



Selection Policy for 2021 World U23 Championships
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ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO WTS EVENTS - 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 selections for the 2021 World U23 Championships.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) vision of developing people and delivering excellence to inspire growth. 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 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.

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 selection to the 2021 ITU World U23 Championships athletes need to;
 - a. Be 20, 21, 22 or 23 years of age as at 31 December 2021;
 - b. Nominate themselves to Liam Smith at liamsmith@britishtriathlon.org by Sunday 18 July 2021;
 - c. 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;
 - d. Have undergone the required ITU Pre-Participation Examination and submitted the BTF Fit-To-Compete form to Liam Smith at liamsmith@britishtriathlon.org 18 July 2021; AND
 - e. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Dependent on clauses 2.4 and 2.5 BTF will select any number of athletes up to its allocated ITU quota of up to 3 males and up to 3 females. At their absolute discretion, the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will consider requesting additional quota slots should more athletes meet

the automatic and discretionary criteria than the 3 available. However, the decision to grant additional slots is at the discretion of World Triathlon.

2.2 Athletes will be selected on or before 23 July 2021.

2.3 The Panel will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:

- a. Voting members;
 - i. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo
 - ii. BTF WCP National Coach - Rick Velati; AND
 - iii. 1 x representative each from Triathlon Scotland and Scottish Triathlon.
- b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

2.4 Automatic selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the World U23 Championship (individual event) if they have achieved one of the following by the nomination deadline:
 - i. Are a returning World U23 Championship individual medallist;
 - ii. Finished in the top 20 in a World Triathlon Series (“WTS”) 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. Finished in the top 3 in an ETU European Cup race in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline (subject to the Quality of Field); OR
 - v. Finished as a top 3 U23 (and top 8 overall) at the 2021 European Super-Sprint Championships in Kitzbuhel.
- 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.

2.5 Discretionary selections

- a. If places are still available following completion of the automatic selections, the Panel will, **at their discretion**, select additional eligible athletes (up to the maximum places outlined at paragraph 2.1) if their performances indicate them to be **capable of delivering the level of performance required** for a **Top 10 finish** at the **World U23 Championships** **AND** if they have achieved **one** of the following by the nomination deadline;
 - i. Finished in the top 15 at a 2021 World Cup;
 - ii. Finished in the top 15 overall of the 2021 European Super-Sprint Championships in Kitzbuhel.
 - iii. Finished in the top 8 at a 2021 ETU European Cup (subject to the Quality of Field); OR
 - iv. Are a reigning World Junior medallist.
- b. To determine if athletes have evidenced the respective Top 10 performance standards set at 2.5a the Panel will use the criteria below (i to vii):
 - i. previous championship performances;
 - ii. athlete development profiles;
 - iii. race format and course specifics of the selection event(s) outlined above at which athletes have qualified themselves for consideration;

- iv. finishing position in the selection event(s) outlined above at which athletes have qualified themselves for consideration;
 - v. quality of field at the selection event(s) outlined above at which athletes have qualified themselves for consideration
 - vi. current form; AND
 - vii. injury/illness status.
- c. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Any automatic nominations (as per paragraph 2.4) 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 discretionary selection outlined at paragraph 2.5.

- 3.2 Nomination for the World U23 Championships 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 ITU 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;
 - b. Start positions are limited and ranking points earned in ITU/ETU events may be crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the Games and/or persevering quota places at future editions of these championships. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform the Liam Smith (liamsmith@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete or whether medical withdrawal is required;
 - c. An athlete who elects to withdraw from the European Championships after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ETU closing date, must inform Liam Smith (liamsmith@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
 - d. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, ITU rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the U23 selections decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the individual 2021 World U23 Championships. 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.