



2024 Elite Cross Triathlon & Cross Duathlon World & European Championships Selection Policies

**ATHLETES MUST NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO
WORLD TRIATHLON EVENTS – IT'S THE ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITY TO NOMINATE FOR
THE RELEVANT RACE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE**

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) details the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for the following events,

- **European Cross Duathlon Championships**, Coimbra, Portugal, 14th – 23rd June
- **European Cross Triathlon Championships**, Coimbra, Portugal, 14th – 23rd June
- **World Cross Duathlon Championships**, Townsville, Australia, 15th-24th August.
- **World Cross Triathlon Championships**, Townsville, Australia, 15th-24th August.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. To be considered for nomination to World Triathlon (WT) and Europe Triathlon (ET) Elite 2024 Cross Triathlon & Cross Duathlon Championship events athletes must:
- a. Hold a full British Passport valid until at least 31 December 2024 and be a member, in good standing, of a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the BTF, and so eligible to represent Great Britain in international championships under the rules of WT.
 - b. Nominate for the relevant race via completing the nomination form by the stated nomination deadline date **AND** in so doing list the performances in each section where they believe they have met the policy.
 - c. Have undergone **AND** provided evidence of completion of the following **BEFORE** the nomination deadline: to multisport@britishtriathlon.org **AND** eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org.
 - i. The WT pre-participation examination (PPE) and BTF Fit-to-Compete form.
 - ii. The UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Compete Clean+ e-learning course and uploaded the certificate of completion to the World Triathlon education hub and in so doing agree to adhere to the UKAD code of conduct and to follow the UKAD Clean Sport Anti-Doping policy.
 - 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](#).
 - f. In respect of age categories athletes must be the following age as of 31 December 2024.
 - i. Juniors 16, 17, 18 or 19 years old
 - ii. Under 23 20, 21, 22 or 23 years old
 - iii. Seniors¹ 18 and over

¹when an event is senior only i.e., takes place with no junior and U23 race category.



Nomination and selection dates for each event

| Race | Location | Age Category | Dates | Nominations open | Nomination Deadline | Athletes notified of decision | Link to nomination form |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2024 European Cross Duathlon Championships | Coimbra Portugal | Junior, U23, Senior | 14/06/2024 – 23/06/2024 | 12/02/2024 | 19/04/2024 | 26/04/2024 | HERE |
| 2024 European Cross Triathlon Championships | Coimbra Portugal | Junior, U23, Senior | 14/06/2024 – 23/06/2024 | 12/02/2024 | 19/04/2024 | 26/04/2024 | HERE |
| 2024 World Cross Duathlon Championships | Townsville Australia | Junior, U23, Senior | 15/08/2024 – 25/08/2024 | 12/02/2024 | 03/05/2024 | 10/05/2024 | HERE |
| 2024 World Cross Duathlon Championships | Townsville Australia | Junior, U23, Senior | 15/08/2024 – 25/08/2024 | 12/02/2024 | 03/05/2023 | 10/05/2023 | HERE |

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to WT at least 6 weeks prior to the first competition day of the relevant event.
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the panel”) for each listed event shall convene the week following the nomination deadline either via email or conference call and shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members:
 - i. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager,
 - ii. BTF Age Group and Multisport Manager,
 - iii. BTF staff member from the Age Group or Performance Team.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.
- 2.3 Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the Panel at their request.
- 2.4 At all listed events, the Panel may but are not obliged to fill all available quota places if athletes do not satisfy the criteria outlined below. For the avoidance of doubt, **NO** additional athletes will be selected.

***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.)*



SELECTION CRITERIA

Senior and Under 23

2.5 Subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predict a team of up to 8 comprising a maximum 4 male and 4 female, athletes will be selected to each listed event. When there is a separate U23 category the team will comprise:

- a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
- b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

Where U23 athletes are racing (with seniors) if a race category is not filled, additional athletes may be added across the other category to bring the total team size to a maximum 4 male or 4 female athletes as relevant.

2.6 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.5 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they: EITHER.

- a. Competed in an Elite Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either cross-triathlon or cross-duathlon (European or World Championships) in the previous 3 years.

OR in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline, they have:

- b. Competed in an Elite ET or WT event in triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) AND can evidence appropriate mountain bike proficiency, OR
- c. Have finished in the Top 8 of a British Super Series event AND can evidence appropriate mountain bike proficiency, OR
- d. Have achieved a top 3 overall in the ET or WT Age Group race (across all categories) AND finished in a time comparable to the top 10 in the Elite/U23 race at the relevant European or World Cross Triathlon or Duathlon Championships, OR
- e. Have achieved the minimum (road) run standard listed in the table below; AND
- f. Have achieved the required standard outlined in the 'Xterra Standards' table below in a round of the Xterra Europe or other continental Xterra round in either Triathlon or Duathlon:

Run Standards (road)¹

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|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Senior Men | 32:00 (10km) | 52:30 (10 mile) | 70:30 (half marathon) |
| U23 Men | 32:30 (10km) | 53:15 (10 mile) | 71:30 (half marathon) |
| Senior Women | 36:30 (10km) | 60:15 (10 mile) | 80:30 (half marathon) |
| U23 Women | 37:00 (10km) | 61:00 (10 mile) | 81:30 (half marathon) |

¹Run times will **ONLY** be considered valid if achieved over an accurate and verified course and at an official England/Scottish or Welsh Athletics sanctioned event; OR a Park Run; OR timed by a BTF or England/Scottish or Welsh Athletics coach qualified at level 2 or above.



Xterra Race Standards Table² (results must be achieved in Xterra World or Europe Tour events)

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Senior Men | Top 25 overall |
| U23 Men | Top 30 overall (not just U23) |
| Senior Women | Top 25 overall |
| U23 Women | Top 30 overall (not just U23) |

²Where a particular Xterra round has separate elite and age-group waves, age-group results can only be considered for elite selection by the above criteria if both waves were run on **exactly** the same course, under the same rules and on the **same** day.

2.7 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 best performance (considering finishing position, race format and quality of field) from their listed results; all other performances will be disregarded.
- b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance/run times/Xterra standards and select to the team the athletes deemed to have the best overall performances.

Junior

2.8 Subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predicts a junior team of up to 4 athletes (2 male and 2 female) will be selected to each listed event.

2.9 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.8 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they: EITHER.

- a. Have competed at Elite European or World Junior level at the European or World Cross-Triathlon or Cross-Duathlon Championships, OR
- b. Competed at Elite Junior level in an ET or WT event (ET Junior Cup level or higher) AND can evidence appropriate mountain bike proficiency, OR
- c. Have achieved a top 15 finish British Junior Super Series event AND can evidence appropriate mountain bike proficiency: OR
- d. Have achieved a top 5 overall in the Age Group race (across all categories) AND finished in a time comparable to the top 10 in the Junior race at a European or World Cross Triathlon or Duathlon Championships.

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 (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(s) deemed to have the best overall performance.



SECTION 3: CONDITIONS

Conditions

- 3.1 Selected athletes must complete the following within the set relevant deadlines to maintain their place on the team, failure to do so will lead to **immediate deselection** and prevent further selection for other BTF multisport events within the same calendar year.
- Confirm acceptance of their place on the team via email to multisport@britishtriathlon.org within 5 working days of their selection notification.
 - Pay their entry fee by the deadline detailed in their selection email. NB Only when an athlete has paid their entry fee will they appear on the World Triathlon start list.
- 3.2 Upon payment of entry fees athletes will be contacted about kit.
- If an athlete has been sent items of kit or an elite tri-suit in the previous 3 years they are expected to wear those items.
 - Selected athletes must adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and wear the provided (unaltered) GBR race suit - personal sponsors may be added to GBR race suits if agreed with BTF at the point of confirmation of selection into the team.
- 3.3 If an athlete withdraws after paying their entry fee, they must contact World Triathlon direct to request refund.
- 3.4 **COMPULSORY** pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening is mandatory for ALL athletes entered into any Europe World Triathlon races (see 1.1.c[i]). Failure to undertake this evaluation, or to provide the necessary paperwork will result in athletes not being able to be selected or entered into any Europe/ World Triathlon events. This 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.

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.

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.



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