



**Selection Policy for the 2023 Super-Sprint European Championships  
(SENIOR & UNDER 23) – Balikesir (TUR) 5-6 August**

**ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO CHAMPIONSHIP RACES – IT IS THE ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY NOMINATE FOR THE RELEVANT RACE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE.**

**OVERVIEW**

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its selections for the 2023 Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) European Championships. The Senior and Under 23 (U23) individual race will be combined – this policy therefore details the selection process for BOTH Senior and U23 athletes.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) mission of Developing People and Delivering Excellence to Inspire Growth. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Olympic WCP competitions intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to support the above;
- to support GBR’s campaign to secure maximum quota slots for Great Britain at the Olympic Games: AND
- To provide opportunities for individual athlete selection to the Olympic team as an individual, MTR or reserve athlete

Furthermore, due to the limited racing opportunities for younger developing (U23) athletes through the Covid pandemic, the priority for this Championships will be given to those developing athletes. As such, a relatively limited selection process will be provided for seniors with those athletes being encouraged to focus on the Standard Distance European Championships, as well as the usual Continental/World Cups and World Series.

**SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1. To be considered for nomination to the 2023 European Super-Sprint, U23 and Mixed Relay Championships, 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 WT;
  - b. Request nomination for entry to ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) by Friday 23 June 2023;
  - c. Have undergone the required World Triathlon pre-participation examination and submit the BTF fit-to-compete form to ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) by Friday 23 June 2023; AND
  - 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, be an athlete who was registered as a female at birth. See the BTF Transgender Policy [HERE](#); AND
- f. For U23 athletes only, be born in 2003, 2002, 2001 or 2000.

*Note 1 - Given that the seniors and U23's will compete against each other in the same race at the European Super Sprint & U23 Championship, the Panel will try and maximise quota allocation across senior and U23 athletes. Should there be senior quota places available after completion of the senior selection process (see paragraph 2.4 below), U23 athletes may be entered into the race as seniors in order to maximise the number of U23 starts.*

## **SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

- 2.1 The Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) Championships will be run as a combined senior and U23 race. As such, BTF expects to be allocated a maximum of 2 quota places per sex for seniors AND a maximum of 2 quota places per sex for U23 athletes (resulting in 4 athletes per combined senior/U23 field). Using the process outlined below, the Panel will select how many and which athletes to nominate to World Triathlon.
- 2.2 Athletes will be selected on or before 30 June 2023.
- 2.3 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for the European Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) Championships will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
  - a. Voting members;
    - i. BTF Performance Director (“PD”) – Mike Cavendish;
    - ii. BTF National Coach(es) – Rick Velati
    - iii. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager – Dan Salcedo;
    - iv. BTF Olympic Camp and Competition Support Coach – Glenn Cook; AND
    - v. BTF Head of Performance Operations – Laura Macey.
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

### **SENIORS**

#### **2.4 Automatic Selections**

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at section 3 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) up to 1 eligible **Senior** athlete will be **automatically selected** to the team if they have satisfied the following:
  - i. Are the first eligible senior (born 1999 or earlier) past the post at the European Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 25 2023 **PROVIDING** they have finished in the first **FOUR** (British) athletes overall (including all juniors and U23's).

### **UNDER 23's**

#### **2.5 Automatic Selections**

Subject to the criteria outlined at section 3 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) **eligible U23** athletes will be **automatically selected** to the team to fill available slots (up to 4 in total across senior and U23) in the following order:

- a. the first **two** eligible U23 athletes past the post at the European U23 Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 25 2023; *then*,
- b. reigning World U23 medallists<sup>2</sup>; *then*,
- c. reigning European U23 medallists<sup>2</sup>; *then*,
- d. the **third** eligible U23 athlete past the post at the European U23 Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 25 2023; *then*,
- e. the **fourth** eligible U23 athlete past the post at the European U23 Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 25 2023 provided they finish in front of the first eligible Senior (born 1999 or earlier).

*Note 2 – any reigning medallist will, in the 2 months prior, be expected to demonstrate a level of performance appropriate for selection to this championship either in the trial race or another (triathlon) event of a similar or better standard*

### **Further Quota Places (Senior and U23)**

- 2.6 Should further quota places be made available from WT, the panel may at its absolute discretion select 2 additional athletes (maximum of 1 senior) for a total number of 6 per sex across both U23 and Senior according to the order of finish (Senior and U23 athletes) at the Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 25 2023.

### **SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS – MIXED RELAY (MR) EVENT**

- 3.1 The Panel reserves the right to select additional athletes to travel who are not racing in the individual events in order to ensure British Triathlon can enter a team in the MR event OR to provide race exposure to inexperienced/developing athletes who are believed to have potential for Paris and/or LA. Unless they have been nominated to World Triathlon for an individual race start as per section 2 above, such athletes will NOT be granted a place on the start-line for the relevant individual race, even if a slot becomes available on race-weekend. There is also no guarantee of such athletes being granted a place in the final MR team.
- 3.2 An indication of the likely final 4 starters – including a potential pre-selection – for the MR race may be given in advance of the race weekend to aid planning and manage expectations. However, the final selection of the team of four athletes to compete in the MR event will be made jointly by the coaching team at the Super-Sprint European Championships following conclusion of the individual races.
- 3.3 Selection of the team will be entirely discretionary. In selecting the team, BTF have ultimate discretion to balance both short-term (i.e. MR results in that race weekend) and long-term (i.e. Olympic Games MR qualification and/or MR athlete exposure/development towards Paris/LA) performance goals. The specific focus for this race may shift depending on results from other MR races in 2023 and the status of qualification/preparation for the Olympics Games.
- 3.4 Taking into account 3.3 above, the team of four athletes will be selected based on a combination of the following, as well as any other criteria that may be deemed relevant by the Panel (in no particular order):
  - 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 race weekend);
  - d. Athletes' race plan;

- e. Athletes' previous MR experience; AND
- f. the coaching team/BTF's desire to provide MR race exposure to inexperienced/developing athletes\*\*.

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

*\*\*In this stage of the Paris Olympic cycle, BTF may choose to give opportunities to inexperienced/developing athletes over experienced athletes for whom BTF have significant understanding/data relating to their MR capabilities.*

## **SECTION 4: CONDITIONS**

- 4.1** Any automatic selections (as per paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5) will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of the Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 25 2023 race was significantly impacted by:
- a. significantly reduced quality of field (QOF) at the at e.g., due to Covid related complications or similar;
  - b. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash);
  - 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 (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) – please note, this does NOT include individual mechanical issues.

Where this is the case, affected athletes will not be automatically nominated from either race. Instead, athletes will be considered using results from the following events with the Panel comparing each athlete's best performance to determine which athletes to select:

- i. Any WT Continental Cup (Europe only) / World Cup / WCTS after June 23 2022
- ii. 2022 European U23 Championships
- iii. 2022 World or European Junior Championships
- iv. 2023 Llanelli British Super Series

- 4.2** Selection for the European Super-Sprint Championships is conditional on the following:
- a. Athletes must complete any BTF pre-travel medical questionnaire (if required, at the discretion of the CMO, in addition to the World Triathlon fit-to-compete process). 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;
  - b. Start positions are limited and ranking points earned in World Triathlon events may be crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the Olympic Games and/or persevering quota places at future editions of these championships. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) immediately so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete or whether medical withdrawal is required;
  - c. An athlete who elects to withdraw from the European Super-Sprint Championships after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the World Triathlon closing date, must inform ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
  - d. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, World Triathlon rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals.

## **SECTION 4: APPEALS**

- 4.1** Athletes may appeal their non-selection 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).