



Selection Policy for 2019 ETU Junior Cup (“JC”) races

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for 2019 JC races

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 ETU for 2019 JC events, athletes must:

- a. 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;
- b. Request nomination for entry into the relevant race via email to Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) as per the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table below;

Venue	Country	Race Date	Nomination Deadline
Holten	Netherlands	29th June 2019	17 May 2019
Ohrid	Macedonia	6th - 7th July 2019	24 May 2019
Tiszaujvaros	Hungary	13th - 14th July 2019	31 May 2019
Tabor	Czech Republic	4th August 2019	21 June 2019
Riga	Latvia	11th August 2019	28 June 2019
Zilina	Slovakia	18th August 2019	05 July 2019
Tulcea	Romania	25th August 2019	12 July 2019
Bled	Slovenia	7th September 2019	26 July 2019
Zagreb	Croatia	15th September 2019	02 August 2019
Belgrade	Serbia	22nd September 2019	09 August 2019
Alanya	Turkey	5th - 6th October 2019	23 August 2019

- c. Have undergone the required ITU pre-participation examination and submitted the BTF fit-to-compete form to Sophie Lewis by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table above; AND
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to the ITU no fewer than 33 days prior to the first competition day of the relevant JC event;
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for each JC event will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise of the following;
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. British Triathlon Performance Pathway Manager (Chair);
 - ii. ENG Programme staff member;
 - iii. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member;
 - iv. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member;
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required;
- 2.3 BTF is allocated a maximum of 10 quota places per gender for each JC event. Using the process outlined at paragraph 2.5 below, the Panel will select which athletes to nominate to the ITU - in doing so they may choose to nominate more than the quota allocation of 10. If the event is NOT full, all those athletes nominated to the ETU (regardless of the number nominated per country) will be offered a place on the start-list. If the event IS full, the maximum 10 quota places will be observed (with no guarantee that all British athletes will be awarded a place) and the ETU will create the start-list as follows;
 - a. All athletes with an ETU Junior Cup ranking (in rank order); then
 - b. All unranked athletes (in the order their National Federation nominates them).
- 2.4 At the Panel’s absolute discretion, they may choose to nominate athletes to the ETU for the relevant JC race, who have not nominated themselves, in order to secure a place on the start-list for a lower ranked athlete (pursuant to the substitution process outlined at paragraph 3.1 to 3.3 below).
- 2.5 Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.6 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically nominated** to the ITU for the relevant JC race if they have satisfied any of the following;
- 2.6 For all ETU Junior Cups
 - a. Members of the most recent versions of any of the following GBR Championship Teams;
 - i. World Junior Championships;
 - ii. European Junior Championships;
 - iii. Youth Olympic Games; OR
 - iv. European Youth Championships (A final only).
 - b. ETU Junior Cup medallist (in the 12 months prior to nomination deadline);
 - c. A top 8 finisher in the following;
 - i. Quarteira 2019;
 - ii. Kitzbuhel 2018;
 - iii. Holten 2018; OR
 - iv. European Youth Olympic Qualifier (Banyoles) 2018.
If required unranked athletes at this point (2.6.c) will be ordered by the panel based on information provided by the Quality of Field at the qualifying event listed above

Additional athletes will be nominated for the relevant JC if they satisfy any of the following;

2.7 For Holten ETU Junior Cup

- a. The Top 12 in order from the British Super Series Junior Rankings (at nomination deadline); then
- b. The Top 3 in order from the British Super Series Youth B Rankings (at nomination deadline).

2.8 For Riga ETU Junior Cup

- a. Membership of a Home Nation Talent Programme
 - i. Nomination and nomination order will be based on an athlete's needs, stage of development, Super Series ranking and any other factors deemed relevant by the panel;

2.9 For all other ETU Junior Cups

- a. The Top 20 in order from the British Super Series Junior Rankings (at nomination deadline); then
- b. The Top 10 in order from the British Super Series Youth B Rankings (at nomination deadline);

SECTION 3: SUBSTITUTIONS & CONDITIONS

Substitutions

- 3.1 Once the ITU has created the start-list for the relevant JC race, each National Federation may replace three athletes per gender using the ITU substitution procedure.
- 3.2 The Panel will consider substituting athletes out of a race only under the following circumstances:
 - a. An athlete (or athletes) who does not wish to compete but is entered, pursuant to paragraph 2.4 above, for the sole purpose of being substituted; OR
 - b. An athlete on the start-list who is unable to compete due to illness or injury.
- 3.3 The Panel will consider substituting athletes into a race should they have no ITU ranking. If there are multiple unranked athletes the Panel will prioritise athletes in the order set at 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 or 2.9 above.

Conditions

- 3.4 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify nominations via the Nomination Criteria, should a performance that qualifies an athlete for nomination have been achieved in a race which was, as determined solely by the Panel, significantly impacted by:
 - a. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash); OR
 - b. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format (such as removal of the swim portion of the race).Where this is the case, affected athletes will not be nominated at this point, but will instead be required to meet standards at 2.7 or 2.9.
- 3.5 ITU rules state that an athlete may only take up one quota place across all ITU races on a single weekend. i.e. it is not possible for an athlete to take up their place in one race and

also to be entered and subsequently replaced in another race to enable another GB athlete to gain a race start. An athlete will only be entered and replaced by another athlete using the ITU substitution clause if they do not wish to compete in any other ITU race on a weekend.

3.6 Nomination for a JC event is conditional on the following:

- a. Athletes must complete any BTF pre-travel medical questionnaire (if required, at the discretion of the CMO, in addition to the ITU pre-participation examination). Athletes may also have to 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;
- b. An athlete who elects to withdraw from a JC after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ITU entry deadline, must inform Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
- c. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, ITU JC rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals; AND
- d. Withdrawals within 30 days of the ITU closing date may deny other GB athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future JC events. If an athlete withdraws after the closing date set by the ITU, when their reason for withdrawal is not medical or circumstances beyond reasonable control, they will be referred to a BTF disciplinary process. This may result in the athlete being withdrawn from current start-lists and/or not entered in future ITU races for a period to be determined by BTF. Medical withdrawals will need to be endorsed by a BTF Medical Officer as approved by the Performance Pathway Manager;

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 Due to the volume of JC's and the timescales associated with nominating athletes, there shall be no right of appeal against the decisions made by Selection Panel for JC events. However, athletes who feel that they should have been nominated/substituted 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.

SECTION 5: AMENDMENT

- 5.1 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.