

BRITISH TRIATHLON FEDERATION 2018 LONG DISTANCE TRIATHLON 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 Long Distance 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 ITU Long Distance Triathlon 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.

Any athlete wishing to be considered must notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) in writing that they wish to compete by 11/05/2018.

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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:

A maximum of three male and three female athletes may be selected. Athletes will be selected in the following order of preference:

1. Reigning elite triathlon medallists from the 2017 ITU Triathlon Long Distance World Championships;
2. Top 30 at the 2017 Ironman World Championships or top 20 at the 2017 Ironman 70.3 Championships;
3. Athletes who can demonstrate from race performances in 2017 or 2018 an ability to finish in the top 10 of their respective race. Any athletes who have qualified to race elite in 2017 or 2018 Ironman World Championships or Ironman 70.3 Championships will also be considered. See below for guidance on performance standards;

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.

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

2018 ETU Challenge Long Distance Triathlon European Championships - Madrid, Spain, 23 September 2018

This event will not be a funded Championship but athletes selected will have a GB race suit provided for free.

Any athlete wishing to be considered must notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) in writing that they wish to compete by 10/08/2018.

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:

A maximum of three male and three female athletes may be selected. Athletes will be selected in the following order of preference:

1. Reigning elite triathlon medallists from the 2018 ITU Triathlon Long Distance World Championships or 2017 ETU Long Distance European Triathlon Championships;

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2. Top 30 at the 2017 Ironman World Championships or top 20 at the 2017 Ironman 70.3 Championships; and
3. Athletes who can demonstrate from race performances in 2017 or 2018 an ability to finish in the top 10 of their respective race. Any athletes who have qualified to race elite in 2017 or 2018 Ironman World Championships or Ironman 70.3 Championships will also be considered. See below for guidance on standards.

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 17/08/2018 and announced as soon as notifications are complete.

2018 ETU Middle Distance Triathlon European Championships - Ibiza, Spain, 20 - 28 October 2018

These races will be part of the European 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.

Any athlete wishing to be considered must notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) in writing that they wish to compete by 03/09/2018.

Senior

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-

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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:

A maximum of three male and three female athletes may be selected. Athletes will be selected in the following order of preference:

1. Reigning elite triathlon medallists from the 2018 ITU Triathlon Long Distance World Championships or 2017 ETU Middle Distance European Triathlon Championships;
2. Top 30 at the 2017 Ironman World Championships or top 20 at the 2017 or 2018 Ironman 70.3 Championships (priority given to 2018 results); and
3. Athletes who can demonstrate from race performances in 2017 or 2018 an ability to finish in the top 10 of their respective race. Any athletes who have qualified to race elite in 2017 or 2018 Ironman World Championships or Ironman 70.3 Championships will also be considered. See below for guidance on performance standards.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, the Team will be notified by 10/09/2018 and announced as soon as notifications are complete.

Performance Standards for Long Distance Elite Races

In order to be considered for selection for any of the races listed above at point 3 of the selection policy, athletes will need to have a performance that is of a standard which equates to the guidelines below from a race in 2017 or 2018.

1. A top 5 overall in an international standard long distance triathlon event such as an Ironman or Challenge or ITU long distance event which has an elite field as long as this was achieved with a time within 5% of the winner (long course) or 4% (middle distance); OR
2. Sub 8.45hrs (men) and sub 9.30hrs (women) in an international standard long distance event; OR

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3. Sub 4hr (men) and sub 4.25hr (women) in an international standard 70.3 distance event;
4. When considering results of an event which is won in a time not considered to be world class, or one where the distances or disciplines on the day are not run as originally specified, the selectors reserve the right to exclude the result from the selection process. Any result submitted in a race where the elite field numbered less than ten may also be discounted.

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').

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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:

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

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