

Selection Policy for 2022 British Super Series (Senior athletes)

Overview

This Selection Policy outlines the process by which 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.

The Panel always aims to make selections within 7 days of the application deadline closing. For more information on the application and entry process please see [here](#).

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 OVERALL³ finish from a 2021 British Super Series event; then
- iii. The first 5 (senior)³ 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)³ 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 (athletes best single result) up to a maximum of Top 20 OVERALL³
 - 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 OVERALL 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 SENIOR ranking.

2.3. Invites:

- i. Up to 5 invites (determined by the selection panel) will be available for **EVERY** male AND female event (in 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.
- ii. The Panel continues to reserve the right to offer starts to foreign athletes should they, in the Panel's sole opinion, be at a performance level to add value to the event. In all but exceptional cases such athletes will be added onto total start numbers and so not be taking start places away from British athletes.
- iii. In order to broaden its pathways and opportunities British Triathlon is also working to support a level of access to the Super Series for Age Group athletes who compete in draft

legal racing AND are at a level to be competitive in the Series. For more information on this please see [here](#).

Performance Assessments

Any athlete without a Top 10 finish OVERALL³ in any 2021 British Super Series event (i.e., finished 11th to 20th) is **ADVISED** to attend the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments to improve their likelihood of getting a start.

Any athlete without a Top 20 OVERALL³ in any 2021 British Super Series events OR who did not compete in the 2021 Series at all **MUST** attend the 2022 British Triathlon Performance Assessments to get a start in a Tier 1 event.

Lists of athletes who have achieved a Top 10 and Top 20 OVERALL³ 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 is not yet viable further, the field spread at the first buoy in female events allows for greater start numbers vs male events. 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 **2021 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. However, any result achieved at the **2022 Performance Assessments** (e.g., a Top 5 or a Top 10) is considered within the **SENIOR** category **ONLY**.
4. The podium criteria in a Tier 2 event 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.
5. Any athletes who did not compete in the 2021 Series AND are at a very high level e.g., members of Home Nation programmes, previously raced at Continental Cup level or higher AND do not have a World Ranking within the Top 300 may qualify for an invite, **however**, these **cannot be guaranteed** until selections are made. Instead, **we would advise** competing at the Performance Assessments in order to attempt to ensure a start.

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.