



Selection Policy for 2019 ITU Continental Cup (“CC”) races

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for 2019 CC 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 Olympic WCPP competitions 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 achievement of maximum quota slots for Great Britain at the Olympic Games.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

1.1. To be considered for nomination to the ITU for 2019 CC events, athletes must:

- 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;
- Request nomination for entry into the relevant race via email to Kate Shone (kateshone@britishtriathlon.org) as per the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined below;
- Have undergone the required ITU pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to Kate Shone by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table below; AND
- Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

Race [format] (date)	Region	Nomination Deadline	Domestic Gateway Race (date)
EUROPE			
Huelva, ESP (24 March 2019) - GATEWAY RACE FOR TOKYO 2020 ASSESSMENT RACE (YOKOHAMA)	Europe	Friday 8 February 2019	N/A
Melilla, ESP (7 April 2019)	Europe	Friday 22 February 2019	N/A
Quartermia, POR (27 April 2019)	Europe	Friday 15 March 2019	N/A
Sines [Sprint], POR (11 May 2019)	Europe	Friday 29 March 2019	N/A
Olsztyn [Sprint], POL (18 May 2019)	Europe	Friday 5 April 2019	N/A
Dnipro [Sprint], UKR (8 June 2019)	Europe	Friday 26 April 2019	N/A
Holten [Sprint], NED (29 June 2019)	Europe	Friday 17 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Tartu [Standard], EST(13-14 July 2019)	Europe	Friday 31 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Malmo [Sprint], SWE (3-4 August 2019)	Europe	Friday 21 June 2019	Blenheim (02 June 2019)
Istanbul [Sprint], TUR (17-18 August 2019)	Europe	Friday 5 th July 2019	Cardiff (23 June 2019)
Kecskemet [Sprint], HUN (18 August 2019)	Europe	Friday 5 July 2019	Cardiff (23 June 2019)

Constanta [Sprint], ROM (22 September 2019)	Europe	Friday 9 August 2019	Bryn Bach (3 August 2019)
Alanya [Sprint], TUR (5-6 October 2019)	Europe	Friday 23 August 2019	Bryn Bach (3 August 2019)
Funchal [Sprint], POR (19-20 October 2019)	Europe	Friday 6 September 2019	N/A
<i>The Big Weekend (Mallory) will act as gateway for a number of unspecified early season 2020 ETU Cups.</i>			
ALL OTHER REGIONS			
Rayong [Sprint], THA (24-27 January 2019)	Asia	Friday 14 December 2018	N/A
Troutbeck [Sprint], ZWE (16 February 2019)	Africa	Friday 4 January 2019	N/A
Habana, CUB (23 February 2019)	Americas	Friday 11 January 2019	N/A
Santos, BRA (23-24 February 2019)	Americas	Friday 11 January 2019	N/A
Clermont [Sprint], USA (2-3 March 2019)	Americas	Friday 18 January 2019	N/A
Devenport [Sprint], AUS (2-3 March 2019)	Oceania	Friday 18 January 2019	N/A
Sarasota [Sprint], USA (9-10 March 2019)	Americas	Friday 25 January 2019	N/A
Brasilia [Sprint], BRA (16-17 March 2019)	Americas	Friday 1 February 2019	N/A
La Paz, MEX (23-24 March 2019)	Americas	Friday 8 February 2019	N/A
Durban, RSA (24 March 2019)	Africa	Friday 8 February 2019	N/A
Montevideo [Sprint], URY (30-31 March 2019)	Americas	Friday 15 February 2019	N/A
Sharm El Sheikh [Sprint], EGY (30 March 2019)	Africa	Friday 15 February 2019	N/A
Gold Coast [Sprint], AUS (7 April 2019)	Oceania	Friday 22 February 2019	N/A
Moreton Bay, AUS (14 April 2019)	Oceania	Friday 1 March 2019	N/A
Dexing, CHN (20-21 April 2019)	Asia	Friday 8 March 2019	N/A
Bridgetown [Sprint], BDS (21-22 April 2019)	Americas	Friday 8 March 2019	N/A
Subic Bay, PHI (27-28 April 2019)	Asia	Friday 15 March 2019	N/A
Rabat, MAR (27 April 2019)	Africa	Friday 15 March 2019	N/A
Salinas, ECU (28-30 April 2019)	Americas	Friday 15 March 2019	N/A
Yasmine Hammamet [Sprint], TUN (1 May 2019)	Africa	Friday 22 March 2019	N/A
Richmond [Sprint], USA (3-5 May 2019)	Americas	Friday 22 March 2019	N/A
Ixtapa [Sprint], MEX (19 May 2019)	Americas	Friday 5 April 2019	N/A
Shymkent, KAZ (25-26 May 2019)	Asia	Friday 12 April 2019	N/A
Santa Marta, COL (25-26 May 2019)	Americas	Friday 12 April 2019	N/A
Lianyungang, CHN (1-2 June 2019)	Asia	Friday 19 April 2019	N/A
Accra [Sprint], GHA (7 June 2019)	Africa	Friday 26 April 2019	N/A
Galapagos [Sprint], ECU (16-17 June 2019)	Americas	Friday 3 May 2019	N/A
Larache [Sprint], MAR (22 June 2019)	Africa	Friday 10 May 2019	N/A
Gamagori, JPN (23-24 June 2019)	Asia	Friday 10 May 2019	N/A
Montreal [Sprint], CAN (28-29 June 2019)	Americas	Friday 17 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Cholpon-Ata [Sprint], CHN (29-30 June 2019)	Asia	Friday 17 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Agadir, MAR (30 June 2019)	Africa	Friday 17 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Jiayuguan, CHN (6-7 July 2019)	Asia	Friday 24 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Takamatsu [Sprint], JPN (6-7 July 2019)	Asia	Friday 24 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Kelowna [Sprint], CAN (6-7 July 2019)	Americas	Friday 24 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Lake Kivu [Sprint], RWA (6 July 2019)	Africa	Friday 24 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Magog [Sprint], CAN (13-14 July 2019)	Americas	Friday 31 May 2019	Llaneli (11 May 2019)
Mt Mayon, PHI (10-11 August 2019)	Asia	Friday 28 June 2019	Blenheim (02 June 2019)
Kigali [Sprint], RWA (8 September 2019)	Africa	Friday 26 July 2019	Cardiff (23 June 2019)
Murakami, JPN (15 September 2019)	Asia	Friday 2 August 2019	Cardiff (23 June 2019)
Aktay, KZA (21-22 September 2019)	Asia	Friday 9 August 2019	Bryn Bach (3 August 2019)
Osaka Castle [Sprint], JPN (22 September 2019)	Asia	Friday 9 August 2019	Bryn Bach (3 August 2019)
Aqaba, JOR (27 September 2019)	Asia	Friday 16 August 2019	Bryn Bach (3 August 2019)
Hong Kong [Sprint], HKG (12-13 October 2019)	Asia	Friday 30 August 2019	Bryn Bach (3 August 2019)
Puerto Lopez [Sprint], ECU (27-28 October 2019)	Americas	Friday 13 September 2019	The Big Weekend (7 September 2019)
Ningbo, CHN (3 November 2019)	Asia	Friday 20 September 2019	The Big Weekend (7 September 2019)
Santiago [Sprint], CHI (16-17 November 2019)	Americas	Friday 4 October 2019	The Big Weekend (7 September 2019)
Buenos Aires, ARG (23-24 November 2019)	Americas	Friday 11 October 2019	The Big Weekend (7 September 2019)
Dakhla [Sprint], MAR (23 November 2019)	Africa	Friday 11 October 2019	The Big Weekend (7 September 2019)
Dakar [Sprint], SEN (8 December 2019)	Africa	Friday 25 October 2019	The Big Weekend (7 September 2019)

***if athletes miss the relevant nomination deadline they will only be entered after the ITU start lists have been published, therefore being placed at the bottom of the wait-list (and only then if they meet the automatic or discretionary selection criteria below). In exceptional circumstances, the Selection Panel may choose to override this condition, but any decision to*

do so is at their absolute discretion. In addition, where athletes continually miss nomination deadlines, the Selection Panel (at their absolute discretion) reserves the right not to enter athletes at all for one or more editions of the WTS.

***Athletes wishing to enter indoor winter Continental Cups must request nomination to BTF 40 days before the relevant event is due to take place. Entries for such events will then be considered against the same criteria as standard/sprint outdoor CC's as outlined in Section 2 below.*

****The Mallory Super Series race will also act as the Gateway Race for early 2020 season Continental Cup races.*

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 CC event.
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for each CC event will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. BTF Performance Director (“PD”) - Mike Cavendish;
 - ii. BTF Olympic Head Coach - Ben Bright;
 - iii. BTF Performance Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo; AND
 - iv. BTF Olympic Camp and Competition Support Coach - Glenn Cook.
 - 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 CC 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 ITU (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 and athletes - including any nominated under 2.4 below - will be granted places on the start-list in the order in which they appear on the ITU World Rankings (with no guarantee that all British athletes will be granted a place). Any subsequent athlete withdrawals will then be replaced by the ITU using a roll down process (based on the World Rankings).
- 2.4 At the Panel’s absolute discretion, they may choose to nominate athletes to the ITU for the relevant CC 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 ITU nomination process
 - a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.6 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will then be **automatically nominated** to the ITU for the relevant CC race if they satisfied any of the following:
 - i. competed in an individual World Triathlon Series (“WTS”) race in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline for the relevant 2019 CC race;
 - ii. achieved an individual top 20 finish in a World Cup race in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline for the relevant 2019 CC race;
 - iii. achieved an individual top 8 finish in a European Cup race in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline for the relevant 2019 CC race;

- iv. achieved an individual top 3 finish in a BTF Super Series Event in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline for the relevant 2019 CC race;
 - v. achieved an individual top 3 finish in the most recent edition of the World Junior Championships;
 - vi. achieved an individual top 5 finish in the most recent edition of the U23 European Championships;
 - vii. achieved an individual top 15 finish at the most recent edition of the U23 World Championships;
 - viii. achieved an individual top 10 finish at the most recent edition of the Sprint Distance European Championships; OR
 - ix. achieved an individual top 20 finish at the most recent edition of the Standard Distance European Championships.
- b. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.6 below, for the relevant **Gateway Race**:
- i. eligible athletes who finished in the overall top 6 will be nominated to the ITU.
 - ii. subject to the note below, where athletes finish in the top 6 but have already achieved one of the automatic criteria above, their place will be offered to the next eligible finisher, provided he/she finishes in the top 10 of the relevant Gateway Race
- NOTE: regarding the automatic criteria at 2.5(a[iv]) below - if an athlete stands on the start-line for any Gateway Race having already achieved a top 3 finish at a BTF Super Series event in the previous 12 months, their place WILL roll down should they finish in the top 6 at that Gateway Race (as per the criteria above). However, the nomination place for any athlete finishing in the top 3 at a Gateway Race for the first time in a 12-month period will NOT roll down to the next eligible finisher.*
- c. The Panel will then, **at their discretion**, nominate additional eligible athletes to the ITU provided they are considered, by them, to be capable of delivering the level of performance required to be competitive at a CC event (see below) AND provided they satisfy at least one of the following:
- i. are a WCPP athlete;
 - ii. achieved a top 8 finish at the most recent edition of the European Junior Championships;
 - iii. achieved a top 15 finish at the most recent edition of the World Junior Championships;
 - iv. achieved a top 5 finish at the most recent edition of the 2019 European or World Junior Championships Trials; OR
 - v. achieved a top 10 finish at the most recent editions of the 70.3 or Ironman World Championships.
- d. In determining if an athlete is deemed capable of delivering the level of performance required to be competitive at a CC event, the Panel will consider the following:
- i. Athlete performances at 2018 and 2019 ITU WTS, World Cup, Continental Cup or Continental Championships (including an assessment of the quality of field in any relevant event);
 - ii. ITU World Rankings;

- iii. Performances at other previous Championships events (i.e. U20/U23 World/European Championships);
- iv. The BTF What it Takes to Win Model;
- v. Athlete development profiles;
- vi. Current form;
- vii. Injury/illness history and status; AND
- viii. Subjective assessments relating to athletes' ability to perform under pressure and deliver performances aligning to the "one day, once race" philosophy of BTF.

SECTION 3: SUBSTITUTIONS, INVITATIONS & CONDITIONS

Substitutions

- 3.1 Once the ITU has created the start-list for the relevant CC 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 satisfy any of the criteria below. These criteria are listed in priority order, with the Panel determining if any athletes satisfy the first criteria before moving onto the next. If none of the criteria below are met, no substitutions will be made. If multiple athletes satisfy any given criteria below, the Panel will prioritise athletes with the best current form and those who have had limited opportunities to perform at CC level.
 - a. An athlete who, by competing at the relevant CC event, will enhance GB's chances of securing 3 quota spots at the Olympic Games;
 - b. An athlete with a low or no ITU ranking with an improving performance profile;
 - c. An athlete returning from an enforced period out of competition that has a past history of high-quality performances in CC races; OR
 - d. An athlete that requires the opportunity to score points or gain CC racing experience to allow consideration for nomination to the Olympic Games in a pilot role.

Invitations

- 3.4 In creating the start-list for a race, if, based on the event entries the ITU determines that race will be full, they will hold back 5 places for potential athlete invitations who have not gained a place on the start-list due to a low/non-existent world ranking. National Federations may apply for such an invitation provided they have not used all their quota places.
- 3.5 At their sole discretion, the Panel will determine whether to request such an invitation but will only do so if they believe that the athlete(s) are capable of delivering the level of performance required to be competitive at a CC event.

Conditions

- 3.6 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify nominations via the Automatic Nomination Criteria or Gateway Race, 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 automatically nominated, but will instead be considered using the discretionary selection outlined at paragraph 2.5(c).
- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 Nomination for a CC 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 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;
 - b. CC event start positions are limited and ranking points earned in CC events are crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the Olympic Games. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform the Head Coach immediately so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete or a whether medical withdrawal is required;
 - c. An athlete who elects to withdraw from a CC after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ITU closing date, must inform Kate Shone (kateshone@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
 - d. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, ITU CC rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals;
 - e. 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 CC 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 Director; AND
 - f. BTF is given a limited number of 'athlete reprieves' per year. These may be used when an athlete withdraws from the event after 13:00 BST on the Monday prior to the event. This would normally result in the athlete being removed from all ITU events for the next 30 days. The use of this quota will be at the discretion of the Panel, and BTF is under no obligation to allow an athlete to be reinstated even if the full quota has not been used up.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 Due to the volume of CC's and the timescales associated with nominating athletes, there shall be no right of appeal against the decisions made by Selection Panel for CC 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.