



England & Wales Selection Policy for British Triathlon School Games 2020 **Loughborough 3-6 September**

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for the British Triathlon School Games 2020.

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 to the support the above; 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 British Triathlon School Games athletes need to;

- a. Be aged 15 or 16 on 31 August 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; AND
- c. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

NB While nomination for Youths is not mandatory for this event athletes should be aware of the necessary nomination requirement for other events e.g. ETU Junior Cups and all Senior events as they progress.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

2.1 A team of 2 male and 2 female athletes will be selected for Wales and each English region on or before June 14.

2.2 A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will convene either via email or conference call for Wales and each English region in advance of this deadline and shall comprise of:

- a. Voting members;
 - i. The Welsh or English Regional School Games Team Lead; AND
 - ii. 1 Home Nation Performance Programme staff member.
- b. Non-voting members (all nations/regions):
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

2.3 Automatic selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) the first eligible finisher from Wales or their English Region in the Youth event at Llanelli will be **automatically selected**.
- b. If (male) athletes are being compared across different Tiers, the athlete with the fastest overall time - irrespective of the Tier - will be selected.

2.4 Discretionary selections

- a. Following completion of the automatic selections, the Panel will select 1 additional eligible male and 1 additional eligible female athlete using the process outlined below.
 - i. The Panel will select the eligible athletes' single best performance across Blenheim and Llanelli.
 - ii. The Panel will then compare those performances and select the athletes deemed to have the best overall performance.
 - iii. In the case that none, or insufficient, eligible athletes compete at Llanelli or Blenheim, performances at the following, as per the order set out, will then be considered using the process set out at 2.4(a[i-ii]) above:
 - a. 2020 Performance Assessment Weekend;
 - b. The relevant 2020 Regional Series.

2.5 Reserves

- a. 1 reserve will be selected as per the process at 2.3 and 2.4 for each gender.
- b. Reserves will be contacted at point of selection but will not travel to the event unless required.

2.6 Guest Team Selections

- a. One additional 'guest' team (2 male/2 female) **MAY BE** selected (from eligible athletes across Wales, England and Scotland) from athletes who in the eyes of Home Nation Group (a representative from each Home Nation and the Olympic Pathway Manager) would benefit from the School Games experience. Selections will be **entirely discretionary** and will be based upon;
 - i. The individual profile of each athlete;
 - ii. Their results over the 2019/2020 season;
 - iii. Their pathway engagement;

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS OF SELECTION AND ALTERNATIVE SELECTION RACE PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify nominations via the Automatic Nomination Criteria, should a performance that qualifies an athlete for automatic 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; OR

- c. 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.

3.2 Where this is the case, affected athletes will be considered as follows;

- a. Automatic selection;
 - i. Blenheim 2020 (in this case the policy will be applied as set out at 2.3(a) above).
- b. Discretionary selection;
 - i. Performance Assessments 2020 (applied as set out at 2.4(a) above in conjunction with the other unaltered event).

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the selections decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the British Triathlon School Games. 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.

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.