

ITU World Championships Selection Policy

- Gold Coast, Australia - 12th - 16th September
Selection date: 30th July

The milestone event of the annual calendar, this is the key opportunity in 2018 for athletes to demonstrate their 'One Day - One Race' potential.

As we move towards the 2020 Paralympic Games in the hot and humid conditions of Tokyo, selection decisions will be influenced by athletes' demonstration of an ability to compete in hot and humid conditions and of an ability to compete non-wet-suit where appropriate.

This policy details the process and priorities by which British Triathlon will allocate GB quota places to athletes to compete in the ITU World Paratriathlon Championships (WPC).

The ITU determines the eligibility criteria and competition rules for the ITU WPC online entry system. The ITU only accepts athletes entered onto the wait list for the WPC by National Federations using the ITU online entry system.

British Triathlon will enter the athletes onto the ITU wait list via the ITU online entry system no fewer than 33 days before the first competition day through the process detailed below.

This document is laid out in three sections:

1. Criteria Overview - this outlines criteria used by the committee
2. Process - how the criteria is applied
3. Appendix - conditions aligned to selection

Criteria Overview

In this policy there will be two types of criteria that will be used to nominate athletes to the ITU

1. **Qualification** - if you meet the listed criteria you are automatically nominated to the ITU

NOTE: It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure he or she has enough ranking points to gain access to the race for which they have met the standards for **Qualification**. They should not rely on substitution. Qualification does not mean the athlete has a right to substitution, should it even be possible to make one.

2. **Selection** - if you meet the nomination criteria or have raced at the listed events the committee will consider a variety of factors and will make a decision whether or not to select an athlete and nominate you to the ITU.

Eligibility for nomination to World Paratriathlon Championships

1. Athletes must have confirmed their nomination via email to Kirsty Hillier by 27th July 2018;

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2. Athletes must be eligible to represent Great Britain under ITU rules and must be members in good standing with a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (BTF);
3. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's anti-doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. If required to do so by UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMs system;
4. Athletes must have completed the required ITU pre-participation examination and sent the BTF Fit to Compete form to Kirsty Hillier by the nomination deadline.

Process

Qualification

Those athletes who have demonstrated very high performance standards at agreed races will automatically be placed onto the ITU wait lists:

1. 2017 World Championships Gold medallist
2. 2018 Yokohama World Series Gold medallists
3. 2018 Iseo World Series Gold medallist

Please note for a performance to meet the Qualification criteria there must have been at least four competitors in the category field. Where this is not the case then the performance level will be considered under the selection criteria.

Selection

Athletes who do not meet the Qualification criteria will be considered for nomination to the ITU wait list by the selection committee if they meet at least one of the noted performance measures including but not limited to race results, race performances, progression upon agreed plan in priority order:

1. 2018 ETU European Paratriathlon Championship performances
2. 2018 ITU World Series performances
3. 2018 ITU World Paratriathlon Cup performances
4. 2018 British Championship performances
5. Demonstration of an improved profile against the WITTW model

Note: A performance is an evaluation against your WITTW profile for your class, not your medal result.

Athletes who have met the nomination standards in the above noted races or against the WITTW model for their category will be considered for selection and subsequent nomination to the ITU wait lists by the selection committee. The committee will consider a wide range of performance factors that in their expertise indicate an athlete's ability to race at the performance level required in the World Championships. Selection of any athletes is at the discretion of the committee.

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Selection to the WPC start list will be made by the ITU in accordance with the ITU WPC Qualification Criteria.

APPENDIX

Note 1: Nomination for an event is dependent on the following:

1. Event start positions are limited and ranking points earned across the range of Paratriathlon events are crucial to ensuring that the British Team can secure starts. If an athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform the Head Coach immediately so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete or a whether medical withdrawal is required;
2. An athlete who elects to withdraw from an international event after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the ITU closing date, must inform Kirsty Hillier immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated. This communication should be done by the athlete either in person or by email;
3. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, ITU rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals;
4. Withdrawals within 30 days of the ITU closing date may deny other British athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future ITU events. If an athlete withdraws after the closing date set by the ITU, when their reason for withdrawal is not medical or circumstances beyond reasonable control, they will be referred to a BTF disciplinary process set up by the BTF. This may result in the athlete being withdrawn from current start lists and/or not entered in future ITU races for a period which the disciplinary process will determine. Medical withdrawals will need to be endorsed by BTF Medical Officer as approved by the Performance Director;
5. BTF is given a limited number of 'athlete reprieves' per year. These may be used when an athlete withdraws from the event after 1300 GMT on the Monday prior to the event. This would normally result in the athlete being removed from all ITU events for the next 30 days. The use of this quota will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee, and British Triathlon is under no obligation to allow an athlete to be reinstated even if the full quota has not been used up;
6. The Gold Coast World Championships is a GB Team Championship event. All team members will be expected to abide by the Elite Teams' Code of Conduct 2018 and wear Great Britain branded kit at the Championships and while travelling to and from Gold Coast. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the athlete not being nominated for further ITU events.

Note 2: Selection Committee

The selection committee for the World Championships will consist of the following people;

1. Chairman (non-voting)
2. Committee Members (voting)

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Andy Salmon (BTF CEO) / Ben Bright (Head Coach - Olympic)
Brendan Purcell (Performance Director)
Jonathon Riall (Head Coach - Paralympic)
Alasdair Donaldson (Talent & Development Manager - Paralympic)
3. Kirsty Hillier (minutes, non-voting)

Note 3: Appeals

Athletes have the right to appeal selection decisions through British Triathlon's Selection Review Process. A copy of the policy outlining this process is available on the British Triathlon website.

<https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/gb-teams/selection-policies/2017-policies/btf-selection-review-policy-2017.pdf>

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