

BRITISH TRIATHLON 2018 ITU WORLD TRIATHLON SERIES 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 events (WTS), not including the WTS 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.

Competition Pathway

The ITU World Triathlon Series events are reserved for the highest calibre athletes currently competing at the most competitive level of standard distance draft legal triathlon.

Athletes who have not yet reached this level must begin by racing at ITU Continental Cups, then progress to ITU World Cups to gain both experience and ranking points in order to demonstrate readiness for WTS event competition. There is a limited ability to fast track athletes to WTS 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 that they have met the standards for under either **Qualification** or **Gateway**. The athlete 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** - the athlete has met the minimum criteria or has raced at the listed events that allows the 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

Overview

QUALIFICATION	<p>Have medalled at any of the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Rio Olympic Games • 2017 or 2018 WTS prior to BTF WTS Entry Deadline
GATEWAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburg WTS - 1st British Medalist at 2018 Chendgu World Cup • Edmonton WTS - 1st British Medalist at 2018 Cagliari
SELECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An athlete who has achieved a top 8 at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the individual event • An athlete who has achieved a top 8 from a 2017 or 2018 World Cup taking place prior to entry deadline • An athlete who has won two medals from 2018 ITU European Continental Cups taking place 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 process for nominating athletes to WTS events:

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 Selection 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 by the following process;

QUALIFICATION

2.1. Athletes will automatically be placed on the ITU wait list if they have medalled at any of the following individual events:

- 2.1.1. 2016 Rio Olympic Games
- 2.1.2. 2017 or 2018 WTS prior to BTF WTS Entry 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 Hamburg WTS if they achieve the following performance

- 2.2.1. 1st British Medalist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at 2018 Chendgu World Cup

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 Edmonton WTS if they achieve the following performance

- 2.3.1. 1st British Medalist (excluding athletes that meet criteria 2.1) at the 2018 Cagliari World Cup

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SELECTION

2.4. Athletes who do not meet the Qualification or Gateway criteria set out at 2.1 and 2.2 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;

- 2.4.1. An athlete who has achieved a top 12 from a 2017 or 2018 WTS event taking place to entry deadline
- 2.4.2. An athlete who has achieved a top 8 at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the individual event
- 2.4.3. An athlete who has achieved a top 8 from a 2017 or 2018 World Cup taking place prior to entry deadline
- 2.4.4. An athlete who has won two medals from 2017 and 2018 ITU European Continental Cups taking place prior to entry deadline
- 2.4.5. An athlete on the 2017/18 World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) with a competition strategy that has been agreed with the WCPP Head Coach
- 2.4.6. An athlete with a ITU ranking between 1 and 80 at the British Triathlon entry deadline

2.5. Athletes who have met the minimum performance criteria set out at 2.4 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 a WTS event. Selection of any athletes is at the **discretion** of the committee however the performance factors that may be considered include (but are not limited to) the following;

- 2.5.1. The BTF What it Takes to Win document (this document is available on request)
- 2.5.2. Current form in competition
 - 2.5.2.1. The known competition level and performance of other athletes in the field
 - 2.5.2.1.1. The committee will use their expertise and the BTF ELO model to determine quality of field
 - 2.5.2.2. Distance behind winner, distance from podium

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;

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5. Once the ITU has created and published the start list for a WTS event, 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;
 - 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 a WTS event, 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, 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 race in a WTS event. The performance factors considered may include, but not be limited to, the following in no specific order;
 - 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 the WTS;
 - 8.1.3. An athlete that requires the opportunity to score points or gain WTS racing experience to allow consideration for Olympic selection in a supporting role;
9. All substitutions into 2018 WTS races, not including the WTS Grand Final, will be made using point 7.1 and 7.2 above
10. ITU Invitations;

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- 10.1. 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;
- 10.2. 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;
- 10.3. 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
2 nd /3 rd March	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Friday 19 th January	Sunday 28 th January
28 th April	Bermuda	Friday 16 th March	Monday 26 th March
12 th /13 th May	Yokohama, Japan	Friday 30 th March	Monday 9 th April
9 th /10 th June	Leeds, UK	Friday 27 th April	Monday 7 th May
14 th /15 th July	Hamburg, Germany	Friday 1 st June	Monday 11 th June
28 th /29 th July	Edmonton, Canada	Friday 15 th June	Sunday 24 th June
25 th /26 th August	Montreal, Canada	Friday 13 th July	Monday 23 rd July

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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 GB 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. An athlete must make travel plans which allow them to attend a post-race team debrief either the evening of the race or the next morning. Before confirming any travel please discuss with Laura Macey.

Note 3: Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will be comprised of the following members
 - 1.1. Brendan Purcell (Performance Director)
 - 1.2. Ben Bright (Head Coach - Olympic)
 - 1.3. Dan Salcedo (Performance Pathway Manager - Olympic)
 - 1.4. 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.

<https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/gb-teams/selection-policies/2017-policies/btf-selection-review-policy-2017.pdf>

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