



**Selection Policy for the 2021 European Standard Distance Triathlon Championships -
Valencia - 25/26th September 2021**

**ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
SELECTION TO INTERNATIONAL RACES - IT IS THE ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITY TO
ENSURE THEY NOMINATE FOR THE RELEVANT RACE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE AND
TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON.**

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for the 2021 Standard Distance European Triathlon Championships.

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

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to support the above;
- to support GBR’s campaign to secure maximum quota slots for Great Britain at the Olympic Games: AND
- To provide opportunities for individual athlete selection to the Olympic team as an individual, MTR or reserve athlete

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there were very limited racing opportunities in 2020 and training and preparation for athletes was severely impacted. As such, all 2020 results will be disregarded for selection purposes. Instead, automatic and discretionary nomination criteria for all races in 2021 will be based on 2019 race results and/or 2021 race results (once racing has resumed).

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. To be considered for nomination to the 2021 European Triathlon Championships, 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 WT;
 - b. Request nomination for entry to Liam Smith (liamsmith@britishtriathlon.org) by Sunday 15th August 2021;
 - c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to Liam Smith by Sunday 15th August 2021; 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 European Championships.
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for the European Standard Distance Championships will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
- a. Voting members;
 - i. BTF Performance Director (“PD”) - Mike Cavendish;
 - ii. BTF Olympic Head Coach - Ben Bright;
 - iii. BTF Olympic Podium Potential Coach - Rick Velati;
 - iv. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo; AND
 - v. BTF Olympic Camp and Competition Support Coach - Glenn Cook.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.
- 2.3 BTF is allocated a maximum of 5 quota places per gender for the European Standard Distance Triathlon Championships. Using the process outlined at paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6 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 5. 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 5 quota places will be observed and athletes - including any nominated under 2.5/2.6 below - will be granted places on the start-list in the order in which they appear on the World Triathlon World Rankings (with no guarantee that all British athletes will be granted a place). 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 relevant WTCS 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 Automatic Selections
- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.4 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the European Standard Distance Championships if they have achieved one of the following by the nomination deadline:
 - i. Are a reigning European Standard Distance individual medallist;
 - ii. Finished in the top 20 in a World Triathlon Championship Series (“WTCS”) race (individual NOT relay) in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline;
 - iii. Finished in the top 8 in a World Cup race in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline;
 - iv. Are a reigning World U23 medallist; OR
 - v. Finished in the top 3 in a European Cup race in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline (subject to the Quality of Field)

- b. Should more athletes meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available to BTF, current World Ranking will be used to determine the order in which athletes will be nominated to World Triathlon.

2.6 Discretionary selections

- a. If places are still available following completion of the automatic selections, the Panel will, **at their discretion**, select additional eligible athletes if their performances indicate them to be **capable of delivering the level of performance required** for a **Top 15 finish** at the **European Standard Distance Championships AND** if they have achieved **one** of the following by the nomination deadline;
 - i. Are a WCP member
 - ii. Finished in the top 12 at a 2021 World Cup;
 - iii. Finished in the top 6 at the 2021 ET European Sprint Championships;
 - iv. Finished in the top 5 at a 2021 ET European Cup (subject to the Quality of Field);
 - v. Are a reigning European U23 medallist; OR
 - vi. Are a reigning World Junior medallist;
- b. To determine if athletes have evidenced the respective Top 15 performance standards set at 2.6a the Panel will use the criteria below (i to vii):
 - i. Athlete performances at 2019 and 2021 WTS, World Cup, Continental Cup or Continental Championships (including an assessment of the quality of field in any relevant event);
 - ii. World Triathlon World Rankings;
 - iii. Performances at previous Olympic Games;
 - iv. The BTF Athlete Mapping Tool;
 - v. Current form;
 - vi. Injury/illness history and status; AND
 - vii. Subjective assessments relating to athletes' ability to perform under pressure and deliver performances aligning to the "one day, once race" philosophy of BTF.

SECTION 3: SUBSTITUTIONS, INVITATIONS & CONDITIONS

Substitutions

- 3.1 Given that athletes are placed on race start-lists based on their World Triathlon World Ranking, there may be athletes selected by BTF who do not secure themselves a place on the relevant race start-list. The Panel will therefore seek to use the World Triathlon substitution procedure to maximise the number of race starts for eligible British athletes.
- 3.2 For the European Standard Distance Triathlon Championships, each National Federation may replace two athletes per gender using the World Triathlon substitution procedure.
- 3.3 Where athletes don't receive a place on the relevant race start-list in their own right (i.e. by virtue of their World Triathlon World Ranking), the Panel will use the substitution process to maximise race starts and will substitute athletes into races in the order in which they appear on the World Triathlon World Rankings.

Conditions

- 3.4 Any automatic nominations (as per paragraph 2.5[a]) 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 large-scale racing incident (such as a crash);
 - environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format; OR
 - 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 discretionary selection outlined at paragraph 2.6(b).

- 3.5 Nomination for the European Standard Distance Triathlon Championship event is conditional on the following:
- 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 - with the relevant medical/coaching/management staff;
 - Start positions are limited and ranking points earned in WT events are crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the 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 whether medical withdrawal is required;
 - An athlete who elects to withdraw from the European Championships after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the World Triathlon closing date, must inform Liam Smith (liamsmith@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
 - Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, World Triathlon competition rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals;
 - 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 WT 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 Performance Director; AND
 - 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

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-nomination 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.