process to ensure athletes are eligible for selection.
2. **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.
3. **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
4. **Appeals Process** - in the event of illness/injury/accident/mechanical failure and/or any other factor that impacts performance negatively in a selection event an athlete is able to lodge an appeal.



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### Tartu ETU Triathlon European Junior Championships - Estonia 19-21 July 2018

A Team of up to two junior men and three junior women (up to a maximum of four men and four women subject to additional places being confirmed by the ETU) will qualify or be selected using the process detailed below;

#### Eligibility Process

1. Athletes are required to notify **Laura Macey** (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) by email that they wish to be considered for selection by 7 May 2018; **Communication from parents or coaches will NOT be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 7 and Appendix Note 2 point 1;
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 be available for in competition testing at championships. 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 (PPE) and sent the BTF Fit to Compete form to Laura Macey by the notification deadline. Please see Appendix Note 3, Point 1;
5. To be considered for qualification or selection all junior athletes must compete in the 2018 May Gateway event in Llanelli on the 12 May. This is regardless of any pre-qualification criteria being met;
6. To be considered for qualification or selection all junior athletes must attend and compete in the 2018 Performance Assessments on 14/15 April. Athletes unable to compete through injury will still be required to attend unless genuine medical grounds prevent this. Athletes not attending and/or competing must submit a medical report either prior or within 48hrs of the event.
7. In the very unlikely event that any athletes expecting to qualify/be selected are taking school or university exams during this period we would ask that they have begun the



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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.

### Qualification Process

1. Athletes will gain automatic qualification if they meet one of the following criteria;
  - 1.1 Reigning World Junior individual medallists;
  - 1.2 Reigning European Junior individual medallists;
  - 1.3 The first two eligible male and first two eligible female athletes (excluding athletes who fulfil point 1.1) in the May Gateway on May 12 2018;
  - 1.4 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;
    - 1.4.1 The medical condition preventing the athlete from competing;
    - 1.4.2 The expected time for return to full training;
    - 1.4.3 The agreed rehab plan and agreed benchmarks and reporting time frames.
  - 1.5 If there are more athletes that meet the qualification criteria than the number of places given to the BTF the selection committee will use the following process to determine athletes selected;
    - 1.5.1 Consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performance; All other results will be disregarded;
    - 1.5.2 The events will be considered in the ranked order set out in points 1.1 to 1.3;



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

- 2.1.1 2018 May Gateway;
- 2.1.2 2018 Performances Assessment;
- 2.1.3 2017 ITU World Junior Triathlon Championships;
- 2.1.4 2017 Quality of Field assessed performance;

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 2018 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



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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 (in rank order) demonstrates the potential to finish within the top 15 in the respective Championship;

- 3.3.1 2018 Performance Assessments;
- 3.3.2 2017 ITU World Junior Triathlon Championships;
- 3.3.3 2017 ETU European Championships;
- 3.3.4 2017 European Junior Cups (of appropriate field quality);

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified by **25 May 2018**. Athletes will need to be available to travel to the Championships and stay in team accommodation on **July 17 to 22 2018**.

### **Tartu ETU Triathlon European Junior Mixed Relay Championships - Estonia 19-21 July 2018**

#### **Eligibility Process**

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3. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's [anti-doping policy](#) and be available for in competition testing at championships. If required to do so by UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMs system;



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4. Athletes must have completed the required ITU Pre-Participation Examination (PPE) and sent the BTF Fit to Compete form to Laura Macey by the notification deadline. Please read the information listed in the Appendix, Note 3, Point 1;

### 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.

### **APPENDIX:**

#### Note 1 - Guiding principles and conditions of selection

1. In line with the British Triathlon philosophies of Intelligent Racing and One Day One Race this opportunity aims to provide Youth 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. 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;
4. Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to their Championship race, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Pathway Manager;
5. Athletes may 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;



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6. Athletes will be expected to take part in both individual and team planning and debriefing meetings as required;
7. 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;
8. No announcements of selection are to be made on social media (or elsewhere) until either there has been an official announcement on the BTF website or permission has been given by the Performance Pathway Manager or Lead Coach;
9. It is important for British Triathlon's continued good standing within the ETU and ITU that a Junior Mixed Relay team is entered at this event. British Triathlon reserves the right to select additional athletes in the event of fewer athletes making the Top 15 selection standards than is required to field a relay team (this includes one reserve in each gender).

### Note 2: Notification

1. Entry for all ITU international events requires each nation to first nominate the athletes who wish to race. From these nominations start lists are drawn up by the ITU. Any British athlete wanting to race internationally must therefore notify British Triathlon of this desire ahead of the ITU nomination deadline for that event. Expecting athletes to do this for each championship supports them in better understanding this process and how the sport works internationally. This also aligns to the Learning to Lead pillar of the Athlete Development Framework.

The notification process is a serious one. On the understanding that developing athletes will sometimes get things both right and wrong we operate a 'one strike' policy in this regard with Junior athletes. Thereafter athletes should understand that British Triathlon will adhere to this process and not select athletes who haven't nominated.

### Note 3: ITU Pre-Participation Evaluation/BTF Fit to Compete Form



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1. The International Triathlon Union (ITU) require a compulsory Pre-Participation Evaluation (PPE) screening for all athletes entered into any ITU races, the necessary information required and permissions are signed off in the BTF 'Fit To Compete' form. Athletes cannot be added to a start list without this documentation regardless of having met a selection policy and without exception.

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 Class Performance Programme policies (click on Pre Participation Evaluation(PPE) Criteria').

### Note 4: Event Cancellation

- 1.1 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. Eton/Dorney SuperTri 2018;
- ii. Performance Assessment 2018;
- iii. World Championships 2017;
- iv. European Junior Cup Events 2018 (of appropriate quality of field)
- v. Quality of Field rated performances 2017;

- 1.2 The selection committee will then use the following process when assessing each athlete's performance at these events;

- 1.2.1 The events will be considered in the ranked order set out in points i to v above;

- 1.2.2 Consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performances. All other results will be disregarded;

- 1.2.3 Determine whether the athlete's performance demonstrates the potential to achieve a top 15 finish in the respective Championship.





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### Note 5: Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will be comprised of the following members
  - i. Brendan Purcell (Performance Director)
  - ii. Ben Bright (Head Coach - Olympic)
  - iii. Dan Salcedo (Performance Pathway Manager - Olympic)
  - iv. Glenn Cook (Olympic Programme Delivery)
  
2. Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee at the request of the Chair

### Note 6: 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](https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy-documents/general-policies/btf_selection_review_policy_2014_nb.pdf)

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