



**Selection Policy for 2019 European Youth Championships -  
Kitzbuhel (AUT) 20-23 June**

**OVERVIEW**

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual and mixed relay selections for the 2019 ETU European Youth Championships Festival.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Performance Programme’s (“WCPP”) vision of delivering world class success and inspiring the nation. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Junior and Youth competition intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities appropriate to an athlete’s age and stage of development; AND
- support the development of athletes with the necessary experiences (Intelligent Racing & One Day One Race) for senior success at Olympic and World level.

**SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

1.1. To be considered for nomination to the Championships athletes need to;

- a. Be 15, 16, or 17 years of age on 31 December 2019;
- b. Be a member in good standing of a Home Nation Triathlon Association which is a member of the BTF and eligible to represent Great Britain in international championships under the rules of the ITU;
- c. Have undergone the required ITU Pre-Participation Examination and submitted the BTF Fit-To-Compete form to Kate Shone by the Nomination Deadline; AND
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

NB athletes at Senior/Junior level must nominate themselves to the BTF to be considered for selection to ALL ITU events. As a first ITU experience for many, Youth athletes are automatically nominated for this championship but should be very aware of the necessary nomination requirement as they progress up the age groups.

**SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS - INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

- 2.1 Subject to confirmation of maximum athlete places provided to BTF by the ETU, a team of up to 3 male and 3 female athletes will be selected for the individual male and female events.
- 2.2 Athletes will be selected by 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2.3 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
  - a. Voting members;

- i. BTF Performance Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo;
  - ii. ENG programme staff member;
  - iii. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member;
  - iv. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member; AND
  - v. World Class Programme staff member.
- b. Non-voting members:
  - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.
  - ii. One Regional Coach (rotated annually).

#### Automatic selections

- 2.4 Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 4.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the relevant individual event if they are one of the first 3 eligible male and female finishers in the Selection Race, which takes place at the Llanelli Super Series Youth race (Tier 1) on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS - MIXED RELAY (MR)**

- 3.1 Only those athletes who are selected for the individual races at the European Youth Championships will be eligible for nomination to the MR event.
- 3.2 The final selection of the team of four athletes to compete in the MR event will be made by the coaching team at the Championships following conclusion of the individual events.
- 3.3 Selections will be **entirely discretionary** and will be based on a combination of the following, as well as any other criteria that may be deemed relevant by the coaching team:
  - a. Result in the individual events;
  - b. Athletes' state of recovery and readiness following the individual events (taking into account injury and recovery history prior to the Championships);
  - c. Athletes' race plan; AND
  - d. Athletes' MR experience.

### **SECTION 4: ALTERNATIVE SELECTION RACE PROVISIONS, SELECTION RACE RESULT APPEALS & CONDITIONS**

#### Alternative Selection Race Provisions

- 4.1 In the event of environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances in Llanelli which result in a dramatically altered or reduced race format (such as removal of the swim portion), the results from the Llanelli Selection Race will be disregarded, with the Blenheim 2019 Triathlon being used in its place.
- 4.2 In this scenario, the selection process outlined in Section 2 of this Policy will be applied in the same way.

#### Selection Race Result Appeals

- 4.3 Athletes may appeal the result of the Selection Race (or Alternative Selection Race if required) if they believe that their finishing position was **significantly impacted** by an anomalous incident, usually completely outside of the athletes' control, that seriously affects the result (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) - please note, this does NOT include individual mechanical issues or individual/group crashes.
- 4.4 Where an athlete believes that he/she was adversely affected by one of the circumstances outlined above, they must submit an appeal - detailing these mitigating circumstances - to

the Performance Pathway Manager within 30 minutes of the final athlete finishing the relevant race.

- 4.5 The Panel will convene as soon as is reasonably possible to first decide if the appeal is valid. Validated appeals will then be considered by means of a projected race result. In such cases the Panel will, using its expertise in assessing the profiles and performances of the athletes in the race, determine how the race would most likely have finished had the mitigating circumstance not occurred. In making this decision, the Panel must believe there to be no likely circumstances/performances from other athletes that would have resulted in the appealing athlete not achieving automatic selection. Where this is not considered to be the case, appeals will be rejected.
- 4.6 All decisions made by the Panel regarding Selection Race appeals will be final.

#### Conditions

- 4.7 Nomination is conditional on the athletes completing any BTF pre-travel medical questionnaire (if required, at the discretion of the CMO, in addition to the BTF fit-to-compete questionnaire). Athletes must also agree (by signing in advance of travel the EIS Data Processing Consent Form) to their personal and medical details being stored on the EIS Performance Data Management System (PDMS) and shared - where appropriate - with the relevant medical/coaching/management staff;

#### SECTION 5: APPEALS

- 5.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the European Youth selection decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the individual or MR for the 2019 European Youth Championships. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case. In addition, any athlete who wishes to seek independent advice regarding the selection process in general are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at [www.britishathletes.org](http://www.britishathletes.org).

#### SECTION 6: AMENDMENT

- 6.1 In the event that any unforeseen circumstance makes any provision of this Policy unworkable or ineffective to promote the aims of the Policy, the BTF will be entitled to amend this Policy so that the aims can be secured. Any amended version will be made available at [www.britishtriathlon.org](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).