



Selection Policy for 2019 Elite Aquathlon World and European Championships

Introduction

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) details the process which the British Triathlon Federation (BTF) will apply when selecting athletes to compete in the major ETU and ITU Aquathlon Championships. Please note that for **all** championships, athletes are obliged to pre-register their interest in gaining selection before the closing dates stated within this Policy, even if taking part in an official qualification race. This is so athletes can be contacted easily after the closing date and so that any medical checks required prior to the race can be made in good time.

Events listed in this policy:

- ITU Senior, U23 and Junior Aquathlon World Championships, Pontevedra (ESP) - 27 April-4 May 2019
- ETU Senior, U23 and Junior European Championships, Targu Mures (ROM) - 28 June-7 July 2019

Athletes wishing to enter the 2019 World Beach Games (San Diego [USA] - 10-11 October 2019) please refer to the 2019 World Beach Games Selection Policy found [HERE](#).

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL EVENTS

- 1.1. To be considered for nomination to the ITU for 2019 Championship 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) by the stated Nomination Deadline date;
 - c. Have undergone the required ITU pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to Sophie Lewis by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table below; AND
 - d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

ITU Aquathlon World Championships, Pontevedra (ESP) - 27 April-4 May 2019

These races will be part of the World Multisport Championships. There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation for this event. GBR kit WILL be provided.

- 2.1 **Nomination deadline:** 5pm Friday 8th March 2019 (email sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org).
- 2.2 Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the team will be notified to athletes by 15th March 2019.

Senior and Under 23

- 2.3 A senior/U23 team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise:
- 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
 - 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

If any one of the above race categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes.

- 2.4 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.3 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:
- Competed at Elite European or World level in an ETU or ITU event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (e.g. European or World Championships) in 2017, 2018 or 2019; OR
 - Have achieved the minimum swim and run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

	Swim*	Run*
Senior/U23 Men	09:36 (800m) OR 04:35 (400m)	16:15 (5km)
Senior/U23 Women	10:08 (800m) OR 04:57 (400m)	18:00 (5km)

**Distances must be accurate and verified.*

- 2.5 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete’s best performance (taking into account finishing position, race format and quality of field) from the events listed below (please note, with the exception of athletes who have not competed in any of these competitions - see paragraph 2.5(b) below - all other performances will be disregarded):
 - 2018 ITU Aquathlon World Championships;
 - 2018 ETU Aquathlon European Championships;
 - Elite European or World level ETU or ITU sprint/standard distance triathlon event (Continental Cup level or higher); OR
 - 2018 Cardiff/London/Blenheim elite triathlons.
 - Where an eligible athlete has not competed at any of the above competitions, their best combined swim/run times will be considered their best performance.

- c. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

Junior

- 2.6 A junior team of up to 4 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 2 male and 2 female junior athletes. If either gender category is not filled, additional junior athletes may be added to the other gender category to bring the total junior team size to a maximum of 4 athletes.
- 2.7 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.6 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:
- Competed at Elite European or World Junior level in an ETU or ITU event in either triathlon (ETU Junior Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (European or World Junior Championships) in 2017, 2018 or 2019; OR
 - Have achieved the minimum swim and run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

	Swim*	Run*
Junior Men	04:35 (400m)	09:25 (3km)
Junior Women	04:57 (400m)	10:25 (3km)

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- 2.8 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's best performance (taking into account finishing position, race format and quality of field) from the events listed below (please note, with the exception of athletes who have not competed in any of these competitions - see paragraph 2.8(b) below - all other performances will be disregarded):
 - 2018 ITU Aquathlon World Junior Championships;
 - 2018 ETU Aquathlon European Junior Championships;
 - Elite European or World level ETU or ITU sprint/standard distance triathlon event (Continental Cup level or higher); OR
 - 2018 Junior Super Series events.
 - Where an eligible athlete has not competed at any of the above competitions, their best combined swim/run times will be considered their best performance.
 - The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

ETU Aquathlon European Championships, Târgu Mures (ROM) - 28 June-7 July 2019

These races will be part of the European Multisport Championship. There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation for this event. GBR kit WILL be provided.

- 2.9 **Nomination deadline:** 5pm Friday 10th May 2019 (email sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org)
- 2.10 Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the team will be notified to athletes by 17th May 2019.

Senior and Under 23

- 2.11 A senior/U23 team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise:

- a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
- b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

If any one of the above race categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes.

- 2.12 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.11 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:
- a. Competed at elite European or World level in an ETU or ITU event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (European or World Championships) in 2017, 2018 or 2019; OR
 - b. Have achieved the minimum swim and run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

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- 2.13 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's best performance (taking into account finishing position, race format and quality of field) from the events listed below (please note, with the exception of athletes who have not competed in any of these competitions - see paragraph 2.13(b) below - all other performances will be disregarded):
 - i. 2019 ITU Aquathlon World Championships;
 - ii. 2018 ITU Aquathlon World Championships;
 - iii. 2018 ETU Aquathlon European Championships;
 - iv. Elite European or World level ETU or ITU sprint/standard distance triathlon event (Continental Cup level or higher);
 - v. 2019 Llanelli elite triathlon; OR
 - vi. 2018 Cardiff/London/Blenheim elite triathlons.
 - b. Where an eligible athlete has not competed at any of the above competitions, their best combined swim/run times will be considered their best performance.

- c. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

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2.14 A junior team of up to 4 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 2 male and 2 female junior athletes. If either gender category is not filled, additional junior athletes may be added to the other gender category to bring the total junior team size to a maximum of 4 athletes.

2.15 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.14 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they either:

- a. Competed at elite European or World Junior level in an ETU or ITU event in either triathlon (ETU Junior Cup level or higher) or Aquathlon (European or World Junior Championships) in 2017, 2018 or 2019; OR
- b. Have achieved the minimum swim and run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

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**Distances must be accurate and verified.*

2.16 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:

- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's best performance (taking into account finishing position, race format and quality of field) from the events listed below (please note, with the exception of athletes who have not competed in any of these competitions - see paragraph 2.16(b) below - all other performances will be disregarded):
 - i. 2019 ITU Aquathlon World Junior Championships;
 - ii. 2018 ITU Aquathlon World Junior Championships;
 - iii. 2018 ETU Aquathlon European Junior Championships;
 - iv. Elite European or World level ETU or ITU sprint/standard distance triathlon event (Junior Cup level or higher);
 - v. 2019 Junior Super Series events; OR
 - vi. 2018 Junior Super Series events.
- b. Where an eligible athlete has not competed at any of the above competitions, their best combined swim/run times will be considered their best performance.
- c. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS & SELECTION PANEL

Conditions

- 3.1 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 will require athletes to adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear the provided GB race suit (which must be unaltered [championship suits may not have personal sponsors added]).
- 3.2 From 2018 onwards, the ITU have introduced **COMPULSORY** pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening for ALL athletes entered into any ETU/ITU races. Failure to undertake this evaluation, or to provide the necessary paperwork will result in you not being able to be selected or entered into any ETU/ITU events. 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 ITU PPE Screening Requirements (please read 'All Athletes - Pre Participation Evaluation(PPE) Criteria').

Selection Panel

- 3.3 A Selection Panel ("the Panel") will be established comprising three members, including the BTF Performance Director as Chair, the BTF Head Coach and the BTF Performance Pathway Manager.
- 3.4 Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the Panel at the request of the Chair.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-nomination under this Selection Policy, but only after provision of written confirmation of the relevant decision and only according to the procedure laid out in the "BTF Appeals Policy" which can be found on the BTF website. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) 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.