



BRITISH TRIATHLON 2018 ITU WORLD TRIATHLON SERIES GRAND FINAL SELECTION and NOMINATION PROCESS

Introduction

This policy details the process and priorities by which British Triathlon will allocate GB quota places to athletes to compete in ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final.

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

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. As such this document has been written to reflect and reinforce this objective, which is to select a team to maximise the potential for medal success at the WTS Grand Final and achieve the agreed British Triathlon and UK Sport Milestone Target.

This document is laid out in three sections:

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

Criteria Overview

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

1. **Qualification** - if you meet the listed criteria you are automatically nominated to the ITU
2. **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	Have medalled at two of the following individual events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2018 Abu Dhabi WTS• 2018 Yokohama WTS• 2018 Leeds WTS• 2018 Hamburg WTS
SELECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An athlete who has achieved a medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games individual event• An athlete who has achieved a top 12 from a 2018 WTS prior to the entry deadline• An athlete who has won a medal at a 2018 World Cup prior to entry deadline• An athlete who has won two medals from 2018 ITU European Continental Cups prior to entry deadline• An athlete on the 2017/18 World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) with a competition strategy that has been agreed with the WCPP Head Coach• An athlete with an ITU ranking between 1 to 80



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Eligibility for nomination to WTS events

1. Athletes must 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 procedure for nominating athletes to WTS Grand Final:

1. Athletes wishing to be considered for a WTS Event should email Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) on or before the British Triathlon advertised WTS Selection Deadline Dates (See 2018 British Triathlon WTS Grand Final Selection Deadline 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 by the following process;

QUALIFICATION

- 2.1. Athletes will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list if they have medaled at two of the following individual events:
 - 2.1.1. 2018 Abu Dhabi WTS
 - 2.1.2. 2018 Yokohama WTS
 - 2.1.3. 2018 Leeds WTS
 - 2.1.4. 2018 Hamburg WTS

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SELECTION

- 2.2. Athletes who do not meet the Qualification or Gateway criteria set out at 2.1 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;
 - 2.2.1. An athlete who has achieved a medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games individual event
 - 2.2.2. An athlete who has achieved a top 12 from a 2017 or 2018 WTS prior to the British Triathlon entry deadline
 - 2.2.3. An athlete who has won a medal from a 2018 World Cup prior to British Triathlon entry deadline
 - 2.2.4. An athlete on the 2017/18 World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) with a competition strategy that has been agreed with the WCPP Head Coach
 - 2.2.5. An athlete who has won two medals from 2018 ITU European Continental Cups prior to entry deadline
 - 2.2.6. An athlete with a ITU ranking between 1 and 80 at the British Triathlon entry deadline
- 2.3. Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at 2.2 may 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 engage in the delivery of medal winning opportunities for British Triathlon. Selection of any athletes is at the **discretion** of the committee.
3. British Triathlon may enter additional athletes onto the entry list of each race for substitution purposes should this be deemed necessary under point 10 (see note 1 in Appendix for conditions);
4. Selection to the WTS start list will be made by the ITU in accordance with the ITU WTS Qualification Criteria;
5. Once the ITU has created and published the start list for the WTS Grand Final, there are three ways in which athletes remaining on the wait list may subsequently be moved to the start list;
 - 5.1. By replacing a GBR athlete already on the start list via the ITU substitution procedure;
 - 5.2. By being awarded an invitation from the ITU following an application from British Triathlon;



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- 5.3. By the ITU's roll down process, in order of ranking 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 the WTS Grand Final, each National Federation may replace one athlete per gender using the ITU substitution procedure;
- 7. Athletes will only be substituted out of an event under the following circumstances;
 - 7.1. An athlete who does not wish to compete but is entered at point 5 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;
- 8. For the 2018 WTS GF, British Triathlon will use the ITU substitution procedure following the process below
 - 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 either:
 - 8.1.1. Deliver an individual medal
 - 8.1.2. Support a team mate or team mates in their medal delivery strategy.
- 9. ITU Invitations;
 - 9.1. Once the ITU has created the start list for a WTS event, National Federations may apply for invitations if they have not used their full quota of starting places;
 - 9.2. If there are quota places available and the 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. Invitation nominations will be determined by the Selection Committee using the criteria set out in point 8.1

British Triathlon WTS Selection Deadline Dates

Date	Venue	British Triathlon Selection Deadline Date	ITU Closing Date
12 - 16 September	Gold Coast	30 July	12 August

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APPENDIX

Note: 1 - 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. i.e. 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 WTS event is dependent on the following:

1. WTS event start positions are limited and ranking points earned in WTS events are crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the Olympic Games. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform the Head Coach immediately so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete or a whether medical withdrawal is required;
2. An athlete who elects to withdraw from a WTS after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ITU closing date, must inform Laura Macey (BTF Operations and Logistics Manager) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated. This communication should be done by the athlete either in person or by email;
3. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, ITU WTS rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals;
4. Withdrawals within 30 days of the ITU closing date may deny other British athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future WTS 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. BTF is given a limited number of 'athlete reprieves' per year. These may be used when an athlete withdraws from the event after 1300 GMT on the Monday prior to the event. This would normally result in the athlete being removed from all ITU events for the next 30 days. The use of this quota will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee, and British Triathlon is under no obligation to allow an athlete to be reinstated even if the full quota has not been used up;

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6. The Gold Coast WTS Grand Final is a GB Team Championship event. All team members will be expected to abide by the Elite Teams' Code of Conduct 2018 and wear Great Britain branded kit at the Championships and while travelling to and from Gold Coast. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the athlete not being nominated for further WTS events.

Note 3: Selection Committee

1. The selection committee for the WTS Grand Final will consist of the following people;

- 1.1. Chairman (non-voting)

- 1.1.1. tbc

- 1.2. Committee Members (voting)

- 1.2.1. Andy Salmon (Chief Executive Officer)

- 1.2.2. Brendan Purcell (Performance Director)

- 1.2.3. Ben Bright (Olympic Head Coach)

- 1.2.4. Glenn Cook (Olympic Programme Delivery and Development Consultant)

- 1.2.5. Jonathon Riall (Paralympic Head Coach)

- 1.3. Committee Members (non-voting)

- 1.3.1. tbc (minutes)

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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