



**Selection Policy for the 2022 Super-Sprint European Championships
(SENIOR & UNDER 23) - Olsztyn (POL) 27-29 May**

ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO CHAMPIONSHIP 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 selections for the 2022 Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) European Championships. The Senior and Under 23 (U23) individual race will be combined - this policy therefore details the selection process for BOTH Senior and U23 athletes.

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 WCP 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

Furthermore, due to the limited racing opportunities for younger developing (U23) athletes through the Covid pandemic, the priority for this Championships will be given to those developing athletes. As such, a relatively limited selection process will be provided for seniors with those athletes being encouraged to focus on the Standard Distance European Championships, as well as the usual Continental/World Cups and World Series.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. To be considered for nomination to the 2022 European Super-Sprint, U23 and Mixed Relay 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 (eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org) by Sunday 17 April 2022;
 - c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to (eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org) by Sunday 17 April 2022; AND
 - d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.
 - e. For U23 athletes only, be born in 2002, 2001, 2000 or 1999.

Note 1 - Given that the seniors and U23's will compete against each other in the same race at the European Super Sprint & U23 Championship, the Panel will try and maximise quota allocation across senior and U23 athletes. Should there be senior quota places available after completion of the senior selection process (see paragraph 2.4 below), U23 athletes may be entered into the race as seniors in order to maximise the number of U23 starts.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to the World Triathlon no fewer than 33 days prior to the first competition day of the European Championships. Due to the Trial Race being after the WT nomination deadline BTF, in order to secure race starts, will have to nominate its quota of U23 athletes to WT BEFORE the Trial Race takes place. As such, BTF will, after alerting the relevant athletes, nominate the 3 highest placed British U23's on the WT rankings onto the relevant start list in order to secure race starts. Those athletes will then be substituted with athletes who are selected via the process outlined in this document.
- 2.2 The Selection Panel ("the Panel") for the European Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) 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 National Coach(es);
 - iii. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo;
 - iv. BTF Olympic Camp and Competition Support Coach - Glenn Cook; AND
 - v. BTF Head of Performance Operations - Laura Macey.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.
- 2.3 The Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) Championships will be run as a combined senior and U23 race. As such, BTF expects to be allocated a maximum of 2 quota places per gender for seniors AND a maximum of 2 quota places per gender for U23 athletes (resulting in 4 athletes per combined senior/U23 field). Using the process outlined below, the Panel will select how many and which athletes to nominate to World Triathlon. Should further quota places be made available from WT, the panel may at it's discretion select 2 additional athletes (total number of 6 per gender across both U23 and Senior).

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2.4 Automatic Selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at section 3 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) up to 2 eligible (**Senior and/or U23**) athletes will be **automatically selected** to the team if they have satisfied any of the following:
 - i. achieved an individual top 8 finish at EITHER the 2022 Quarteira (26th March) OR Melilla (3rd April) ETU Cup (senior elite events only);

- b. If there are more athletes that satisfy the above than there are quota places available, the Panel will compare each athlete's best performance and, using the criteria outlined at i to v below determine which athletes to select:
- i. age and stage of development²;
 - ii. finishing position in Quarteira or Melilla;
 - iii. quality of field in Quarteira or Melilla;
 - iv. current form; AND
 - v. injury/illness status.

*Note 2 - In line with British Triathlon focusing on younger (U23) developing athletes for this Championship an athletes age and stage of development **MAY BE** prioritised.*

Under 23's

2.5 Automatic Selections

Subject to the criteria outlined at section 3 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible **Under 23 (U23)** athletes will be **automatically selected** to the team - up to the total remaining quota places remaining after completion of the senior selection process above - if they have satisfied the following:

- a. Are a reigning European U23 medallist³; then,
- b. The first eligible athlete past the post at the Llanelli Super Series race on 14 May 2022 (Tier 1 race); then,
- c. If a quota place remains from 2.5.a, the second eligible athlete past the post at the Llanelli Super Series race on 14 May 2022; then,
- d. Should further quota places remain (from the senior selections) selection will continue to roll down the order of finish at Llanelli Super Series race until quota places have been filled.

Note 3 - any reigning medallist will, in the 2 months prior, be expected to demonstrate a level of performance appropriate for selection to this championship either in the trial race or another (triathlon) event of a similar or better standard.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS

- 3.1 Any automatic selections (as per paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5) 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 selection was **significantly impacted** by:
- a. significantly reduced quality of field (QOF) at either Quarteira, Melilla or the U23 trial race (Llanelli) due to Covid related complications;
 - b. a substantial difference, as judged solely by the panels own discretion, in QOF between Quarteira and Melilla
 - c. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash);
 - d. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format; OR
 - e. 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.

Senior athletes (i.e. results from Quarteira of Melilla):

Where this is the case, affected athletes will not be automatically nominated from either race. Instead, athletes will be considered using results from the following events with the Panel comparing each athlete's best performance to determine which athletes to select:

- i. 2022 ETU Cup events
- ii. 2021 ETU Cup events after August 1st
- iii. 2021 European U23 Championships
- iv. 2021 World Junior Championships
- v. 2021 European Junior Championships

U23 athletes:

3.2 The scenario of the Llanelli Super Series race being affected by environmental conditions (i.e. the swim portion being removed) is dealt with below. All other scenarios covered by 3.1 (a and c) above, affected athletes will not be automatically selected, but will instead be considered by the Panel using all relevant Performance data available to them.

Due to the early season nature of the Llanelli Super Series race, there is a small risk that the swim portion of the race may be cancelled. As such:

- i. all U23 athletes aiming for selection for these championships are asked to complete an 800m pool-based time-trial and submit these results on or before 7 May 2022 - to (eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org).
- ii. Then, should the Llanelli race change to a duathlon, athletes' 800m time-trial* result will be added to the finishing times of the duathlon to create an amended race result (only for the purposes of selection for these championships). The fastest two eligible athletes using this calculation will then be selected to the team.

the time-trial **MUST be coach-verified, short-course, non-wetsuit and off a push-start. Athletes may swim in either a World Triathlon legal race suit or a standard swim suit, a 'fast skin' type swimsuit **cannot** be used. If short-course is not possible for any athlete, long-course times may be submitted **BUT** will be adjusted by the Panel to ensure they are comparable with short-course times.*

3.3 Selection for the European Super-Sprint 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 World Triathlon fit-to-compete process). 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 World Triathlon events may be crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the Olympic 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 (eliteentries@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 Super-Sprint Championships after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the World Triathlon closing date, must inform (eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
- d. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, World Triathlon rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-selection 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.