

## BRITISH TRIATHLON FEDERATION 2018 CROSS TRIATHLON/DUATHLON ELITE 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 Cross-Triathlon/Duathlon 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.

### 2018 Cross Triathlon World Championships, Fyn - Denmark, 6 - 14 July 2018

These races will be part of the World Multisport Championship Festival in Denmark. 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.

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### Senior and U23 Teams

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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](mailto: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 will be available and up to one male U23 and one female U23 place. If any categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to six per gender. British Triathlon do not guarantee to fill these categories.

1. Reigning elite senior or U23 cross triathlon medallists from the 2017 Cross Triathlon World Championships looking to contest the same category;
2. Medallists from other elite cross triathlon races in 2017 or 2018 looking to contest the same championship category. Priority will be given to results at the 2017 Xterra World Championships and to results in the 2017 ETU Cross Triathlon Championships.
3. Athletes who were ranked in the top 20 of the 2017 Xterra European or USA rankings who can show race results in 2018, or ranked in the top 20 in the 2018 rankings on the closing date;

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4. Athletes who can demonstrate from race performances (single discipline and / or triathlon races) in 2017 or 2018 an ability to finish in the top 10 (senior men and women) or top 5 (U23 men and women) in their respective team. Athletes should be able to show specific cross triathlon experience, and National level cross country running and/or cross country mountain bike results will be considered;
5. At point 4 the Selection Committee will consider each athlete's single best performance only and compare it to other athletes' single best performances. Other results will be disregarded. Please be aware that if submitting results in events with age group fields that all results will be considered overall and not in the athlete's age group.

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1. Reigning junior medallists from the 2017 European or World Triathlon Championships or 2017 World or European Junior Cross Triathlon Championships;
2. Junior medallists from ETU junior cups in 2017 or 2018 (priority will be given to 2018 results);
3. Athletes with a top three place in a race within the British Triathlon Junior Super Series of 2017 or 2018 (priority will be given to 2018 results);
4. Athletes who can demonstrate from race performances (single discipline and / or triathlon races) in 2017 or 2018 an ability to finish in the top five of their respective race. Athletes should be able to show specific cross triathlon experience, and National level cross country running and/or cross country mountain bike results will be considered;
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### **2018 ETU Cross Duathlon European Championships - Ibiza, 20 - 27 October 2018**

Selection criteria is as for the ETU Cross Triathlon although priority will be given above point one to senior athletes who are returning medallists from the 2017 ETU Cross Duathlon Championships.

### **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

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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 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:



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[https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy-documents/general-policies/btf\\_selection\\_review\\_policy\\_2014\\_nb.pdf](https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy-documents/general-policies/btf_selection_review_policy_2014_nb.pdf)

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