

BRITISH TRIATHLON 2018 ETU SPRINT DISTANCE TRIATHLON ELITE SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

This policy details the process which British Triathlon will use to allocate GB quota places to athletes to compete in the 2018 ETU Elite Senior European Sprint Triathlon Championships.

Although athletes will be selected to the Team on their own merit, the overall goal of each Team is to demonstrate Intelligent Racing Strategy and Tactics. Intelligent Racing is defined as

- An athlete's ability to maximise their own performance whilst enhancing or at least not compromising the performance of the team by utilizing team mates and exploiting competitors. Trust and honesty with team mates and the ability to read races and make good decisions under pressure are all integral to the delivery of Intelligent Racing.

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 to selection

CRITERIA OVERVIEW

In this policy there will be two types of criteria that will be used to nominate athletes to the ETU

1. **Qualification** - the athlete through their performance(s) has met the specific performance criteria and automatically qualifies for the Team; their performance(s) are not evaluated by the selection committee.
2. **Selection** - the athlete has met the minimum criteria or has raced at the listed events that allows the selection committee to consider them against a variety of factors and therefore make a decision whether or not to select the athlete and nominate to the wait list

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Overview

QUALIFICATION	<p>Have medalled at any of the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Rio Olympic Games • 2018 WTS Individual event prior to BTF nomination Deadline • 2017 WTS Individual event • 2018 Commonwealth Games Individual event • 2018 WC event prior to BTF nomination deadline 2018 Commonwealth Games (individual event) • 2017 Senior European Standard or Sprint Individual Championship • 2017 U23 World or European Individual Championships 2017 U23 World Championships • 2017 Junior World European Individual Championships • 2x medals at 2018 European CC events prior to BTF nomination deadline <p><i>(if more athletes apply for the event and meet the qualification criteria, places on the start will be allocated in priority order of the list above)</i></p>
SELECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A WCPP athlete with the race fitting with the athlete's overall competition strategy • Have an ITU points ranking between 1 to 250 at the time of the BTF nomination deadline • Have competed at a 2018 WTS and WC events prior to the BTF nomination deadline • Have achieved a top 8 performance at a 2018 European CC event prior to BTF nomination deadline • Have competed at the 2017 U23 World or European Individual Championships • Have competed at the 2017 Junior World or European Individual Championships • Have competed at the 2017 European Senior Standard or Sprint Individual Championships • Have achieved a top 5 performance at one of the following events; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018 Blenheim Senior Elite Sprint Triathlon ○ 2017 British Elite Sprint Championships <p>Have achieved a medal at the 2018 BUCs Sprint Triathlon Championships. Have achieved a medal at the 2018 BUCS Sprint Triathlon</p>

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2018 ETU Elite Senior European Sprint Triathlon Championships - Tartu, Estonia - 20-22 July:

ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION:

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.

A team of up to five males and five females will be selected subject to this number of places being allocated to Great Britain using the process below:

1. Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2018 ETU Elite Senior European Sprint Championships should email Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) in writing by Monday 4 June 2018;

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2. Athletes will automatically qualify to be nominated to the start list if they have medalled at any of the following events:
 - 2.1. 2016 Rio Olympic Games
 - 2.2. 2018 WTS Individual event prior to the BTF nomination Deadline
 - 2.3. 2017 WTS Individual event
 - 2.4. 2018 Commonwealth Games Individual event
 - 2.5. 2018 WC event prior to the BTF nomination deadline
 - 2.6. 2017 Senior European Standard or Sprint Individual Championship
 - 2.7. 2017 U23 World or European Individual Championships
 - 2.8. 2017 Junior World or European Individual Championships
 - 2.9. 2x medals at 2018 European CC events prior to BTF nomination deadline

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Note: If more athletes apply for the event and meet the qualification criteria, places on the start list will be allocated in priority order of the list above

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3. Athletes who do not meet the Qualification criteria set out at 2.1 to 2.7 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;
 - 3.1.A WCPP athlete with the race fitting with the athlete's overall competition strategy
 - 3.2. Have an ITU points ranking between 1 to 250 at the time of the BTF nomination deadline
 - 3.3. Have competed at a 2018 WTS and WC events prior to the BTF nomination deadline
 - 3.4. Have achieved a top 8 performance at a 2018 European CC event prior to BTF nomination deadline
 - 3.5. Have competed at the 2017 U23 World or European Individual Championships
 - 3.6. Have competed at the 2017 Junior World or European Individual Championships
 - 3.7. Have competed at the 2017 European Senior Standard or Sprint Individual Championships
 - 3.8. Have achieved a top 5 performance at one of the following events;
 - 3.8.1. 2018 Blenheim Senior Elite Sprint Triathlon
 - 3.8.2. 2017 British Elite Sprint Triathlon Championships
 - 3.9. Have achieved a medal at the 2018 BUCS Sprint Triathlon

4. Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at 3. will be considered for nomination to the ETU start 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 to achieve a top 12 placing in the championship. Selection of any athlete will be at the **discretion** of the committee however the performance factors that may be considered include (but are not limited to) the following;
 - 4.1. The BTF 'Elo' What it Takes to Win model (this document is available on request)
 - 4.2. Current form in competition
 - 4.2.1. The known competition level and performance of other athletes in the field
 - 4.2.1.1. The committee will use their expertise and the BTF 'Elo' model to determine quality of field
 - 4.2.2. Distance behind winner, distance from podium

5. Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified by Tuesday 12 June 2018.

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6. All athletes selected to the Team will be required to arrive at the Championships in time for the athlete briefing at 6pm on Friday 20 July 2018. This is a self-funded event and athletes will be expected to book their own travel and accommodation and arrange their own catering. Race suits and some leisure kit will be provided. A British Triathlon Coach will be present at the race; details will be provided nearer to the event.

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APPENDIX

Note 1: Nomination

1. Event start positions are limited. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should contact 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 the race 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 British Triathlon Code of Ethics and ITU 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 events.

Note 2: Selection Committee

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

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Note 3: 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/gb-teams/selection-policies>

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