



Selection Policy for Super League (Youth and Junior) 2019
Jersey 27-28 Sep and Malta 19-20 Oct

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for Youths and Juniors to Super League (Jersey & Malta) 2019.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Performance Programme’s (“WCPP”) 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 appropriate to an athlete’s age and stage of development; 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 Super League 2019 athletes need to;

- a. Be Youth 15, 16, 17 or Junior 18 or 19 years of age as at 31 December 2019;
- b. 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 the ITU; AND
- c. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.
- d. Junior athletes must request nomination for entry via email to Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) by Friday 28th June 2019;

NB While nomination for Youths is not mandatory for this event athletes should be very aware of the necessary nomination requirement for other events e.g. ETU Junior Cups and all Senior events as they progress through the Pathway.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 A team of up to 12 male and 12 female athletes (in each age category) will be selected for the individual male and female events.
 - a. Youth athletes will be selected on or before June 7;
AND
 - b. Junior athletes on or before July 4.
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise of:

- a. Voting members;
 - i. BTF Performance Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo;
 - ii. ENG Programme staff member;
 - iii. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member; AND
 - iv. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member.
- b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

2.3 Automatic selections

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 4.1 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) up to 10 eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the relevant individual event if they are:

Youth

- i. A reigning European Youth Championship team member;
- ii. Further places will then be awarded in rank order according to the best result from the Youth events at Llanelli OR Blenheim
 - a. Where athletes have the same result priority will be given to performance at Llanelli

Junior

- i. A reigning European Junior Championship team member;
- ii. Further places will then be awarded according to Super Series ranking order after the Eton event;
 - a. Where athletes have joint points totals priority will be given to performance as follows: Llanelli, Eton, Leeds, Blenheim, Performance Assessments.

2.4 Discretionary selections (Youth and Junior)

- a. Following completion of the automatic selections, the Panel may, **at their discretion**, select 2 additional eligible athletes per age group per gender if they were unable to compete or complete in the designated selection races. Expected reasons for not competing or completing would be illness, injury, in-race accident, exam commitments, following an international race programme or other relevant reasons. NB: other relevant reasons may include serious immovable commitments e.g. wedding, school field trip, etc. Prioritising other sporting commitments will NOT be considered.
- b. Applications for discretionary selection must be made to Sophie Lewis by 3 June 2019 (Youths) and 1 July 2019 (Juniors) stating reasons and detailing performance evidence;
- c. Selectors will consider those athletes with valid reasons for selection by assessing whether the athlete's performance at one of the events below demonstrates the ability to meet the qualification criteria;
 - i. Quarteira ETU Junior Cup 2019 (Junior athletes only);
 - ii. Holten 2019 (Junior athletes only);
 - iii. 2019 Super Series events;
- d. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select the athletes deemed to have the best overall performance. In so doing the Panel will

- also need to be satisfied that the selected athletes can evidence a performance standard above that of the lowest qualifier;
- e. Should less than 2 selections be made in any age group or gender remaining places will be awarded as per 2.4.

2.5 Event Choice

- a. There will be 6 places available for Jersey and 6 places available for Malta;
- b. Athletes can race at ONLY Jersey OR Malta;
- c. On confirming selection athletes will be asked to state a preference for Jersey OR Malta;
- d. The Panel will create a ranking list in the order set at 2.3.a, athletes selected at 2.4 will be added to the bottom of the ranking list.
- e. Event preference will then be allocated according to that ranking list.

2.6 Reserves

- a. 3 reserves will be selected as per the process at 2.3 and 2.4 for each age/gender.
- b. Reserves will be contacted at point of selection but will not be allocated to an event until such time as they are substituted in.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- 3.1 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify nominations via the Automatic or Discretionary Nomination Criteria, should a performance that qualifies an athlete for automatic or discretionary nomination have been achieved in a race which was, as determined solely by the Panel, significantly impacted by:
 - a. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash);
 - b. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format (such as removal of the swim portion of the race); OR
 - c. 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.

Where this is the case, affected athletes will not be automatically nominated, but will instead be considered using the discretionary selection outlined at paragraph 2.5. In such exceptional cases the Panel reserves the right to adjust the number of discretionary selections.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the Junior selections decisions made by the Panel under this Policy. The provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure do not apply to Super League 2019. However, athletes who feel that they should have been selected are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case. In addition, any athlete who wishes to seek independent advice regarding the selection process in general 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.

