



## Selection Policy for 2022 Elite Aquathlon World and European Championships

**These events are liable to regularly change due to the ongoing impact of Covid. We recommend athletes continually check back for any changes.**

### Introduction

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) details the process which the British Triathlon Federation (BTF) will apply when selecting athletes to compete in the major European Triathlon (ET) and World Triathlon (WT) Long Distance Triathlon Championships. Please note that for **ALL** championships, athletes are obliged to **nominate their interest** **BEFORE** the nomination deadlines stated within this Policy (even if they have taken part in an official qualification race). This is so athletes can be contacted easily after the closing date and so that any medical checks required prior to the race can be made in good time.

Events listed in this policy:

- 2022 ET Aquathlon Championships, Bilbao, Spain 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022
- 2022 WT Aquathlon Championships, Samorin, Slovakia, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

### SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL EVENTS

1.1. To be considered for nomination to WT and/or ET 2022 Championship events, 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 World Triathlon;
- b. Request nomination for entry into the relevant race via email to Verity Miles ([multisport@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:multisport@britishtriathlon.org)) by the stated Nomination Deadline date **AND** in doing so list the performances where they believe they have met the policy at Section 2;
- c. Have undergone the required WT pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to Verity Miles by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table below; **AND**
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

### SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

#### Selection Panel

A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will be established comprising of three members, including the BTF Performance Director as Chair, the BTF Head Coach and the BTF Olympic Pathway Manager.

Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the Panel at the request of the Chair.

***NB In ALL events listed athletes moving up (e.g., Junior to U23 OR U23 to Senior) can carry a previous lower category performance forward.)***

## **2022 ET Aquathlon Championships, Bilbao, Spain 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

These races will be part of the European Multisport Championship. There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation or race entry fee for this event. GBR kit WILL be provided.

- 2.1 **Nomination deadline:** 5pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (email [multisport@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:multisport@britishtriathlon.org))
- 2.2 Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the team will be notified to athletes by 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

### **Senior and Under 23**

- 2.3 Subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predict a senior/U23 team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise:
  - a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
  - b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

The Panel may fill up to the quota allocated to BTF, but they are not obliged to fill all available spaces if athletes do not satisfy the criteria outlined below. If any one of the above race categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes. In previous editions of this championships BTF have been able to secure additional quota places for both genders. BTF will only consider requesting or accepting additional quota places for this event in 2022 should the Panel believe there is a compelling case to do so.

- 2.4 Subject to athlete places available (as per 2.3 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if, in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline, they either:
  - a. Competed in an Elite ET or WT event in aquathlon (European or World Championships);
  - b. Have finished in the Top 8 of a British Super Series race;
  - c. Have achieved a top 3 overall in the Age Group race (across all categories) AND finished in a time comparable to the top 10 (top 15 U23) in the Elite race in the European or World Aquathlon Championships
  - d. Have achieved the minimum swim AND run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

	<b>Swim*</b>	<b>Run*</b>
<b>Senior/U23 Men</b>	09:36 (800m) OR 04:35 (400m)	16:15 (5km)
<b>Senior/U23 Women</b>	10:08 (800m) OR 04:57 (400m)	18:00 (5km)

*\*Distances must be accurate and verified by a BTF or Swim England, Scottish Swimming or Swim Wales coach qualified at level 2 or above.*

- 2.5 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
  - a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete’s single best performance from their listed results (considering finishing position, race format and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded.
  - b. 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

## Junior

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- 2.8 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.6 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if, in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline, they either:
- a. Competed at Elite European or World Junior level in an ET or WT aquathlon event (European or World Championships);
  - b. Have finished in the Top 8 of a British Super Series race;
- 2.9 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
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## 2022 World Triathlon Aquathlon World champs, Samorin, Slovakia, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

These races will be part of the World Multisport Championships. There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation or race entry fee for this event. GBR kit WILL be provided.

- 2.10 **Nomination deadline:** 5pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (email [multisport@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:multisport@britishtriathlon.org)).
- 2.11 Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, the team will be notified to athletes 1 week after the final nomination date. (To be amended when race date and location confirmed)

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  - d. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

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- e. Competed in an Elite ET or WT event in aquathlon (European or World Championships);
- f. Have finished in the Top 8 of a British Super Series race;
- g. Have achieved a top 3 overall in the Age Group World or European Championship race (across all categories) AND finished in a time comparable to the top 10 (top 15 U23) in the Elite race in the European or World Aquathlon Championships
- h. Have achieved the minimum swim AND run standards listed in the table below in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline.

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- c. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete’s single best performance from their listed results (considering finishing position, race format and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded.
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2.18 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:

- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete’s single best performance from their listed results (considering finishing position, race format and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded.
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### **SECTION 3: CONDITIONS & SELECTION PANEL**

#### **Conditions**

3.1 Athletes will be required to sign a Team Members' Agreement to accept their place on each team. The Agreement will include a code of conduct, and will require athletes to adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear the provided GB race suit (which must be unaltered [championship suits may not have personal sponsors added]).

3.2 World Triathlon COMPULSORY pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening is mandatory for ALL athletes entered into any Europe World Triathlon races. Failure to undertake this evaluation, or to provide the necessary paperwork will result in you not being able to be selected or entered into any Europe/ World Triathlon events. The main purpose of the screening is to identify athletes at risk of sudden cardiac death due to an electrical or structural heart abnormality. Details of how to complete this screening can be found on the Selection Policies page of the BTF website, under World Triathlon PPE Screening Requirements (please read 'All Athletes - Pre-Participation Evaluation(PPE) Criteria').

### **SECTION 4: APPEALS**

4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-nomination under this Selection Policy, 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](http://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](http://www.britishtriathlon.org)