



Selection Policy for 2022 British Super Series (Senior athletes)

Overview

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which the British Triathlon will award starts for athletes in the British Super Series (senior races).

The Super Series is designed to give our leading Senior, Junior and Youth athletes the best possible domestic learning and development platform as well as to support the continued development of racing standards in Britain.

For senior athletes the British Super Series also provides selection opportunities into the next level of racing, specifically World Triathlon Continental Cups. That policy can be found [here](#).

The 2022 British Super Series (senior races) will consist of the events outlined in the table below. For more information on the Series - including application deadlines and the entry processes - please see [here](#).

Date	Race	Format	Tiers	Start Numbers <small>see notes 1,2</small>	
				Male	Female
May 14	Llanelli	Sprint	Tier 1 (and Tier 2 male)	30 Tier 1 / 30 Tier 2	45 Tier 1
June 11/12	Leeds	Sprint	Tier 1	50 Tier 1	50 Tier 1
July 25	Mallory Park	Heat/Finals & Relay	Tier 1	40 Tier 1	40 Tier 1
August 20/21	Sunderland	Sprint & Relay	Tier 1 (and Tier 2 male)	30 Tier 1 / 30 Tier 2	45 Tier 1
September	TBC	Sprint	Tier 1	35 Tier 1 (TBC)	45 Tier 1 (TBC)

*Some athletes may need to qualify for starts in the Super Series via the **2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments** (April 2nd/3rd). More information on which athletes this applies to can be found below in this policy and more information on the Performance Assessments themselves can be found [here](#).*

Section 1: Eligibility

Athletes wishing to gain a start in any Super Series race must:

- i. be a member in good standing of a Home Nation Triathlon Association which is a member of the BTF; and
- ii. not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

Section 2: Awarding of start places

Selection Panel

A Selection Panel (“the Panel”) - as required at criteria 2.1 and 2.2 iv below - will convene ahead of entries being decided for each event either via email or conference and shall comprise a staff member of the World Class Programme AND each Home Nation Programme.

2.1 Starts for events UP TO and INCLUDING Leeds

Athletes with the following will be awarded a start in the relevant race:

- i. All athletes with a World Triathlon rank of between 1 and 300; then
- ii. All athletes with a Top 10 finish from a 2021 British Super Series event³; then
- iii. The first 5 (senior) finishers at the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments; then

If starts are still available further places will then be awarded as below until the event is full:

- iv. Athletes placing 6th to 10th (senior) at the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments; then
- v. A roll down list constructed as follows:
 - a. The two next best 2021 British Super Series results (athlete’s best single result) up to a maximum of Top 20
 - b. The next best placed athlete from the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments
 - c. Steps (a) and (b) will then be repeated until the start list fills (*for those events with a Tier 2 race, once the Tier 1 start list is full Tier 2 starts will be awarded following the above listed criteria*).

2.2 Starts for all Tier 1 events AFTER Leeds:

All athletes with the following will be awarded a start in the relevant race:

- i. All athletes with a World Triathlon rank of between 1 and 300; then
- ii. All athletes with a Top 10 finish from a 2021 British Super Series event³; then
- iii. Top 5 ranked athletes in the 2022 British Senior Super Series (who do not already meet points 2.1.i & ii); then

If starts are still available further places will then be awarded as below until the event is full:

- v. Any athlete who achieves a podium in the preceding Tier 2 event⁴; then
- vi. 2022 British Super Series ranking.

2.3. Invites (ALL events):

- i. Up to 5 invites (determined by the selection panel) will be available for every event (Tier 1 if relevant) for any athlete (who does not secure a place via 2.1. i to iii above) with a prior history of delivering high quality performances at Super Series level or above, who - in the opinion of the Panel - have a valid reason for not starting or finishing the Performance Assessments OR are at a performance level that adds value to the event. Should the Panel decide not to award 5 invites, those places will then roll down to the next ranked athletes.

Performance Assessments

Any athlete without a Top 10 overall finish at any 2021 British Super Series event is **ADVISED** to attend the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments to improve their likelihood of getting a start.

Any athlete without a Top 20 overall finish at any 2021 British Super Series events **MUST** attend the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments to get a start in a Tier 1 event.

Lists of athletes who have achieved a 2021 Top 10 and Top 20 overall result in the 2021 Super Series is published along side this policy on the website and can be found [here](#).

If events are not full the Panel may consider awarding a start to an athlete who has not attended the Performance Assessments and has clear evidence that they meet the performance requirements to race at this level. However, absolute priority will always be given to those who attended the Performance Assessments.

Notes

1. The start numbers listed serve as the **GUIDE** that we will work towards. British Triathlon, and the organisers with whom it works, reserve the right to adjust total start numbers and quotas for each racing group (Youth B, Junior & Senior) as needed in line with the philosophy of the Super Series (e.g., ensuring the best athletes are on the start line).
2. Tier 2 racing currently only exists for male athletes. There is not presently the same demand on female start numbers and Tier 2 racing would not be viable, further the field spread at the first buoy in female events allows for greater start numbers. Irrespective of this, male and female starts will be awarded as per the process listed in the policy above.
3. Super Series events for Senior athletes always contain a mixture of age groups (Senior, Junior and at points Youth B's) and as such Super Series **OVERALL** results that are referred to (e.g., a 2021 Top 10 or Top 20 result) are considered as the position across the line in the race **OVERALL**, this is **IRRESPECTIVE** of the finishing position within the respective age category.
4. The podium criteria can be used **ONCE** only and applies to the preceding event e.g., the previous Super Series event (at a different venue on a different date) **NOT** the preceding race that day/weekend at the same venue.

Appeals

Due to the volume of events and the need to meet entry timescales there shall be no right of appeal against any decision made by the selection panel, nor will there be any right of appeal if quota places or start numbers are adjusted by either British Triathlon, or the race organisers we work with to deliver the Series. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected or have found themselves without a place due to quotas/start numbers being adjusted are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case.