

2018 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

Youth international championship races provide valuable opportunities for athletes, aged 15 to 17 on 31 December in the year of competition (2001/02/03 born), to gain championship competition experience as part of their journey towards the senior international podium.

Three Stage Process

This policy is split into three-stages which are 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 qualifies 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.

Selection Event

The European Youth Championship selection event will be at **Hetton** on 21 July 2018.

British youth age groups and European youth age groups **DO NOT** match. Any **2001 born** athletes (who would normally race as a junior in Britain) can qualify for the Youth European Championships.

Such athletes will have 2 options at **Hetton**:

1. Race in the Junior event and **NOT BE ELIGIBLE** for selection for the European Youth Championships but qualify for Super Series points
2. Race in the Youth Qualification event (in the Youth Race) and **BE ELIGIBLE** for selection for the European Youth Championships but ineligible for Super Series points

British Triathlon does not apply gear restrictions to events where Juniors and Youths are grouped together, Hetton therefore will NOT be gear restricted.

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Loutraki ETU European Youth Championships - Greece, 30 August -2 September 2018

1. Eligibility Process

1.1. All athletes entered into the Youth wave at Hetton are considered to have notified British Triathlon of their eligibility for selection. Any athlete unable to attend the European Youth Championships is expected to notify **Sophie Lewis** (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) by email by 11 July 2018. 2001 born Junior athletes **MUST** enter the Youth wave at Hetton to be eligible;

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 6 and Note 2 point 1;

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](#) and be available for in competition testing at championships;

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. A Team of up to four Youth boys and three Youth girls (an additional female place may be awarded at the discretion of the ITU) born in 2001, 2002 or 2003 will be selected in the order of finish in the youth boy's / girl's 'A' finals respectively at the Hetton Super Sprints on 21 July 2018 (results from the heats will not count)

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3. Appeals Process

- 3.1. If an athlete does not contest or complete the European Youth Championships Selection race (Hetton) 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 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 athlete's 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 its 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.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, the Team will be announced by **28 July 2018**. Athletes must be available to travel to the Championships from **27 August 2018** onwards.

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Loutraki ETU European Youth Championships Mixed Team Relay - Greece, 30 August -2 September 2018

The ETU can only guarantee one Team place per country, although other Teams may be nominated to a reserve list and accepted if space allows. Assuming four male and four female places in the Individual events, two provisional Teams of two boys and two girls will be nominated to the Relay Team by the selection committee 14 days prior to the relay race from the athletes selected above.

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Selection Process

Final selections for the GB Team will not be made until the completion of the individual event to allow selectors the ability to assess the readiness and suitability of all athletes for the event.

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It is unlikely that a second GB team will be accepted, however, it is common that athletes not selected for their first team are given the option to race in multi-nation teams. We believe such experiences are important in the athlete's development and in such cases will encourage additional GB athletes, assuming their readiness, to make use of the opportunity if available.

APPENDIX

Note 1: Guiding Principles and Conditions of Selection

1. The goal of each Team is to represent GB and British Triathlon in a manner that aligns with the values and philosophies of the GB Triathlon Team. Each team member will be made aware or reminded of their obligations on arrival into the team environment;
2. Selected athletes must 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 Pathway Manager may be required. Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to the Championship, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Pathway Manager;
3. 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 appropriate Team apparel;
4. Maximum Team sizes will be dependent upon budget approval and available funding, and may be reduced from those stated above;
5. Athletes will be expected to take part in both individual and team debriefs as required;
6. To comply with the BTF child protection policy athletes under the age of 18 when emailing to register interest (as with all other correspondence with the BTF) should ensure that they copy a parent in. Likewise the BTF will follow the same procedure.

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7. No announcements of selection 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. There is a short window between the European Youth Championships and the 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.

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 similar to senior athletes ARE NOT automatically nominated. All Juniors must 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.

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

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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

Should the Hetton Super Sprints 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. Blenheim 2018
 - 1.1 The first four athletes by order of finish in the girls/boys Youth races.

Note 5: Medical and Injury Appeals Committee

1. If required a Medical and Injury Appeals Committee will be established comprising up to three members, including the BTF Performance Director as Chair, the BTF Performance Pathway Manager and Home Nation Leads. The composition of the committee will be reviewed and agreed by the BTF Performance Director and the BTF CEO;

Note 6: Selection Committee

1. If required a selection committee will be comprised of the following members:
 - a. Brendan Purcell (Performance Director)
 - b. Ben Bright (Head Coach - Olympic)



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- c. Dan Salcedo (Performance Pathway Manager - Olympic)
- d. Glenn Cook (Olympic Programme Delivery)

Note 7: 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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