

RACING UP AN AGE GROUP POLICY

Racing up an age group occurs when a Tristar 3 athlete races a youth event or a youth athlete races in a junior event.

The principles applied for racing up an age group will be considered (but not limited to) elite youth and junior races, British Youth & Junior Super Series events and international events where BTF make the entries.

Athletes should be put forward, in writing, for consideration by the BTF Performance Pathway Manager (PPM).

If agreed, the entry procedure will be advised on a race by race basis by the PPM. It will then be the athlete's responsibility to deal with matters relating to that individual race entry.

Part A Performance Criteria

Athletes will be considered who meet the performance standards detailed below:

Tristar 3 racing a youth event (must meet all criteria)

1. A letter of competence in group riding ability from RHC/HN Coach or British Cycling Coach.
2. Evidence of outstanding ability demonstrated in a Triathlon event - outstanding ability is normally considered to be dominating each discipline in a draft legal event.
3. Be of Gold Plus standard from the BTF points tables based on Power of 10 and British Swimming individual best times or evidenced and certified by RHC/HN Coach from Academy trials.

Racing up at the Inter-Regional Championships for the Tristar 3 age group is not permitted.

Youth racing a junior event (normally expected to meet two of the three criteria)

1. Athletes who finished in the top three of the youth age group in the British Youth & Junior Super Series from the previous season.
2. Athletes selected to represent Great Britain at the European Youth Championships.
3. Youths who finished in the top two in the previous British Youth & Junior Super Series race before the one they wish to be considered to race up for.

Email contact for application to race up an age group is: dansalcedo@britishtriathlon.org

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PART B - Rationale

British Triathlon acknowledges that in certain circumstances it may be beneficial for an athlete to race up an age group. This policy outlines the guiding principles and process by which athletes may be permitted to race up an age group in events in which British Triathlon have an interest.

British Triathlon will only consider performances in the races stipulated in **Part A** above when considering whether or not to grant permission except in exceptional circumstances agreed by the PPM.

- Two weeks prior to the respective event, athletes who have been granted permission must provide written confirmation from themselves and their parent or guardian that they are fit and well and able to compete to the standard they achieved in the stipulated race on which the decision to grant permission was based. British Triathlon reserves the right to withdraw any permission granted to an athlete under this policy if in its reasonable opinion BTF feels this to be in the best interests of the athlete.
- The written confirmation is required for the athlete and their parent or guardian to consider the wellbeing of the athlete in terms of the increase in race distances and therefore physical effort required to compete in the older age group, and also the quality of the 'race experience'. There is little benefit to any young athlete in finding that they are out-classed by older athletes in a race in which they were below par.
- Achieving the standards outlined in **Part A** above does not guarantee that they will be permitted to race up an age group as other factors will be taken into account e.g. physical maturation.
- Athletes may only race up one age group, i.e. from Tristar 3 to youth or from youth to junior.
- Athletes may only earn points towards the British Triathlon Youth & Junior Super Series in the age group for which their date of birth qualifies them for. If an athlete races out of age group then they are not eligible for any points towards the British Triathlon Youth & Junior Super Series. For the purposes of awarding points to other athletes in that race, their result will be overlooked, e.g., if an athlete racing up an age group wins a race, the first eligible person finishing after them will be awarded the points allocated for first place.
- Once approval is granted by the PPM the athlete should contact the race organiser directly and enter the correct age group as approved. The PPM will contact and advise the race organiser of athletes approved to race up for that event. It remains at the sole discretion of the race organiser whether or not to accept any individual athlete into the requested age group.
- Athletes may only race in one age group at any event, i.e. race up with approval or race their own age group and not both.
- All issues regarding race entry and fees are between the athlete and the event organiser.



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- Race organisers will be requested to give priority to athletes in ranking order as supplied by the PPM should the number of available places be limited.

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