



Selection Policy for British Triathlon School Games 2021
Loughborough University 2-5 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 2021

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) vision of developing people and delivering excellence to inspire groh. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF U23 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 2021;
- b. Be a member in good standing (i.e. not subject to any form of sanction, suspension or ongoing disciplinary procedure) 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, Scotland and each English region on or before July 23 2021.

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

- a. Voting members;
 - i. The Welsh, Scottish or English Regional School Games Team Lead; AND
 - ii. 1 Home Nation Performance Programme staff member from the relevant nation.

2.3 Automatic selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) the first two eligible finishers from Wales or Scotland or their English Region¹ in the A final at the British Triathlon Super Series event at Hetton on July 17 will be automatically selected to the relevant team;
- b. A further 'guest' team comprising of 2 male and 2 female athletes will be selected consisting of the next best eligible finishers who are not already selected into a team at point 2.3.a, irrespective of their Home Nation or English region²

¹if two eligible athletes do not qualify in the A final the results of the B final will be used.

²the guest team will not be selected until all other teams have been selected and confirmed, we expect guest team athletes to be notified on or before July 30th. The guest team may also include eligible athletes based in the Channel Islands, IOM or any other British island that isn't directly linked to a Home Nation sports council.

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 using results from the Performance Assessments and the British Super Series Aquathlon (North or South as relevant).

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 selections for the 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.