

ITU Paratriathlon World Cup Selection Policy 2018

Paratriathlon World Cup Races 2018:

- Aguilas, Spain 6th May
- Eton Dorney, GB 28th May
- Besancon, France 16th June
- Lausanne, Switzerland 19th August
- Sarasota, USA 14th October
- Funchal, Portugal 28th October

The key objective for this level of racing for the Paratriathlon Programme is to develop talent and create appropriate competition exposure for those showing a developmental profile. These races will also form a key role for athletes undertaking their international classification.

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

The ITU determines the eligibility criteria and competition rules for ITU WPS events online entry system. The ITU only accepts athletes entered onto the wait list for each WPS event 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 by the following process;

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. Programme Selection - if you meet the minimum criteria or have raced at the Gateway events the committee will consider a variety of factors and may make a decision whether or not to select an athlete and nominate you to the ITU
2. Self-Funded Nomination - Where there are GB quota places available in a race which have not been taken by selected athletes then athletes may be able to self-fund their own trips to these events where they have competed to an appropriate

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standard in the gateway events.

Eligibility for nomination to Paratriathlon World Cup events

1. Athletes must have confirmed their nomination via email as set out below by the stated deadline date;
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

Gateway Events: A British Triathlon initiative to enable new athletes the early opportunity to try the sport and demonstrate performances that can often lead to opportunities opening up further up the chain. Always open to enter and not offering any World Ranking points, these are often the first stage of competition for athletes. These events will be key to selection to PWC events.

- **British Paraduathlon Championships 25th March** - The first Multi-Sport opportunity of the season enables new and existing athletes to demonstrate early season form to be considered for a start at any other level
- **Llanelli Sprint Distance Triathlon 12th May** - This event will dictate the early season order for consideration into World Paratriathlon Cup events and potentially World Series events, however an underlying principle of supporting athletes with an increasing performance profile will still be applied.
- **Arctic One Triathlon Festival 28th May** - This event will enable athletes to demonstrate an improving performance profile to support progress towards European Championships and later season World Cup events, if they haven't been selected for international events by this time.
- **British Paratriathlon Championships 28th July** - This event will enable athletes to

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demonstrate an improving performance profile and compete for a British Title. This event will be used to demonstrate a raising performance profile and support selections for the Funchal World Cup event.

Programme Selection - Athletes who demonstrate an appropriate level of performance standard through the gateway events can be added to the start list. A priority order will be developed by the selection committee for all the athletes evaluated to be of the appropriate performance standard. The order will be determined against the What it Takes to Win (WITTW) model for each respective category, whereby athletes demonstrating an improved profile against the model will be given priority. Where appropriate World Class Programme athletes will be entered into World Cup events where it is considered to support their International race campaign.

The committee will consider a variety of factors and will make a decision whether or not to nominate you to the ITU.

Self-Funded Nomination - Where there are GB quota places available in a race which have not been taken by programme selected athletes then other athletes may be able to self-fund their own trips to these events. Where this is the case then athletes must still compete in the gateway events noted below to demonstrate an appropriate level of performance to be put forward for the opportunity to compete at International level.

For athletes in this category who are given a race start, finishing within 25% of the winner's time would allow for consideration to race a World Cup again in the calendar year.

British Triathlon PWC Selection Deadline Dates

Date	Venue	British Triathlon Nomination Deadline
6 th May	Aguilas , Spain	23 rd March
28 th May	Eton Dorney , UK	13 th April
17 th June	Besancon , France	4 th May
19 th August	Lausanne , Switzerland	6 th July
14 th October	Sarasota, USA	20 th August
28 th October	Funchal, Portugal	20 th August

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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. Tri suits for this level of racing need to abide by ITU competition clothing rules and regulations and need to be provide by the athlete. No GBR national suits will be given out to athletes who have not earned these through racing at an International Championships previously, however those who have a GB suit are able to wear them if desired;
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;

Note 2: Selection Committee

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

- Jonathon Riall (Head Coach - Paralympic)
- Alasdair Donaldson (Talent & Development Manager - Paralympic)
- Becky Hewitt (Talent Coach - Paralympic)

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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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