



Selection Policy for 2021 ETU Junior Cup (“JC”) races

ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO ETU JUNIOR CUP RACES - IT IS THE ATHLETES’ RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY NOMINATE FOR THE RELEVANT RACE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for 2021 ETU junior cup races.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Performance Programme’s (“WCPP”) mission of developing people and delivering excellence to inspire growth. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Junior and Youth teams intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to 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 World Triathlon for 2021 junior cup 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 World Triathlon;
- Request nomination for entry** into the relevant race via email to Fran Bolt (francescabolt@britishtriathlon.org) as per the **relevant Nomination Deadline** outlined in the table below;

Event	Location	Race Date	Nomination Deadline	
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Caorle	Caorle, Italy	15-16th May	Friday	02 April 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Olsztyn	Olsztyn, Poland	29th May	Friday	16 April 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Dnipro	Dnipro, Ukraine	5-6th June	Friday	23 April 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Wels	Wels, Austria	27th June	Friday	14 May 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Holten	Holten, Netherlands	Cancelled		N/A

2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Bucharest	Bucharest, Romania	10th July	Friday	28 May 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Tiszaujvaros	Tiszaujvaros, Hungary	17-18 July	Friday	04 June 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Tabor	Tabor, Czech	25th July	Friday	11 June 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Balıkesir	Balıkesir, Turkey	31 July - 1 August	Friday	18 June 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Riga	Riga, Latvia	7-8 August	Friday	25 June 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Banska Bystrica	Bystrica, Slovakia	21-22 August	Friday	09 July 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Silver Lake	Silver Lake, Serbia	28th August	Friday	16 July 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Bled	Bled, Slovenia	4th September	Friday	23 July 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Banyoles	Banyoles, Spain	5th September	Friday	23 July 2021
2021 Europe Triathlon Junior Cup Zagreb	Zagreb, Croatia	12th September	Friday	30 July 2021

- c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon pre-participation examination and submitted the BTF fit-to-compete form to Fran Bolt by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table above; AND
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to World Triathlon no fewer than 33 days prior to the first competition day of the relevant JC event;
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for each JC event will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise of the following;
 - a. Voting members;
 - i. British Triathlon Olympic Pathway Manager (Chair);
 - ii. ENG Programme staff member;
 - iii. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member;
 - iv. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member;
 - 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 JC event. Using the process outlined at paragraph 2.5 below, the Panel will select which athletes to nominate to World triathlon - 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 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 10 quota places will be observed (with no guarantee that all British athletes will be awarded a place) and World Triathlon will create the start-list as follows;

- a. All athletes with an ETU Junior Cup ranking (in rank order); then
- b. All unranked athletes (in the order their National Federation nominates them).

2.4 At the Panel's absolute discretion, they may choose to nominate athletes to World Triathlon for the relevant JC 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 Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.6 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically nominated** to World Triathlon for the relevant JC race if they have satisfied any of the following;

2.6 For all ETU Junior Cups

- a. Member of the 2021 GBR European Junior Triathlon Championship Team; OR
- b. Previous ETU Junior Cup medallist (prior to the nomination deadline);

2.7 For Riga and Banska Bystrica ETU Junior Cups

The panel will nominate at their discretion additional athletes (in rank order) if they are;

- a. In the Top 8 of the British Super Series Junior Rankings (at nomination deadline); then
- b. In the Top 3 of the British Super Series Youth B Rankings (at nomination deadline); then
- c. A member of a Home Nation Talent Programme
 - i. NB in exceptional circumstances (e.g rapidly improving race profile) the panel may choose to select an athlete who is not a member of a Home Nation Programme.

In the event that too many nominations are received athletes will, by rank order, be given a choice of one or other event.

2.8 For ALL other ETU Junior Cup races BEFORE 7th August

The panel will nominate at their discretion additional athletes if they are;

- a) A member of a Home Nation Talent Programme
- b) Nomination and nomination order will be based on an athlete's needs, stage of development, Llanelli result and any other factors deemed relevant by the panel; NB in exceptional circumstances (e.g rapidly improving race profile) the panel may choose to select an athlete who is not a member of a Home Nation Programme.

2.9 For ALL other ETU Junior Cup races AFTER 7th August

The panel will nominate at their discretion additional athletes if they are;

- a) In the top 20 of the British Super Series Junior rankings (at nomination deadline)
- b) In the top 10 of the British Super Series Youth B rankings (at nomination deadline)

SECTION 3: SUBSTITUTIONS & CONDITIONS

Substitutions

- 3.1 Athletes are placed on race start-lists based on their World Triathlon/ETU Ranking. At this level of competition it is very likely that British Triathlon will nominate unranked athletes. In such situations the Panel will therefore seek to use the World Triathlon substitution procedure to maximise the number of race starts for British athletes.
- 3.2 For JC races, each National Federation may replace 3 athletes per sex using the World Triathlon substitution procedure.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 The Panel will consider substituting athletes into a race should they have no World Triathlon ranking. If there are multiple unranked athletes the Panel will prioritise athletes in the order set at 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 or 2.9 above.

Conditions

- 3.5 Any automatic nominations (as per paragraph 2.6[a-b]) will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of the race in which an athlete achieved a performance that qualified them for automatic nomination was significantly impacted by:
 - a) a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash);
 - 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 (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) - please note, this does NOT include individual mechanical issues.

Where this is the case, affected athletes will not be automatically nominated, but will instead be considered using the selection criteria outlined at paragraphs 2.8 and 2.9.

- 3.6 World Triathlon rules state that an athlete may only take up one quota place across all World Triathlon 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 World Triathlon substitution clause if they do not wish to compete in any other World Triathlon race on a weekend.
- 3.7 Nomination for a JC 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 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 and if applicable - with the relevant medical/coaching/management staff;

- b. An athlete who elects to withdraw from a JC after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the World Triathlon closing date, must inform Fran Bolt (francescabolt@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
- c. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, World Triathlon JC rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals; AND
- d. Withdrawals within 30 days of the World Triathlon closing date may deny other GB athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future JC events. If an athlete withdraws after the closing date set by World Triathlon, 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 Olympic Pathway Manger;

SECTION 4: APPEALS

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