



Selection Policy for 2023 European Youth Championships – Banyoles (ESP) July 20-23

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual and mixed relay selections for the 2023 European Youth Championships Festival.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) vision of delivering world class success and inspiring the nation. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Junior and Youth competition intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to support the above; AND
- support the development of athletes with the necessary experiences (Intelligent Racing & One Day One Race) for senior success at Olympic and World level.

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

1.1. To be considered for nomination to the Championships athletes need to;

- a. Be 15, 16, or 17 years of age on 31 December 2023;
- b. **Nominate themselves** for selection, submit their **400m swim time** clearly stating where it was achieved and including any relevant links to the result **AND** have undergone the required World Triathlon (WT) Pre-Participation Examination and submitted the BTF Fit-To-Compete form to eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org by **16 June 2023**
- c. 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;
- d. 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
- e. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS - INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

2.1 WT will allocate a fixed number of quota places to BTF. At the time of writing, BTF predict this will be 3 male and 3 female places. In previous editions of this championships BTF have been able to secure an additional quota place for one or other sex. BTF will **ONLY** consider requesting or accepting additional quota places for this event in 2023 should the Panel believe there is a **compelling or exceptional** case to do so.

- 2.2 Athletes will be selected by 27 June 2023.
- 2.3 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
- a. Voting members;
 - i. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager – Dan Salcedo;
 - ii. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member;
 - iii. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member; AND
 - iv. World Class Programme staff member.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

2.4 Automatic Selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 4.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the relevant individual event if they;
- i. Are the first eligible male and female finishers in the Youth event at the British Super Series Mallory Park on 25 June 2023. Please note selections will be made from the **A final only**.
THEN
 - ii. Have achieved the relevant 400m swim time of 4m25.0s (men)² and 4m45.0s (women)² within the past 18 months **AND** are the 2nd or 3rd finisher at the 2023 European Youth Trial Race;³

Note 2: Swim times are set as 400m Short Course (dive start) and will **ONLY** be considered valid if they:

- Appear on swimmingresults.org Individual Best Times; OR
- Are achieved at the BTF Performance Assessments; OR
- Are achieved in the presence of a British Triathlon contracted/employed Academy or Next Generation or Centre Coach.

Athletes wishing to submit an 800m time SC or LC or a 400m LC time that appears on swimmingresults.org Individual Best Times may do so, these will converted to 400m SC using the most recently published FINA short course points tables by matching the point scores (male/female as appropriate).

Note 3: Athletes who finish in 2nd or 3rd place at the 2023 European Youth Trial (A final) without the relevant swim time at 2.4.a (ii) who have not met the automatic criteria at 2.4.a (iv) will be considered below in the discretionary criteria at 2.5.a.

2.5 Discretionary selections

- a. If places are still available following completion of the automatic selections, the Panel may, **at their sole discretion**, select additional eligible athletes (up to the maximum places outlined at paragraph 2.1) if they finished in the first three places at the **2023 European Trial Race** and their performance indicates they are **capable of qualifying for the A final at the European Youth Championships**.

SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS – MIXED RELAY (MR)

- 3.1 Only those athletes who are selected for the individual races at the European Youth Championships will be eligible for nomination to the MR event.
- 3.2 The final selection of the team of four athletes to compete in the MR event will be made by the coaching team at the Championships following conclusion of the individual events.

- 3.3 Selection of the team will be **entirely discretionary** and will be based on a combination of the following, as well as any other criteria that may be deemed relevant by the Panel:
- 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 Championships);
 - d. Athletes' race plan; AND
 - e. Athletes' previous MR experience.

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

SECTION 4: ALTERNATIVE SELECTION RACE PROVISIONS & CONDITIONS

- 4.1 Any automatic nominations (as per paragraph 2.4) will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of the race in which an athlete achieved a performance that qualified them for automatic nomination was significantly impacted by:
- a. Significantly reduced quality of field (QOF) at the trial race due to Covid related complications or other similar issue; OR
 - b. a large-scale racing incident (such as a multi-rider crash); OR
 - 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, that seriously affects the result (such as a stray dog/vehicle on the course) – please note, this does **NOT** include individual mechanical issues or errors.
- 4.2 Where this is the case, affected athletes will be selected by the Panel, at their discretion, from the following events (listed in priority order):
- a. Llanelli British Super Series Youth Race 2023
 - b. British Triathlon Performance Assessments Youth Race 2023

In so doing the Panel will compare each athlete's best performance and rank athletes by their finish order. In the case where 2 athletes achieve the same result, they will be ranked according to the priority order set out above (4.2.a+b).

- 4.3 Nomination is conditional on the athletes completing any BTF pre-travel medical questionnaire (if required, at the discretion of the CMO, in addition to the BTF fit-to-compete questionnaire). 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;

SECTION 5: APPEALS

- 5.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the European Youth selection decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to the individual or MR for the 2023 European Youth Championships. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case.

SECTION 6: AMENDMENT

- 6.1 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.