

# SUPER SERIES ENTRY PROCESS EXPLAINED

The [Super Series](#) is designed to give our leading Youth and Junior athletes the best possible learning and development platform as well as to support the continued development of racing standards in Britain. Athletes in all 3 Home Nations, in the Academy and Next Generation stages of the pathway, focus their domestic Triathlon racing commitments on the Super Series. Triathlon is a dynamic and fluid sport, and our leading athletes are expert decision makers and Intelligent Racers. [Intelligent Racing](#) is best developed when athlete's decision making abilities are put under some pressure and ensuring Super Series races have the leading athletes competing will support this. Similarly it will continue to drive performance standards forward, as well as provide the necessary [One Day One Race](#) experiences, to support development in that pillar of the [Athlete Development Framework](#).

## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS

All British athletes wishing to compete in the Super Series must take part in the British Triathlon Performance Assessment weekend. This not only gives every Youth and Junior athlete an equal opportunity to compete for a place it also ensures athletes are ready to race at this level. For 2021, the [Performance Assessments](#) are on July 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Nottingham. Given the competition for places and high quality of field in the Super Series, athletes who live abroad and hold British passports are asked to come to the Assessments to trial. Comparing results from foreign races and making an accurate assessment is extremely difficult as standards are significantly higher and fields deeper in Britain outside all but 2-3 of the leading European nations.

The Performance Assessments are over the following distances for the following age groups:

**Youth A** - (2005/2006 born) 400m swim / 10km bike / 2.5km run

**Youth B** - (2004 born) 800m swim / 20km bike / 5km run

**Junior** - (2002/2003 born) 800m swim / 20km bike / 5km run

Like the Super Series, the bike is draft legal and subject to British Triathlon draft-legal [Wheel Regulations](#) (all athletes) and [Gear Restrictions](#) (Youth A athletes ONLY). Normally held at the end of March, when open water temperatures are too low, the swim is pool based, and due to logistics it is held separately from the bike and run. Athletes start the bike/run in pursuit format. The fastest swimmer starts first, and subsequent athletes follow according to swim time. If an athlete is 5 secs slower, they start 5 secs behind, 10 secs slower, 10 secs behind, etc. Athletes start in bare feet, as if exiting the water, and run into and complete T1, before going onto complete the bike, T2 and run without a break, as per a standard Triathlon. Although the postponed Performance Assessments will be held in July this year, and open water will be warm enough, we are going to run the event over the usual format as this will enable benchmarking with previous years.

## SUPER SERIES QUALIFICATION

The Performance Assessments is normally the first event of the Youth and Junior Super Series and so opens qualification to the rest of the Series. This year, given the postponement, the first set of rankings will also include the Aquathlon results, as they happen prior to the Assessment weekend. This first set of rankings will then create the start list for Hetton, the next event of the 2021 season, with start places rolling down the ranking list from the top until the event is full. Thereafter, all subsequent Super Series start lists will be set from the rankings at the relevant entry deadline. See the following sections *Populating Start Lists* and *Points and Rankings* for more detail on how this works.

NB

1. Youth B's will race with Juniors.

2. Any athlete selected to **Championship teams** and/or meeting ETU Jnr Cup automatic selection standards (point 2.6 of policy) will qualify for all further 2021 Super Series events.

## START NUMBERS AND TIERS

The number of athletes able to start in each event will vary according to athlete experience and distance to the first (swim) buoy. The further the distance and more experienced the athletes the higher the start number in each event, so Junior waves will in general be bigger than Youth waves as the athletes are more experienced. The current racing pool for Junior and Youth Boys is significantly larger than that for Youth or Junior girls. We have enough numbers to race boys in 2 Tiers at those events that have the capacity.

**How Tiers operate** - Super Series rankings will determine which Tier an athlete will race in, with the higher ranked athletes being in Tier 1. Both Tiers will race over the same course with results being combined and sorted by finish time; finish times will then determine ranking points - so a Tier 2 athlete with a faster time than a Tier 1 athlete will be awarded more ranking points.

For 2021 there will be just one triathlon with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier race – the August Mallory event. We would normally have had another at Llanelli, however, Llanelli for this season can only take place under the elite sport framework (under license from the Welsh government) with reduced fields for only for Junior age athletes and older.

The introduction of the Aquathlon series including events in the south (Bowood) and north (Lochore) will spread the national racing pool allowing Tier 2 athletes additional opportunities. Likewise, the June IRD (Intelligent Race Day), in place to allow those athletes who are unable to get a start in Llanelli i.e., all Youths and some Juniors. Further the Leeds WTS Youth event (non drafting) is also aimed at Tier 2 level youth athletes and other racing opportunities include age group qualification events. A Tier 2 wave may also yet be added to the Grand Final.

**Female start numbers** - Field spread in female races at the first buoy is greater than that in male events therefore we can safely add additional female start numbers (especially for Youth females) without compromising athlete safety.

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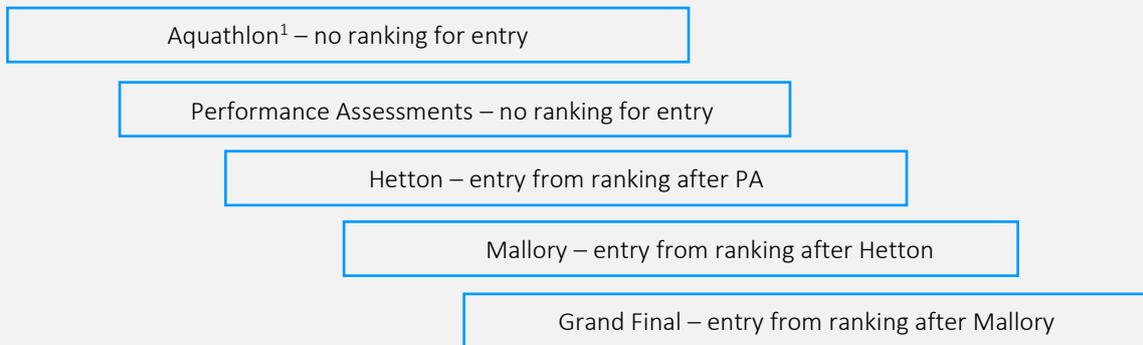
## START NUMBERS, TIERS AND AGE GROUPS BY RACE

		Youth A	Youth B	Junior	Senior
1	Performance Assessments	Female: 96	30	50	
		Male: 144	45	83	
2	Aquathlons	Female: 60	20	40	invite
		Male: 60	20	40	invite
3	Hetton	Female: 60	20	45	35
		Male: 60	20	45	35
4	Mallory - August	Female: 70	16	24	30
		Male: 55 T1/55 T2	10 T1/16 T2	20 T1/ 34 T2	30 T1 /10 T2
5	Grand Final	Female: 70	16	24	30
		Male: 55	13	26	26

The numbers above serve as the **GUIDE** that we will work to, however, **British Triathlon**, and the **race organisers** it works with, **reserve the right to adjust as needed** in line with the philosophy of the Super Series.

## POPULATING START LISTS

Non ranking events aside, start lists for each Super Series event will be populated by rank order as follows.



<sup>1</sup>For more information on Aquathlons please read 'Racing Explained', given the racing pool is split between North and South heats we hope there will be space for all who want to race. In the event they do fill we will prioritise athletes on Pathway programmes.

## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Athletes who are ill/injured/unable to compete and do not start (DNS) or do not finish (DNF) at the Performance Assessments and therefore do not have a Super Series ranking, may appeal.

**DNS** - The appeal will need a doctor's note (ill/injured) or grounds for non-attendance (serious and immovable commitments only)

**DNF** - The appeal will need to detail grounds for DNF and be handed to Fran Bolt within 30 min of the finish of your race.

The average DNS + DNF percentage for a Super Series event is 12% of the field (Youths) and 15% (Juniors). For all races up to and including the August Mallory event we will award up to a maximum of 12% or 15% (category dependent) of each start list to athletes with a successful appeal. For the Grand Final the percentage of appeals awarded will fall to 8% or 10%, as by that point most athletes will have a ranking. If there are more appeals than the percentage allows appeals will be ranked by the Appeal Committee, if there are less appeals entries will instead roll down the rankings further. All athletes with appeals will be added to the back of the field/start list.

## REGISTERING INTEREST

Athletes must register their interest for the relevant event prior to the entry deadline to be awarded a start - if you have not registered your interest you will **NOT** receive a start. Click [here](#) to both register interest and find out deadlines.

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## ENTRY CODE

Athletes who have both registered their interest and are high enough on the rankings will be sent an entry code. This code will need to be activated within an allotted period, normally around 2 weeks, to guarantee entry. Failure to activate your code **WILL** mean that you lose your entry.

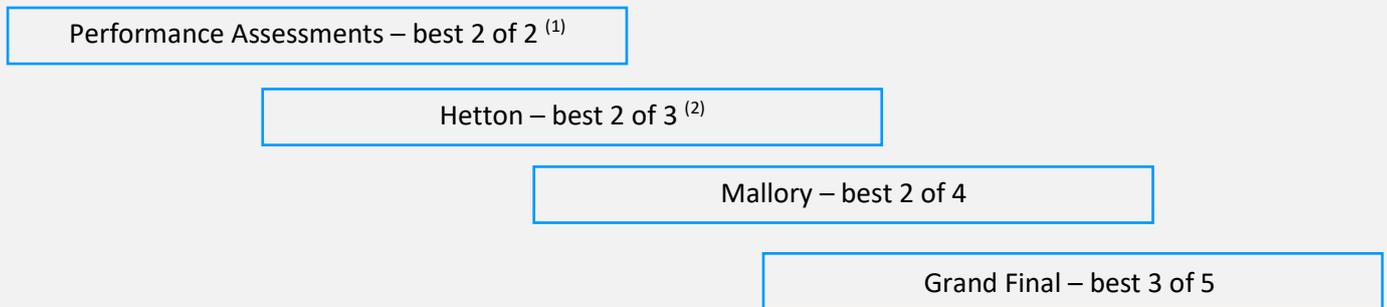
For more information on registering interest, entry codes and everything else to do with entry process please see our dedicated webpage [here](#)

## WAIT LIST

Given the competition for places, British Triathlon is committed to ensuring full start lists. To enable this and in a similar fashion to ITU events we operate a wait list and expect all athletes who are unable to start to notify British Triathlon at [superseries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:superseries@britishtriathlon.org) of this as soon as possible. If a place is vacated it will fall to the first athlete on the wait list who will be contacted immediately. Athletes who do not start and have not notified us risk being penalised; this will normally mean not starting the next Super Series event. All athletes who have not received an entry code will automatically be placed on the wait list (in Super Series rank order as fits that point in the season). The wait list will close on the Wednesday before each event. Thereafter no changes will be made to start lists. It is expected that there will still be a small number of dropouts right up to the event – again British Triathlon must be contacted immediately at [superseries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:superseries@britishtriathlon.org) in such cases to avoid any penalty. Some Super Series events (please check prior) will accept a very small number of entries on the day if the field size is below the set limit. Whilst no guarantee can be made on starts being available, should athletes wish to travel they should notify registration officials upon arrival and discuss how this will work at that event.

## POINTS AND RANKINGS

Rankings will be calculated as soon as possible after each event and published [here](#). While every effort is made to do this as quickly as possible our workload, and that of the race organiser into, during and after each race is heavy so occasionally this may mean a slight delay. We phase how rankings are totalled through the season to maximise opportunity and support each athlete getting the best possible ranking - this will work as follows:



There will be 6 separate ranking tables across the 3 age groups - Youth A, Youth B, Junior and the 2 genders. To help us get rankings right can you please **ENSURE** that you always use **EXACTLY** the same name, consistently spelled the same way when entering **EVERY** race e.g., always use Kate and not any derivatives e.g., Katie or Katherine. Any misspellings or missing hyphens on double barrelled surnames or shortened christian names will likely mean that your points are awarded to the wrong name which will cause us and you a headache!

Like the WTS Grand Final, The British Triathlon Grand Final (Mallory Park) as the Super Series season finale, which includes the British Youth and Junior Championships, will carry Super Series ranking points plus an additional quarter. All other Super Series events will carry the standard number of points.

<sup>1</sup> Best 2 events will include Aquathlon and PA results – In the Aquathlon an athlete's best 2 results across the 3 Aquathlons will count towards Super Series points – see Racing Explained for more info.

<sup>2</sup> Hetton - all athletes making the A final will be ranked higher than any B final athletes irrespective of finishing times in either final.

## QUESTIONS

Questions and communication about rankings, appeals, athletes not starting/withdrawing, entry codes and issues activating them should be directed to [superseries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:superseries@britishtriathlon.org)

Questions that relate to the event itself should be directed to the relevant race organisation.