



2018 BUENOS AIRES YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) provides an opportunity for young athletes to gain both multisport event experience and championship triathlon experience to aid their developmental journey toward the Olympic podium.

The 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games will take place between 6-18 October 2018.

Occurring once every four years, the 2018 YOG will be the third edition of the event and are open to athletes born between 1st January 2001 and 31st December 2002. Athletes will race over an individual sprint distance event and a mixed team relay. Selection for the YOG will involve both a domestic and continental qualifier; this document contains an individual policy for both events.

The continental qualifying race for Europe will be the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier (7th- 8th July 2018) with the domestic qualifier being the Elite Youth event at Blenheim (3rd June 2018).

British Triathlon does not apply gear restrictions to events where Juniors and Youths are grouped together, Blenheim therefore will NOT be gear restricted, nor will Banyoles as the ITU has no policy on gear restrictions.

Three Stage Process

For individual Youth Championship events, British Triathlon operates a three-stage selection process 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 qualify for the team; their performance(s) are not evaluated by the selection committee.
- 3. 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 can lodge an appeal.



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2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon Europe YOG Qualifier - July 7th/8th

1. Eligibility Process

- 1.1. All athletes entered in the Youth wave at **Blenheim** are considered to have notified British Triathlon of their eligibility for selection. Any athlete unable to attend the Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier is expected to notify Laura Macey (lauramacey@britishtriathlon.org) by email by 30th May 2018;

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 10 and Note 2 point 1;

Any 2001 born athletes wishing to compete and be eligible for the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier **must** enter the Youth wave at Blenheim

- 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);
- 1.3. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's [anti-doping policy](#);
- 1.4. 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.

2. Qualification Process

A Team of up to four eligible boys and three eligible girls (additional GBR places may be awarded at the discretion for the ITU) born in 2001 or 2002 will be selected to race at the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier based on the order of finish in the boy's and girl's events respectively at the 2018 Youth Races at Blenheim on **3 June 2018**.

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3. Appeals Process

- 3.1 If an athlete does not contest or complete the 2018 Banyoles YOG Qualifier race (Blenheim) 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 case of non-completion the Performance Pathway Manager must be notified within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race;
- 3.2 In the event of accident or injury during either race, a written report may be filed with the Performance Pathway Manager, or a pre-advised delegate from British Triathlon by, or on behalf of, the athlete within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race, explaining mitigating circumstances and including previous results. Appropriate grounds for consideration will usually be those deemed to be outside of the athlete's own control, this does not normally include accidents that are down to the athletes own error or mechanicals;
- 3.3 If upheld by the Appeal Committee the Selection Committee will consider those athletes with validated accident or medical reasons by means of a projected result. In such cases the Selection Committee, using it's expertise, will determine whether, in all circumstances, the appealing athlete would have met the qualification standards. In such cases the decision of selection committee would be final.

Athlete Notification

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified of their selection for the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier by **8 June 2018**. Travel arrangements to Banyoles will be confirmed soon after, it is expected that this will be a part and not fully funded trip.



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Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games (YOG) 6-18th October 2018

Each Continental YOG Qualifying Event has a quota of places based on the number and performance of National Olympic Committees (NOC's) with National Federations affiliated to the ITU; Europe has received twelve places. Each competing European nation can qualify one male and one female place only, irrespective of the number of finishers they may have in the top twelve places. As such qualification places will roll down the order of finish until the twelve countries are represented.

1. Eligibility Process

- 1.1. All athletes selected for the Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier are considered to have notified British Triathlon of their eligibility for selection.
- 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) from the time of nomination to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for selection until the completion of the competition;
- 1.3. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's and the British Olympic Associations [anti-doping policy](#) and be available if required for in competition testing at both the Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier and the YOG Buenos Aires; further if required, by UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMs system;
- 1.4. 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.

2. Qualification Process

- 2.1. The first eligible male and eligible female athlete in the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier on 6-7 July 2018 subject to available GBR qualifying places will be selected for nomination to the BOA to represent Team GB;

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- 2.2. The next best placed eligible male and eligible female athlete in the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier on 6-7 July 2018 will be selected as non-travelling reserves.

3. Appeals Process

- 3.1. If an athlete does not contest or complete the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier 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 England Pathway Manager must be notified within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race;
- 3.2. In the event of accident or injury during the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier a written report may be filed with the England Pathway Manager by, or on behalf of, the athlete within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race, explaining mitigating circumstances and including previous results. Appropriate grounds for consideration will usually be those deemed to be outside of the athlete's own control, this does not normally include accidents that are down to the athletes own error or mechanicals;
- 3.3. If upheld by the Appeal Committee the Selection Committee will consider those athletes with validated accident or medical reasons by means of a projected result. In such cases the Selection Committee, using it's expertise, will determine whether, in all circumstances, the appealing athlete would have met the qualification standards. In such cases the decision of selection committee would be final.

Athlete Notification

Except in unforeseen circumstances, athletes will be notified of their nomination to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for selection to the Youth Olympic Games by **14 July 2018**. See Note 1 point 6.

Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Mixed Team Relay 6-18th October 2018

Selection Process

Athletes qualify for the YOG Triathlon Mixed Relay from their results in the YOG individual competition. Athletes will race the relay for their continent and not their National Federation. Athletes will be placed into teams by the ITU.

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APPENDIX

Note 1: Guiding Principles and Conditions of Selection

1. In line with the British Triathlon philosophies of One Day One Race and Intelligent Racing, this opportunity aims to provide athletes born 2001 and 2002 with appropriate experiences in supporting their development toward the Olympic Podium;
2. Athletes must be born in 2001 or 2002
3. Athletes must be available to attend the whole duration of the 2018 Buenos Aires YOG and any applicable preparation as specified by the BOA and British Triathlon.
4. The goal of each Team is to represent Team GB and British Triathlon in a manner that aligns with the values and philosophies of the British Olympic Association and GB Triathlon Team. Each team member will be made aware or reminded of their obligations on arrival into the team environment;
5. Athletes will be required to sign the BOA Team Members' Agreement to accept their place on each team which will include a code of conduct and a commitment to attend Team camps and activities prior to and during the Games, to adhere to specified travel dates, to adhere to the BOA sponsorship guidelines and to wear appropriate apparel;
6. British Triathlon will nominate the selected athletes from the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier to the BOA for inclusion in Team GB for 2018 Buenos Aires YOG. It is the BOA who ratifies nominations and will formally announce selections on a date to be confirmed. Once athletes are notified of nominations, that information **MUST NOT** be released into the public domain until the official BOA Team GB announcement, as this will be a breach of the BOA Team Members' Agreement;
7. No announcements of selection to the 2018 Banyoles ETU Triathlon European YOG Qualifier 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;
8. Prior to the final date for replacement of an athlete or the date of departure from the UK (whichever is earlier) selected athletes must receive medical and performance clearance from British Triathlon's Lead Medical Officer and Performance Pathway Manager respectively, to show they are able to compete to the standard that earned them selection. Further details of the circumstances under which an athlete might be replaced by the reserve athlete and the latest date that this could occur will be provided once these are confirmed by the BOA;
9. Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to their Championship race, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Pathway Manager;

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10. 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.
11. There is a short window between the YOG and World Junior Championships; given this, and the associated physical and travelling load, any athletes selected for both will be asked to decide which event best fits their season objectives and prepare solely for that one. In line with the Athlete Development Framework pillar 'Informed Choice' the decision making process will need to involve conversations with the Performance Pathway Manager, Home Nation Talent Lead and Regional Coach.
12. Due to timing, travel and recovery athletes selected for YOG will be unable to race at Super League Jersey.

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. 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 level athletes, like to Senior athletes ARE NOT automatically nominated. All Juniors have to 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.

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

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 an ITU 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 Should the Blenheim event be cancelled or changed from a triathlon to a duathlon or run race due to adverse weather conditions/act of God the following will be used for qualification;
 - 1.1.1 Llanelli 2018
 - 1.1.2 Performance Assessment 2018
- 1.2 2001 born Junior and 2002 born Youth performances from both events will be compared against each other and against the expected standards for the Banyoles event and a team of 5 girls and 5 boys will be selected.

Note 5: Medical and Injury Appeals Committee

1. If required a Medical and Injury Appeals Committee will be established comprising
 - 1.1 Brendan Purcell - Performance Director - Chair
 - 1.2 Dan Salcedo - Performance Pathway Manager
 - 1.3 Matt Divall - England Pathway Manager
2. Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee at the request of the Chair;



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Note 6: Selection Committee

1. If required a selection committee will be comprised of the following members:

- 1.1. Brendan Purcell - Performance Director
- 1.2. Ben Bright - Head Coach
- 1.3. Dan Salcedo - Performance Pathway Manager
- 1.4. Glenn Cook - Olympic Programme Delivery

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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