



**Selection Policy for 2022 European Youth Championships -  
La Baule (FRA) 15-18 September**

**Due to the British Triathlon European Youth Championship Trial Race and European Youth Olympic Games Festival (EYOF) clashing AND British Triathlon's desire to share the championship opportunities this season, athletes selected to EYOF will NOT BE eligible for the European Youth Championship.**

**OVERVIEW**

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual and mixed relay selections for the 2022 ETU European Youth Championships Festival.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) vision of delivering world class success and inspiring the nation. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Junior and Youth 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 Championships athletes need to;

- a. Not already be nominated to the European Youth Olympic Festival team;
- b. Be 15, 16, or 17 years of age on 31 December 2022;
- 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 World Triathlon (WT); AND
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

NB: athletes at Senior/Junior level must nominate themselves to the BTF to be considered for selection to ALL WT events. As a first WT experience for many, Youth athletes are automatically nominated for this championship but should be very aware of the necessary nomination requirement as they progress up the age groups.

**SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS - INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

2.1 WT will allocate a fixed number of quota places to BTF. At the time of writing, BTF predict this will be 3 male and 3 female places. In previous editions of this championships BTF have been able to secure an additional quota place for one or other gender. BTF will **ONLY** consider requesting or accepting additional quota places for this event in 2022 should the Panel believe there is a **compelling or exceptional** case to do so.

- 2.2 Athletes will be selected by 27 July 2022. All selections WILL be subject to having undergone the WT Pre-Participation Examination and submitted the BTF Fit-To-Compete form to [eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- 2.3 The Selection Panel (“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. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member;
    - iii. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member; AND
    - iv. World Class Programme staff member.
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

#### Automatic selections

- 2.4 Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 4.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the relevant individual event if they are one of the first 3 eligible male and female finishers in the Selection Race at the British Super Series event, Mallory Park, (Youth A and Youth B race) on Monday 25 July 2022. Please note selections will be made from the **A final only**.

#### SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS - MIXED RELAY (MR)

- 3.1 Only those athletes who are selected for the individual races at the European Youth Championships will be eligible for nomination to the MR event.
- 3.2 The final selection of the team of four athletes to compete in the MR event will be made by the coaching team at the Championships following conclusion of the individual events.
- 3.3 Selection of the team will be **entirely discretionary** and will be based on a combination of the following, as well as any other criteria that may be deemed relevant by the Panel:
  - a. The individual profile of each athlete and how it relates to the course profile, competition and desired race tactics to maximise race outcomes and/or race learning
  - b. Result in the individual events\*;
  - c. Athletes’ state of recovery and readiness following the individual events (taking into account injury and recovery history prior to the Championships);
  - d. Athletes’ race plan; AND
  - e. Athletes’ previous MR experience.

\*The outcome or result of the individual event will **NOT** infer any automatic selection to Mixed Relay team

#### SECTION 4: ALTERNATIVE SELECTION RACE PROVISIONS, SELECTION RACE RESULT APPEALS & CONDITIONS

- 4.1 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. Significantly reduced quality of field (QOF) at the trial race due to Covid related complications;
  - b. a large-scale racing incident (such as a multi-rider crash); OR
  - c. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format; OR
  - d. 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 or errors.
- 4.2 Where this is the case, affected athletes will be selected by the Panel, at their discretion, from the following events (listed in priority order);
- a. European Youth Olympic Festival Trial Race (Llanelli)
  - b. British Triathlon Performance Assessments

In so doing the Panel will compare each athlete's best performance and rank athletes by their finish order. In the case where 2 athletes achieve the same result, they will be ranked according to the priority order set out above (4.2.a+b).

- 4.3 Nomination is conditional on the athletes completing any BTF pre-travel medical questionnaire (if required, at the discretion of the CMO, in addition to the BTF 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;

## **SECTION 5: APPEALS**

- 5.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the European Youth selection decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the individual or MR for the 2022 European Youth 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](http://www.britishathletes.org).

## **SECTION 6: AMENDMENT**

- 6.1 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](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).