



## 2023 Elite Long and Middle Distance Triathlon Selection Policies

### 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 Europe 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:

- 2023 WT World Long Distance Triathlon Championships - Ibiza, Spain, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May (provisional)
- 2023 ET European Middle Distance Triathlon Championships, Menen, Belgium, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August
- 2023 ET/Challenge European Long Distance Triathlon Championships, Challenge Almere, the Netherlands, 9th September

### SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL EVENTS

1.1. To be considered for nomination to WT and/or ET 2023 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 completing the nomination form by the stated Nomination Deadline date **AND** in so doing list the performances where they believe have met the policy in each section below;
- c. Have undergone the required WT pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to [multisport@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:multisport@britishtriathlon.org) and [eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org) by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined below;
- d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.
- e. In respect of nomination for the female event, only athletes who are registered as a female at birth are eligible. See the BTF Transgender Policy [HERE](#)

### SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

A Selection Panel (“the panel”) will be established comprising three members, including the BTF Olympic Pathway Manager, the Age Group and Multisport Manager and one other person from the Age Group or Performance team

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



*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.)*

**2023 WT World Long Distance Triathlon Championships - Ibiza, Spain, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May (provisional)**

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. A GBR elite tri-suit and 3 items of BTF kit WILL be provided providing these items have not previously been distributed to nominating athletes in the previous 3 years.

**2.1 Nomination deadline:** 9am 10<sup>th</sup> March, complete the nomination form [HERE](#)

**2.2** Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, athletes will be notified of their selection by 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**2.3** Subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predict a team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 4 male and 4 female athletes.

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 other age categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes. In previous editions of this championships BTF has been able to secure additional quota places across all categories. BTF will only consider requesting or accepting additional quota places for this event in 2023 should the Panel believe there is a compelling case to do so.

**2.4** Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.3 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if, in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline, they either:

- a. Competed at Elite European or World level in an ET or WT event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or long distance triathlon (e.g. European or World Championships) OR;
- b. Finished top 30 at the Ironman World Championships OR Ironman World 70.3 Championships OR;
- c. Achieved two results at any Ironman/Challenge/WT branded event within 10% of the elite winner, provided the events have a professional field.

**2.5** 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 (taking into account finishing position, race



format, quality of field and/or times achieved). 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.

### **2023 ET European Middle Distance Triathlon Championships, Menen, Belgium, 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August**

There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation or race entry fee for this event. A GBR elite tri-suit and 3 items of BTF kit WILL be provided providing these items have not previously been distributed to nominating athletes in the previous 3 years.

**2.6 Nomination deadline:** 9am 7<sup>th</sup> July, complete the nomination form [HERE](#)

**2.7** Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, athletes will be notified of their selection by 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**2.8** Subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predict a team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 4 male and 4 female athletes.

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**2.9** Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.8 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if, in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline, they either:

- a. Competed at Elite European or World level in a Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or long distance triathlon (e.g. European or World Championships) OR;
- b. Finished top 30 at the Ironman World Championships OR Ironman World 70.3 Championships OR;
- c. Achieved two results at any Ironman/Challenge/WT branded event within 10% of the elite winner, provided the events have a professional field.

**2.10** 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 (taking into account finishing position, race



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### **2023 ET/Challenge European Long Distance Triathlon Championships, Challenge Almere, the Netherlands, 9th September**

There will be NO funding for athlete travel and accommodation or race entry fee for this event. A GBR elite tri-suit and 3 items of BTF kit WILL be provided providing these items have not previously been distributed to nominating athletes in the previous 3 years.

**2.11 Nomination deadline:** 9am 21<sup>st</sup> July, complete the nomination form [HERE](#)

**2.12** Except in unforeseen/exceptional circumstances, athletes will be notified of their selection by 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**2.13** Subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predict a team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise 4 male and 4 female athletes.

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**2.14** Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.13 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if, in the 24 months prior to the nomination deadline, they either:

- a. Competed at Elite European or World level in a ET or WT event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or long distance triathlon (e.g. European or World Championships); OR
- b. Finished top 30 at the Ironman World Championships OR Ironman World 70.3 Championships; OR
- c. Achieved two results at any Ironman/Challenge/WT branded event within 10% of the elite winner, provided the events have a professional field.

**2.15** 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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format, quality of field and/or times achieved). 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 GBR race suit (which must be unaltered [championship suits may have personal sponsors added as long as they are agreed with BTF at the point of confirmation of selection into the team.]). By completing the nomination form athletes agree to adhere to the code of conduct and to follow the UK AntiDoping (UKAD) Clean Sport Anti-Doping policy.
- 3.2 From 2018 onwards, World Triathlon have introduced COMPULSORY pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening 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).