

BRITISH TRIATHLON FEDERATION 2018 ELITE AQUATHLON TEAM SELECTION POLICIES

Introduction

This policy details the process which British Triathlon will apply when selecting athletes to compete in the major ETU and ITU Aquathlon Championships.

In all championships, although athletes will be selected to the team on their own merit, the goal of the Team is to win medals for Great Britain and selection is dependent on the athlete agreeing to race in a manner that supports each athlete to achieve their best performance.

Please note that for all championships, athletes are obliged to pre-register their interest in gaining selection before the closing dates stated within this policy document, even if taking part in an official qualification race. This is so athletes can be contacted easily post-closing date and so that any medical checks required prior to the race can be made in good time.

This policy is broken into two parts - these are explained below

1. **Eligibility Process** - There are number of essential components that support this process to ensure athletes are eligible for selection.
2. **Selection Process** - the athlete has met a minimum level of specific performance to be considered for selection and their performance(s) are evaluated by a selection committee in order to be selected to the team.

ITU Aquathlon World Championships, Fyn (Denmark) - 6-14 July 2018

These races will be part of the World Multisport Championship. At time of publication, budget for this event has not been approved and BTF cannot guarantee that this will be a funded championship. The level to which BTF may contribute to the athletes' costs of travel or accommodation will be made clear on selection. Race entries will be paid for by BTF and a GB race suit will be provided for free.

All athletes are required to notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) in writing that they wish to compete by 5pm on 11/05/2018.

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Senior and Under 23 Teams

Eligibility Process:

1. Athletes must have confirmed their nomination via email as set out above 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 UK Anti-Doping or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system;
4. Athletes must have completed their compulsory Pre-Participation Evaluation before the nomination deadline for the event, evidenced by sending Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) a copy of their completed and signed 'BTF Fit to Compete' form, which can be downloaded from the BTF website [here](#).

Selection Process:

Initially up to two male senior and two female senior places and one male U23 and one female U23 will be available. If any categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to six per gender.

Athletes will be selected in the following order of preference:

1. Elite Aquathlon medallists from the 2017 ITU World Aquathlon Championships or the 2017 European Aquathlon Championships looking to contest the same championship category. Priority will be given to a World medal above a European;
2. Medallists from other elite Aquathlon races in the last 18 months from the closing date looking to contest the same championship category;
3. Athletes who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, demonstrate from race performances (single discipline and / or triathlon races) in the last 18 months from the closing date that their open water swimming and running splits indicate an ability to finish within 2% of the winner (senior and U23 men) or 3% of the winner (senior and U23

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women) in their respective race. As a guidance to standards, athletes will be expected to show as a **minimum**:

3.1. For men:

3.1.1. A sub 9.00 minutes 750m swim time

AND

3.1.2. A 5km under 16.15 mins;

3.2. For women:

3.2.1. A sub 9.30 mins 750 swim time

AND

3.2.2. A 5km under 18 minutes;

3.3. Obtaining the minimum standard will not guarantee selection; and

4. At point 3, the Selection Committee will consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performances. Other results will be disregarded.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, selections to the team will be notified to athletes by 18/05/2018 and will be announced once all notifications are complete.

Junior Teams

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Eligibility process:

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4. Athletes must have completed their compulsory Pre-Participation Evaluation before the nomination deadline for the event, evidenced by sending Sophie Lewis

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Selection Process:

A team of up to two male and two female athletes will be selected in the following order of preference. This may be extended to a maximum of six junior athletes if the senior team is not filled.

1. Junior medallists from the 2017 European Triathlon Championships or 2017 World Triathlon Championships;
2. Junior medallists from the 2017 World or European Aquathlon Championships. Priority will be given to a World medal over a European medal;
3. Athletes who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, demonstrate from results in junior drafting triathlon races or single discipline events in 2017 or 2018 the ability to finish within 2.5% of the winner. As a guide to standards, athletes will be expected to have the following minimum times:
 - 3.1. For junior men:
 - 3.1.1. A 400m swim 4.25
AND
 - 3.1.2. A 3km run 8.46;
 - 3.2. For junior women:
 - 3.2.1. A 400m swim 4.42
AND
 - 3.2.2. A 3km run 10.10;
 - 3.3. Athletes should also have obtained top 15 (men) or top 10 (women) in a junior super series event in 2017;
4. At point 4, the Selection Committee will consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performances. Other results will be disregarded;

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ETU Aquathlon European Championships, Ibiza (Spain) 20-28 October 2018

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2. Medallists from other elite aquathlon races in the last 18 months looking to contest the same championship category;
3. Athletes who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, demonstrate from race performances (single discipline and / or triathlon races) in the last 18 months before the closing date that their open water swimming and running splits indicate an ability to finish within 2% of the winner (senior and U23 men) or 3% of the winner (senior and U23 women) in their respective race. As a guidance to standards, athletes will be expected to show as a **minimum in the last 18 months:**
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APPENDIX

Note 1: Conditions of selection

1. Selected athletes may be required to confirm two weeks prior to the event that they are able to compete to the standard that earned them selection and additional information and clearance from the British Triathlon's Medical Officer and or the Performance Director may be required. Athletes must not race in the 10 days prior to the respective Championship, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Director;
2. Athletes will be required to sign a Team Members' Agreement to accept their place on each team. The Agreement will include a code of conduct, to adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear provided race suit which must be unaltered (championship suits may not have personal sponsors added); and
3. Maximum team sizes will be dependent upon budget approval and available funding, and may be reduced from those stated above.

From 2018 onwards the International Triathlon Union (ITU) have introduced COMPULSORY pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening for ALL athletes entered into any ETU/ITU races. Failure to do this and not provide the necessary paperwork will result in you not being able to be selected or entered into any ETU/ITU events. 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 ITU PPE Screening Requirements (please read 'All Athletes - Pre Participation Evaluation(PPE) Criteria').

Note 2: Selection Committee

1. A Selection Committee will be established comprising three members, including the BTF Performance Director as Chair, the BTF Head Coach and one other member. The

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composition of the selection committee will be reviewed and agreed by the BTF Performance Director and the BTF CEO; and

2. Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee at the request of the Chair.

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 BTF website:

https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy-documents/general-policies/btf_selection_review_policy_2014_nb.pdf

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