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Introduction

The FISU World University Championship provides a valuable opportunity for aspiring athletes in higher education to gain Championship experience.

The objective of this experience is for athletes to further skills, knowledge and understanding in both racing, (Intelligent Racing) preparation and performance delivery (One Day One Race) that will enhance their development as an athlete

This policy is broken into three 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. **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. **Selection Process** - the athlete has not met the specific performance criteria for automatic qualification and their performance(s) are evaluated by a selection committee in order to be selected to the team



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Kalmar (Sweden) World University Championships 1 September 2018

BUCS will sanction a Great Britain entry to the FISU World University Triathlon Championships of a team of up to four men and four women who will qualify or be selected based on the selection criteria below:

Eligibility Process

Qualified and selected athletes must meet the stated eligibility process in full, this process has three sections: sport, general and academic.

Section 1: Sport

- 1.1 All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must complete an online nomination form available on the [BUCS website](#), and return the required hard-copy supporting documentation to BUCS by 20/06/18. Any athletes with outstanding information after this time may not be considered for selection
- 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 hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. If required to do so by UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMs system;
- 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 read the information listed in the Appendix, Note 3, Point 1
- 1.5 FISU Regulations 5.2.1 - Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU Sporting Event:
 - 1.5.1 Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country (e.g. the Department of Education in the UK).
 - 1.5.2 Former students of the institutions mentioned in (i) who have obtained their academic degree/diploma in the year preceding the event. i.e. students graduating in 2016/17 are eligible to compete.



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Section 2: General (FISU Regulations 5.2.3)

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions.

- 1.1.1 Be a national of the country they represent (therefore hold a full 10 year UK passport)
- 1.1.2 Be at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event
- 1.1.3 Students studying abroad are eligible for selection provided they satisfy FISU regulations 5.2.1 and 5.2.3
- 1.1.4 Students attending courses franchised out from an institution [complying with FISU Regulations 5.2.1 (i)] are eligible for selection providing they also satisfy FISU Regulation 5.2.3.

Section 3: Academic (BUCS)

The minimum level of study has been set at Level 4 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, or equivalent. Level 4 is equivalent to Higher National Certificates (HNC) and Certificates of Higher Education (CertHE).

Exemptions to permit the selection of student athletes studying below Level 4 can be considered where :

- 1. The student still meets the FISU regulation 5.2.1.i) above
- 2. There is no direct financial implication to BUCS
- 3. It can be demonstrated that this inclusion encourages additional benefit to Level 4 students

The inclusion of students studying below Level 4 should not be at the expense of a student studying at Level 4 or above.

2. Qualification Process

2.1 Athletes will gain qualification if they meet one of the following criteria;

- 2.1.1 Top 20 placing in a 2018 ITU Triathlon World Series event prior to July 9th 2018
- 2.1.2 Top 10 placing in a 2018 ITU World Cup event prior to July 9th 2018
- 2.1.3 Top 3 placing in the 2017 World U23 or Junior Championship
- 2.1.4 Top 3 placing in a 2018 ITU European Cup event prior to July 9th 2018

2.2 If there are more athletes that meet the qualification criteria than the number of places given to the BTF the selection committee will use the following process to determine athletes selected:

- 2.2.1 Consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performance;
All other results will be disregarded;

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- 2.2.2 The events will be considered in the ranked order set out in points 2.1.1 to 2.1.4;
- 2.2.3 Assess whether an athlete races in a manner that supports fellow British team members in achieving their best performances.

3. Selection Process

- 3.1 If there are still GB places available, the selection committee will consider athletes' performances from the following events, and use the 'BTF ELO QOF (see Appendix, Note 3: Selection Committee point 3) to determine the order of importance of events:
 - 3.1.1 2018 ITU Triathlon World Series event prior to July 9th 2018
 - 3.1.2 2018 ITU World Cup event prior to July 9th 2018
 - 3.1.3 2017 World U23 or Junior Championship
 - 3.1.4 2018 ITU European Cup event prior to July 9th 2018
 - 3.1.5 Individual winners of the 2018 BUCS Sprint Triathlon Championships
 - 3.1.6 Further athletes may be added who, in the sole opinion of the selectors, have demonstrated the ability in 2017 and/or 2018 races (prior to 9th July 2018) to contribute to the medal winning potential of the Great Britain squad
- 3.2 The selection committee will use the following process when assessing each athlete's performance at these events:
 - 3.2.1 Consider each athlete's best performance only and compare it to other athletes' best performance. All other results will be disregarded;
 - 3.2.2 Current form in competition;
 - 3.2.3 The known competition level and performance of other athletes in the field;
 - 3.2.4 The committee will use their expertise and the BTF 'Elo' model to determine quality of field (this document is available on request)
 - 3.2.5 Distance behind winner, distance from podium
 - 3.2.6 Assess whether an athlete races in a manner that supports fellow British team members in achieving their best performances.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, selections to the Team will be notified by 14th July 2018



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Athletes must be available for this event from 27th August to 3rd September 2018

APPENDIX:

Note 1: Athlete Personal Contributions

Each selected athlete will be required to make an Athlete Personal Contribution directly to BUCS of £700 (or £770 for non-BUCS members) towards the cost of their entry/ participation.

The remainder of the costs of participation will be met in full by BUCS. British Triathlon will provide funding for the Team leader.

Payment(s) will be required in full at the point of selection. Athletes submitting a nomination acknowledge this requirement by indicating their acceptance of the Team Members Agreement, and accept that any unrecoverable costs incurred by BUCS resulting from athlete withdrawal from the nomination process will be passed onto the athlete concerned.

Note 2: Guiding principles and conditions of selection

1. This opportunity aims to provide athletes with appropriate experiences in supporting their development
2. 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:
3. Results from both relevant level Sprint and Olympic distance events can both trigger the Qualification criteria as well as be used by the Selection Committee as part of the Selection Process.
4. At the time of their selection, any selected athlete may have their medical and musculoskeletal status confirmed by the BTF Medical Lead. Any selected athlete may, at any other time, be required by the Pathway Manager to undergo medical assessments to ensure that they have maintained an adequate level of fitness to perform to the best of their ability. The Pathway Manager will specify the process by which a selected athlete is to confirm his or her continued health and fitness, which might include participating in certain races or undergoing fitness tests;



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5. Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to their Championship race, unless otherwise approved by the Pathway Manager;
6. 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 and a commitment to adhere to specified travel dates, to observe BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear appropriate Team apparel.
7. Athletes will be expected to take part in both individual and team planning and debriefing meetings as required;
8. Maximum team sizes will be dependent upon budget approval and available funding, and may be reduced from those stated above.
9. Athletes are reminded that this is a national representative squad, and they should have realistic aspirations to represent their country at a performance level. Please do NOT submit a speculative nomination if you do not meet these criteria.

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

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 a 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: Selection Committee

1. The selection committee will be comprised of the following members
 - a. Ben Bright (Head Coach - Olympic)



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- b. Dan Salcedo (Performance Pathway Manager - Olympic)
- c. BUCS Team Manager

2. Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee

Note 5: 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/gb-teams/selection-policies/2017-policies/btf-selection-review-policy-2017.pdf>

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