



## Selection Policy for the 2019 Beach Games, San Diego (USA), 9-14 October 2019

### OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its nominations for the 2019 Beach Games (“the Games”). In all cases, selection by the BTF represents a nomination to the British Olympic Association (“BOA”) for their ratification and will be conditional on athletes signing and adhering to the BOA Team Members’ Agreement (“TMA”). The final decision regarding selection for the Games therefore lies with the BOA.

In agreement with the BOA, the BTF intend to nominate athletes to the men’s and women’s individual Aquathlon races where they demonstrate the ability to deliver a credible performance. For the purposes of this Policy, this is defined as athletes deemed to have the ability to finish in the top half of the field in San Diego.

Quota places are allocated to the BOA and not the athletes who secured them. Therefore, for the avoidance of doubt, athletes should be aware that achieving a quota place by virtue of a top 24 world ranking does not infer that they will be selected for the Games.

### SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination, athletes must satisfy the following:

- a. Meet the BOA, International Triathlon Union (“ITU”) and International Olympic Committee’s (“IOC”) eligibility requirements to compete for Team GB at the Games (including holding a full British Passport valid until at least 31 December 2020);
- 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. By the date of the selection meeting, be ranked on the ITU Aquathlon world rankings; AND
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

### SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS AND CONDITIONS

- 2.1 Nomination will take place in a single selection meeting on 9 July 2019.
- 2.2 A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will be convened by the BTF to make any discretionary decisions (pursuant to paragraph 2.6 below) or to simply ratify the objective selection process outlined at 2.4 below.
- 2.3 The BTF has the opportunity to qualify up to two male and two female individual quota places for the Games (none of these quota places is guaranteed at the date this Policy has been adopted). Athletes will be selected to fill all available quota places using the

process below. Once all available quota places are filled, male/female athletes may be selected as reserves.

### Individual nominations

- 2.4 Subject to paragraph 2.6 below, eligible athletes will be automatically nominated to the BOA to fill quota places in the following order:
- a. Medal winners at the 2019 ETU European Aquathlon Championships (senior race), Targu Mures (ROM), 28 June-7 July 2019; THEN
  - b. Athletes ranked in the **top 15** of the ITU Aquathlon world rankings on the date of the selection meeting.
- 2.5 Should more athletes satisfy any of the criteria above then there are places available, athletes will be nominated in the order they finished at the European Championships or (in the case of 2.4 [b]) the order in which they appear on the world rankings. Any remaining athletes will be nominated as reserves.
- 2.6 The above nominations will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of European Championships, or the race in which an athlete achieves their top 15 ranking performance (in the case of 2.4 b), were significantly impacted by:
- a. a large-scale racing incident; OR
  - b. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which result in substantial alteration to the race format.

Where this is the case, an eligible athlete's second-best eligible aquathlon performance achieved between 9 July 2017 and 9 July 2019 will be used instead (i.e. the same period over which the world rankings are calculated)

. Where an athlete does not have a second eligible performance (and where places still remain), the Panel will meet to *exceptionally consider* the athlete's (or athletes') performance history (in triathlons, aquathlons or any other relevant multisport event), current fitness and 2019 race programme and will be nominated if they indicate, to the satisfaction of the Panel, an ability to finish in the top half of the field in San Diego.

### Relay selections

- 2.7 Where at least one man AND one woman are nominated to the individual events, the BTF are permitted to enter a Mixed Relay team at the Games. Where two men AND two women are nominated for the individual events, the BTF are permitted to enter two mixed Relay Teams.
- 2.8 The make-up of these teams will be determined after completion of the individual races at the absolute discretion of the Team Leader, Dan Salcedo (taking into account any reasonable advice from external coach/medical practitioners).

## **SECTION 3: DE-SELECTION AND REPLACEMENTS**

- 3.1 Athlete de-selection meetings are only permitted prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting ("DRM") - i.e. the date on which Team GB is formally entered into the Games.
- 3.2 At any time prior to the DRM, the BTF reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination should they:
- a. in the reasonable opinion of the Panel, experience a significant drop in form which suggests that they may not be able to deliver performances at the Games at least equivalent to the performance which secured their nomination;

- b. in the reasonable opinion of the BTF Team Leader - in consultation with relevant internal/external medical specialists (where appropriate and practical) - be affected by injury/illness (including mental health challenges) which impacts on their potential to deliver performances at the Games at least equivalent to the performance which secured their nomination; OR
  - c. commit a serious breach of the TMA.
- 3.3 In the event of the withdrawal of an athlete nomination pursuant to 3.2 the BTF may, but will not be obliged to, nominate the relevant (male/female) reserve athlete nominated under 2.5 above.
- 3.4 Following the DRM, a decision to de-select an athlete may be made using the same criteria outlined at 3.2 above. However, no replacements will be permitted at this time.

#### **SECTION 4: APPEALS**

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal any pre-DRM decision under this Policy that affects them under the “BTF Appeals Policy” which can be found on the BTF website. The appeal will proceed directly to Sport Resolutions UK under the ‘Second Appeals’ process set out at paragraph 4 of the BTF Appeals Policy. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process are advised to contact the British Athletes Commission (BAC) at [www.britishathletes.org](http://www.britishathletes.org).
- 4.2 In the event that the BOA refuses to ratify a nomination by the BTF Panel, or in the case of de-selections that take place after DRM, the athlete may appeal that decision under the BOA’s Appeals Policy, which will be provided upon request.

#### **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](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).