



Selection Policy for Super League Jersey (Youth and Junior)
St Helier 19-20 September 2021

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) 2021.

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 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 Super League athletes need to;

- a. Be Youth 15, 16 OR Junior 17, 18 or 19 years of age as at 31 December 2021;
- 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 World Triathlon; AND
- c. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

NB There will be no requirement to nominate for this event. Instead, any athletes ranked in the Top 30 Youth A, Top 20 Junior or Top 10 Youth B after the Hetton event will be contacted and asked to indicate if they would take a place if selected.

Any Youth B athlete who is racing School Games, BTF Grand Final, the European Youth Champs and is considering Super League WILL need to have a conversation with their relevant Home Nation Programme regards their race plan/racing load ahead of being considered eligible or not.

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Depending on quota places from Super League we expect a team of between 14 and 20 athletes (in each age category/gender) to be selected for the individual events on or before 20th August 2021.
- 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 Olympic Pathway Manager - Dan Salcedo;
 - ii. ENG Pathway Co-ordinator - Fran Bolt;
 - iii. Triathlon Scotland Head of Performance - Fiona Lothian; AND
 - iv. Welsh Triathlon Head of Performance - Louis Richards.
- 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.) eligible athletes will be **automatically selected** to the relevant individual event according to the following:

Youth

- i. According to Super Series rank order after the August Mallory event;
 - a. Where athletes have joint points totals priority will be given to performance as follows: Hetton, August Mallory, Aquathlon, Performance Assessments.

Junior

- ii. According to Super Series rank order after the August Mallory event;
 - a. Junior athletes will be allocated 66.6% of the available quota places,
 - b. Youth B athletes will be allocated 33.3% of the available quota places,
 - c. In the case of joint points totals priority will be given to performance as follows: Hetton, August Mallory, Aquathlon, Performance Assessments.

2.4 Discretionary selections (Youth and Junior)

- a. The Panel may, **at their discretion**, select 2 eligible Youth A athletes or 1 eligible Youth B and 1 eligible Junior per age group per gender if they were unable to compete or complete in the required number of the designated selection races to ensure a high enough ranking. 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 Fran Bolt by midnight **August 10, 2021** (clearly 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. Any of the listed 2021 British Super Series events and Llanelli 2021

- 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 2.3 Automatic Selections.

2.5 Reserves

- a. 2 reserves will be selected as per the process at 2.3 Automatic Selections for each age/gender.
- b. Reserves will be contacted at point of selection.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS OF SELECTION

- 3.1 The Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify nominations via the Automatic 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 the affected event will be discounted and any results achieved there will be ineligible for selection purposes.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 There shall be no right of appeal against the Youth or 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. 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.