



2018 Super League Selection Policy

INTRODUCTION

[Super League](#) Triathlon is based on shorter, sharper non-standard triathlon race formats and aimed at the world's leading athletes. This year will see Youth (02/03 born) and Junior (01/00/99 born) events at Super League Jersey.

British Triathlon have 15 invitations for each gender in each age group. Other National Federations will be asked to send 2 athletes each.¹ This international racing experience will support athletes in their learning development and development through the Performance Pathway toward the senior international podium.

Still to be fully confirmed competition will include 1 race for each age group, youth and junior, and each gender within. Races are likely to follow the Enduro format which is a continuous swim/bike/run/swim/bike/run.

All travel and accommodation will be met at the athletes own expense. Jersey Triathlon Club will do all they can to organise home stays for those athletes who would like them, though given the numbers involved this may not be possible for all. Details of travel options and home stays will be shared upon selection.

Super League Triathlon will provide athletes race entry and custom race suit free of charge.

Selection Process

All British Triathlon policies follow a similar process, this policy is split into three stages. These are explained below. Athletes should make sure that they clearly understand the relevance and importance of each stage including referring to the relevant sections in the Appendix as directed through the policy.

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 event; their performance(s) are not evaluated by the selector(s).
3. **Appeals Process** - in the event of illness/injury/accident and/or any other factor that impacts performance negatively in a selection event an athlete can lodge an appeal.



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Super League, Jersey 29/30 September 2018

1. Eligibility Process

1.1 Youth

All Youth athletes entered in the relevant Youth events are considered to have notified British Triathlon of their eligibility for selection. Any athlete who does not wish to be considered for selection is expected to notify **Sophie Lewis** (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) by email by 4th July 2018 of their wish to **not be considered**; In line with the pillar 'Learning to Lead' British Triathlon expects communication from athletes (not parents or coaches) in this instance. Please see Appendix Note 1 point 5;

1.2 Junior

Junior athletes wishing to be considered for Super League are required to notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) by 4th July 2018; **Communication from parents or coaches will NOT be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 5.

1.3 Home Nation Membership

Athletes must be eligible to represent their Home Nation under BTF rules and must be members in good standing with that Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (BTF)¹;

¹Jersey athletes will be subject to their own selection policy and will sit outside of this British policy

1.4 Anti-Doping

Athletes should understand and be compliant with British Triathlon's [anti-doping policy](#);

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2. Qualification Process

Up to 12 places per age group, per gender will be awarded in the following order;

2.1 Any athlete selected for

2.1.1 The European Junior Championship

2.1.2 The European Youth Olympic Games Regional Qualifier (Banyoles July 7th)

2.2 Further available places will be awarded according to athlete Super Series points ranking order from the total of the best two of the following three British Youth and Junior Super Series events;

2.2.1 May Gateway Llanelli - May 12th

2.2.2 Leeds WTS - June 9th

2.2.3 SuperTri Eton - July 7th

3 Appeal Process

3.1 Up to three 'wildcard' places may be awarded to athletes who have not qualified for Championship Teams and were unable to complete the required two Super Series events through illness/injury/in race accident/exam commitments/following an international race programme or other relevant reasons. Note: other relevant reasons may include serious immovable commitments e.g. wedding, school field trip, etc. However, prioritising other sporting commitments (outside of the Super Series) will not be considered.

3.2 Application for a wildcard must be made in writing to Sophie Lewis sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org by 8th July stating the reasons why, and detailing appropriate evidence;

3.3 Selectors will consider those athletes with valid reasons for selection by assessing whether the athlete's performance at one of the events below demonstrates the potential to meet the qualification criteria;



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3.3.1 One of the British Triathlon Supported ETU Cups 2018 (Junior athletes only);

3.3.1.1 Quarteira

3.3.1.2 Kitzbuhel

3.3.1.3 Holten

3.3.2 The 2018 European Youth Olympic Qualifier (Banyoles) - July 7th

3.3.3 One of the three highlighted Super Series events

3.3.3.1 May Gateway Llanelli - May 12th

3.3.3.2 Leeds WTS - June 9th

3.3.3.3 SuperTri Eton - July 7th

3.3.4 The 2018 Performance Assessments - Apr 14/15th

3.4 Selectors will use the following process when assessing each athlete's performance at these events;

3.4.1 Consider each athlete's best single performance only and compare it to other athletes' best single performances;

3.4.2 All other results will be disregarded;

3.5 Should less than 3 'wildcard' selections be made in any age group or gender remaining places will be awarded on Super Series ranking as per point 2.2 of the Qualification Process;

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified of their selection by **14 July 2018**.

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 and Junior athletes with appropriate experiences in supporting their development toward the Olympic Podium;
2. Selected athletes must confirm, two weeks prior to the event that they are able to compete to the standard that earned them selection (additional information and clearance from a Doctor may be required);



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3. Athletes will be expected to wear appropriate Super League apparel as and when required;
4. 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 and/or England Talent Co-ordinator;
5. To comply with the BTF child protection policy athletes under the age of 18 when emailing BTF staff (as with all other correspondence with the BTF) should ensure that they copy a parent in. Likewise BTF staff will follow the same procedure.

Note 2: Notification Process

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. Supporting athletes 'Learning to Lead' British Triathlon operates a phased approach to this notification process to develop a better understanding of how the sport works internationally.
 - a. Youth level all athletes ARE automatically nominated and are expected to let British Triathlon know if they do not wish to be eligible for selection.
 - b. Junior athletes, like senior athletes ARE NOT automatically nominated. All Juniors must notify British Triathlon of their desire to race and be considered for selection.

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: Event Cancellation

1. Should any Qualification event be changed from a triathlon to a duathlon due to adverse weather conditions/act of God the policy will remain as written for Qualification point 2.2

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2. Should any Qualification event be cancelled or changed to a run race due to adverse weather conditions/act of God athlete performance across the 2 remaining Youth and Junior Super Series events will be used to create the necessary rank order for Qualification point 2.2

Note 4: Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will be comprised of the following members;
 - a. Dan Salcedo (Performance Pathway Manager - British Triathlon) (Chair)
 - b. Fiona Lothian (Head of Performance - Triathlon Scotland)
 - c. Louis Richards (Welsh Pathway Manager)
 - d. Matt Divall (England Pathway Manager)
2. Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee at the request of the Chair;

Note 5: Medical and Injury Appeals Committee

1. If required a Medical and Injury Appeals Committee will be established comprising of the same members as the selection committee
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

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