



Selection Policy for 2021 World Triathlon Para Cups

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for 2021 World Triathlon Para Cups (PWC) races.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Paralympic 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 Paralympic international competitions intend to:

- support the qualification of quota slots for Great Britain, and preparation for the Paralympic Games;
- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time; AND
- provide competition opportunities appropriate to an athlete’s stage of development.

The key objective for this level of racing for the Paratriathlon Programme in 2021 is to support preparation for the Paralympic Games preparation and then to develop talent and create appropriate competition exposure for those showing a developmental profile. These races will also form a key role for athletes undertaking their international classification.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for nomination to the 2021 PWC races, 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 World Triathlon;
- b. Request nomination for entry into the relevant race via email to paratriathlon@britishtriathlon.org as per the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table below;
- c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to paratriathlon@britishtriathlon.org 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.

Race (race date)	Nomination Deadline
Besancon, France (12 th -13 th June 2021)	2 nd May 2021
A Coruna, Spain (20 th June 2021)	9 th May 2021
Alanya, Turkey (1 st October 2021)	22 nd August 2021
Miyazaki, Japan (23 rd - 24 th October 2021)	12 th September 2021
Alhandra, Portugal (30 th -31 st October 2021)	19 th September 2021

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to World Triathlon no fewer than 33 days prior to the 2021 PWC races.
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for the 2021 PWC races will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. BTF Paralympic Head Coach - Jonathon Riall;
 - ii. BTF Paralympic Talent Manager - Alasdair Donaldson; AND
 - iii. BTF Paralympic Talent Coach - Becky Hewitt.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.
- 2.3 BTF is allocated a maximum of 2 quota places per category per gender for the 2021 PWC races. Using the process outlined in paragraph 2.5 below, the Panel will select which athletes to nominate to the ITU. If the event is NOT full, all those athletes nominated to World Triathlon (regardless of the number nominated per country) will be offered a place on the start-list. If the event is full, the maximum 2 quota places will be observed and athletes will be granted places on the start-list in the order in which they appear on World Triathlon World Rankings (with no guarantee that all British athletes will be granted a place). In the case that not ALL nominated athletes secure a place on the start lists the process noted in 2.5, below, will dictate which athletes are then confirmed on the start list by BTF. Any subsequent athlete withdrawals will then be replaced by World Triathlon 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 World Triathlon for the 2021 PWC races, 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).

World Triathlon nomination process

The World Triathlon’s policy of granting places on the start-list for PWC races on the basis of world ranking means that BTF cannot guarantee entry for athletes following nomination. For the 2021 season BTF will operate a two-tier selection process to meet the dual goals of the 2021 PWC races: to support Paralympic Games preparation and to Develop Talent.

2.5 Supporting Paralympic Games Preparation and Qualification

- a. Eligible athletes will be **automatically nominated** to World Triathlon for the 2021 PWC races if they satisfy any of the following and demonstrate current health/fitness, at the point of nomination:
 - i. 2019 Tokyo ITU Paratriathlon World Cup Medallists; OR
 - ii. 2019 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Lausanne Medallist; OR
 - iii. 2021 World Triathlon Para Championships Milan Medallists.
- b. The Panel will then, **at their discretion**, nominate additional eligible athletes to World Triathlon where they deem that competing would support the athlete’s preparation and/or qualification for the Tokyo Paralympic Games and they demonstrate current health/fitness, at the point of nomination. They will consider the following points, in priority order:
 - iv. Medallist at 2019, 2020 or 2021 World Triathlon Para Series; OR

- v. Medallist at 2019, 2020 or 2021 World Triathlon Para Cup; OR
- vi. Those who have a rising WITTW¹ profile and have demonstrated the *potential* to be competitive at WPS level via any other race (international or domestic).

2.6 Providing International Competition Exposure for Developing Athletes

Where there are still quota places available at the conclusion of 2.5 the Panel will, at their discretion, nominate eligible athletes to World Triathlon provided they have a rising WITTW¹ profile and have demonstrated the potential to be competitive at World Cup level via any other race (international or domestic).

A priority order will be developed by the Panel for all the athletes evaluated to be of the appropriate performance standard. Athletes demonstrating the greatest improvement against the WITTW model will be given priority.

2.7 Supporting the Qualification of PTVI athletes for the 2022 Commonwealth Games

2022 offers Paratriathlon its second inclusion into the Commonwealth Games programme, but only for the PTVI category. We believe that the opportunity offered to the development of the sport as a whole in Great Britain justifies a selection approach which ensures we can maximise the exposure the Games offers as we seek to continue its growth. This also caters for the way in which World Triathlon event qualification works as athletes from all three home nations seek to qualify through GBR slots.

- a. Where there are still quota places available at the conclusion of 2.6 the Panel will nominate athletes to World Triathlon in the PTVI category who have the potential to qualify a slot for their respective Home Nations at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

2.8 Supporting the Competitive Standards of PWCs

- a. If quota places remain available at the conclusion of 2.7 and there are athletes who have nominated themselves who do not meet the above criteria, but who the Panel believe could contribute to the overall competitive strength of the PWC race through their performance standard, then these athletes will be nominated to World Triathlon.

¹ Athletes seeking selection who do not have a copy of the WITTW numbers may access them by contacting: paratriathlon@britishtriathlon.org

SECTION 3: SUBSTITUTIONS, INVITATIONS & CONDITIONS

Substitutions

- 3.1 Once World Triathlon has created the start-list for the relevant PWC race, each National Federation may replace one athlete per gender using the World Triathlon substitution procedure.
- 3.2 The Panel will consider substituting athletes out of a race under the following circumstances:
 - a. An athlete 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 is deemed to be performing to a lower performance level than another athlete in the same category who is currently lower on World Triathlon World rankings and has not secured an automatic start in their own right; OR

- c. 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 the criteria noted in 2.5(b) and they are deemed to be performing at a high enough level to replace the athlete who has secured the position on the start list.

Invitations

In creating the start-list for a race, if, based on the event entries World Triathlon determines that race will be full, they will hold back 10 places for potential athlete invitations across all categories and both genders who have not gained a place on the start-list due to a low/non-existent world ranking.

- 3.4 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 PWC event.

Conditions

- 3.5 Nomination for the 2021 PWC races 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 World Triathlon 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; 2020 PWC races start positions are limited and ranking points earned are crucial to Great Britain earning quota places at the Paralympic 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;
 - b. An athlete who elects to withdraw from the 2021 PWC races after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before World Triathlon closing date, must inform paratriathlon@britishtriathlon.org immediately so that a replacement athlete may be nominated;
 - c. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, World Triathlon rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals:
 - i. *Tri suits for this level of racing need to abide by World Triathlon competition clothing rules and regulations and need to be provide by the athlete. No GBR national suits will be given out to athletes who have not earned these through racing at an International Championships previously.*
 - ii. Withdrawals within 30 days of World Triathlon closing date may deny other GB athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future World Triathlon 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 World Triathlon 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.
 - d. 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 World Triathlon 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

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