



Selection Policy for British Triathlon School Games 2022
Loughborough University 1-4 September

PLEASE NOTE - due to administrative requirements on the part of the School Games this policy will be selected in **TWO STAGES**. Any athlete **NOT** selected at **STAGE ONE** **WILL** need to complete **ALL** the processes and associated administration laid out in **Section 1** at **criteria 1.2.a-b** to be considered eligible for selection.

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 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 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 eligible for selection to the British Triathlon School Games **ALL** athletes need to:

- a. Be aged 15 or 16 on 31 August 2022¹;
- 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.

Note 1 - For English and Welsh athletes this means being in Year 10 or 11 at school.

1.2. Those athletes **NOT** selected at **STAGE ONE** **MUST ALSO** then complete the following to be considered eligible for selection at **STAGE TWO**:

- a. **Nominate themselves for selection** to katieparrish@britishtriathlon.org by **30 June 2022**;
- b. Complete the necessary requirements **AND** have **all their details uploaded onto the School Games Entry Management System** (EMS) by **17 July 2022**

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS - STAGE ONE

- 2.1 A team of 1 male and 1 female athlete will be selected for Wales, Scotland and each English region on or before **May 21 2022**.
- 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 eligible finisher from Wales or Scotland or their English Region in the below event will be automatically selected to the relevant team;
 - i. The Youth (A & B) race at the 2022 British Super Series event at Llanelli (Tier 1) on May 14²

SELECTION PROCESS - STAGE TWO

- 2.4 A team of 1 male and 1 female athlete will be selected for Wales, Scotland and each English region on or before **July 29 2022** by the same selection panel outlined above at Stage One.
- 2.5 Automatic selections
- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) the first eligible finisher from Wales or Scotland or their English Region in the below event will be automatically selected to the relevant team;
 - i. The Youth (A & B) race at the 2022 British Super Series event (A final) at Mallory Park on July 25.^{1,2}
- 2.6 Guest Team selections
- a. A further ‘guest’ team comprising of 2 male and 2 female athletes will be selected once all other team selections have been made by a panel containing a staff member from each Home Nation. This team will be selected at the complete discretion of the panel with the aim of ensuring that an athlete who, in the sole opinion of the panel, will benefit from the development opportunity are at the event.
 - i. The next best athletes in the trial race e.g., those from a very strong region/Home Nation who would have made other teams; OR
 - ii. Athletes from the Channel Islands or IOM or any other British Island not directly linked to a HN Sports Council who are otherwise ineligible for one of the listed teams; OR
 - iii. Athletes who were ill or injured or suffer mechanical mishap for both the trial races.

In so doing the panel will consider the athletes single best performance from either trial race assuming they competed in (in the case of points i and ii) or a 2022 British Super Series race (point iii) to determine which athletes to select to the Guest Team.

Note 1 - if the same eligible athlete wins both the Llanelli and Mallory events the athlete placing 2nd at Mallory will be selected.

Note 2 - if one eligible athlete does not qualify in the Tier 1 or A final of the relevant race results of the Tier 2 event or the B final will be used.

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 other trial race.

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.