



Selection Policy for the 2024 Elite Duathlon World & European Championships

ATHLETES MUST NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO WORLD TRIATHLON EVENTS – IT'S THE ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITY TO NOMINATE FOR THE RELEVANT RACE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE.

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) details the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual and where relevant Mixed Relay selections for the following events,

- European Middle Distance Duathlon Championships, Alsdorf, Germany, 5th May.
- European Duathlon Championships, Coimbra, Portugal, 14th – 23rd June.
- World Duathlon Championships, Townsville, Australia, 15th-24th August.
- World Duathlon Mixed Team Relay Championships, Townsville, Australia, 15th-24th August.
- World Long Distance Duathlon Championships, Zofingen, Switzerland, 8th September.
- World Middle Distance Duathlon Championships, TBC

SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. To be considered for nomination to World Triathlon & Europe Triathlon 2024 Duathlon Championship events, athletes must:
- a. Hold a full British Passport valid until at least 31 December 2024 and be a member, in good standing, of a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the BTF, and so eligible to represent Great Britain in international championships under the rules of World Triathlon.
 - b. Nominate for the relevant race via completing the nomination form by the stated nomination deadline date **AND** in so doing list the performances in each section where they believe they have met the policy.
 - c. Have undergone **AND** provided evidence of completion of the following **BEFORE** the nomination deadline: to multisport@britishtriathlon.org **AND** eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org.
 - i. The World Triathlon pre-participation examination (PPE) and BTF Fit-to-Compete form.
 - ii. The UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) Compete Clean+ e-learning course and uploaded the certificate of completion to the World Triathlon education hub and in so doing agree to adhere to the UKAD code of conduct and to follow the UKAD Clean Sport Anti-Doping policy.
 - d. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.
 - e. 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](#).
 - f. In respect of age categories athletes must be the following age as of 31 December 2024.
 - i. Juniors 16, 17, 18 or 19 years old
 - ii. Under 23 20, 21, 22 or 23 years old
 - iii. Seniors¹ 18 and over

¹when an event is senior only i.e., takes place with no junior and U23 race category.



Nomination and selection dates for each event

Race	Location	Categories racing	Dates	Nominations open	Nomination Deadline	Athletes notified of decision	Link to nomination form
2024 European Middle Distance Duathlon Championships	Alsdorf, Germany	Senior	05/05/2024	12/02/2024	08/03/2024	15/03/2024	HERE
2024 European Duathlon Championships	Coimbra, Portugal	Junior, U23, Senior	14/06/2024 23/06/2024	12/02/2024	19/04/2024	26/04/2024	HERE
2024 World Duathlon Championships	Townsville, Australia	Junior, U23, Senior	15/08/2024 25/08/2024	12/02/2024	03/05/2024	10/05/2024	HERE
2024 World Duathlon Mixed Team Relay Championships	Townsville, Australia	Senior, Junior	15/08/2024 25/08/2024	12/02/2024	03/05/2024	10/07/2024	HERE
2024 World Long Distance Duathlon Championships	Zofingen, Switzerland	Senior	08/09/2024	12/02/2024	12/07/2024	19/07/2024	HERE
2024 World Middle Distance Duathlon Championships	TBC	Senior	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	HERE

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to World Triathlon no fewer than 6 weeks prior to the first competition day of the relevant event.
- 2.2 For each listed event the Selection Panel (“the panel”) shall convene the week following the nomination deadline, either via email or conference call, and shall comprise:
 - a. Voting members:
 - i. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager,
 - ii. BTF Age Group and Multisport Manager,
 - iii. BTF staff member from the Age Group or Performance Team.
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.
- 2.3 Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the Panel at their request.
- 2.4 At all listed events the Panel may but are not obliged to fill all available quota places if athletes do not satisfy the criteria outlined below. For the avoidance of doubt, **NO** additional athletes will be selected.

N.B., In ALL events listed athletes moving up (e.g., Junior to U23 OR U23 to Senior) can carry a previous lower category performance forward.)



SELECTION CRITERIA

Senior and Under 23

2.5 With the exception of Mixed Relay events (see 2.11 - 2.12 and following notes) and subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predict a team of up to 8, comprising a maximum 4 male and 4 female, athletes will be selected to each listed event. When there is a separate U23 category the team will comprise:

- a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
- b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

Where U23 athletes are racing (with seniors) if a race category is not filled, additional athletes may be added across the other category to bring the total team size to a maximum 4 male or 4 female athletes as relevant.

2.6 Subject to the athlete places available (as per 2.5 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if in the 3 years prior to selection they have **EITHER**.

- a. Competed at elite level in a Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (Continental Cup level or higher) or duathlon (European or World Elite Championships).

OR in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline, they have:

- b. Have achieved the minimum run standard* listed in the table below **AND**
 - i. Have achieved a top 15 overall (men) or top 10 overall (women) finish in either the 2023 OR 2024 British Standard Duathlon Championships OR.
 - ii. Are a previous elite medallist at a Europe Triathlon Duathlon or World Triathlon Duathlon Championship (but not in the past 3 years) OR.
 - iii. Have achieved a top 3 overall in the European or World Championship age group race (across all categories) AND finished in a time comparable to the top 15 (top 20 U23) in the Elite race in the European or World Duathlon Championships. The age group race must be the same distance as the elite race.

Senior Men	32:00 (10km)	52:30 (10 mile)	70:30 (half marathon)
U23 Men	32:30 (10km)	53:15 (10 mile)	71:30 (half marathon)
Senior Women	36:30 (10km)	60:15 (10 mile)	80:30 (half marathon)
U23 Women	37:00 (10km)	61:00 (10 mile)	81:30 (half marathon)

**Distances must be accurate and verified*

2.7 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:

- a. The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's single best performance from their listed results (considering finishing position, race format, quality of field and/or times achieved*) with all other performances being disregarded.



- b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

Junior

- 2.8 Where a junior event takes place, except for Mixed Relay events (see 2.11 - 2.12 and following notes) and subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by WT, BTF predicts a junior team of up to 4 athletes (2 male and 2 female) will be selected. The Panel may fill up to the quota allocated to BTF, but they are not obliged to fill all available spaces if athletes do not satisfy the criteria outlined below. **NO** additional athletes will be selected.
- 2.9 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.8 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they: EITHER.
- Competed at Elite European or World Junior/Youth level in a Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon event in either triathlon (Europe Triathlon Junior Cup level or higher) or Duathlon (European or World Junior Championships); OR
 - Have achieved the minimum run standards listed in the table below AND have achieved a top 15 finish in a British Junior Super Series race: OR
 - Have achieved the minimum run standards listed in the table below and demonstrated a high standard of competitiveness (in relation to the overall field including ALL other athletes racing) during the bike leg of 3 duathlon races over the previous 2 years (links to results must be provided)².

Junior Men	16:15 ¹ (5km)
Junior Women	18:00 ¹ (5km)

Note 1: Distances must be accurate and verified and times achieved at a Parkrun can be considered.

Note 2: A competitive duathlon is determined as a British Championships or Age Group Qualifier which has a minimum overall field (open/women) of 150 competitors.

- 2.10 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Panel will use the following discretionary process to determine which athletes to select:
- The Panel will determine what they consider to be each eligible athlete's single best most recent performance from their listed results (considering finishing position, race format, quality of field and/or times achieved*). All other performances will be disregarded.
 - The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance and select to the team the athlete (or athletes) deemed to have the best overall performance.

Mixed Relay

For those events with a Mixed Relay athletes must specify at point of nomination their wish to be considered.

- 2.11 Unless otherwise stated by the relevant event BTF expects that Mixed Relay teams will consist of 1 male and 1 female athlete.
- 2.12 Athletes will be selected into a Mixed Relay team according to their order of selection to the relevant Championship.



Further notes and information on Mixed Team Relays

1. The number of teams selected will be dependent on the number of nominations received.
2. Athletes will be informed if they have been selected for the Mixed Relay at the same time they are informed if they have been selected for the relevant Championship.
3. Athletes must pay the race entry fee within the specified deadline to ensure their place in the Mixed Relay team. The financial risk of paying the race entry fee and another athlete withdrawing and not being replaced is carried by the athlete and **NOT** British Triathlon.
4. Athletes should report to British Triathlon any withdrawals from a Mixed Relay team immediately. In the event of a withdrawal British Triathlon will facilitate changing athletes (in their order of selection to the Championship) wherever possible, **HOWEVER**, this is **NOT** guaranteed (especially in the week preceding event).

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS OF SELECTION AND OTHER INFORMATION

- a. Selected athletes must complete the following within the set relevant deadlines to maintain their place on the team, failure to do so will lead to **immediate deselection** and prevent further selection for other BTF multisport events within the same calendar year.
 - i. Confirm acceptance of their place on the team via email to multisport@britishtriathlon.org within 5 working days of their selection notification.
 - ii. Pay their entry fee by the deadline detailed in their selection email. NB Only when an athlete has paid their entry fee will they appear on the World Triathlon start list.
- b. Upon payment of entry fees athletes will be contacted about kit.
 - i. If an athlete has been sent items of kit or an elite tri-suit in the previous 3 years they are expected to wear those items.
 - ii. Selected athletes must adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and wear the provided (unaltered) GBR race suit - personal sponsors may be added to GBR race suits if agreed with BTF at the point of confirmation of selection into the team.
- c. If an athlete withdraws after paying their entry fee, they must contact World Triathlon direct to request refund.
- d. **COMPULSORY** pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening is mandatory for ALL athletes entered into any Europe World Triathlon races (see 1.1.c[j]). Failure to undertake this evaluation, or to provide the necessary paperwork will result in athletes not being able to be selected or entered into any Europe/ World Triathlon events. This is to identify athletes at risk of sudden cardiac death due to an electrical or structural heart abnormality. Details of how to complete this screening can be found on the [Selection Policies](#) page of the BTF website, under World Triathlon PPE Screening Requirements.

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 Athletes may appeal their non-nomination under this Selection Policy, but only after provision of written confirmation of the relevant decision and only according to the procedure laid out in the "BTF Appeals Policy" which can be found on the BTF website. Athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) 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, 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.



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