



## **2024 Elite Aquathlon World & European Championships Selection Policies**

**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 selections for following events:

- **European Aquathlon Championships**, Coimbra, Portugal, 14<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.
- **World Aquathlon Championships**, Townsville, Australia, 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

1.1. To be considered for nomination to World Triathlon (WT) and Europe Triathlon (ET) 2024 Elite Aquathlon 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](mailto:multisport@britishtriathlon.org) **AND** [eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto: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. Seniors<sup>1</sup> 18 and over

<sup>1</sup>when 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             | Age Categories      | Dates                   | Nominations open | Nomination Deadline | Athletes notified of decision | Link to nomination form |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2024 European Aquathlon Championships | Coimbra Portugal     | Junior, U23, Senior | 14/06/2024 – 23/06/2024 | 12/02/2024       | 19/04/2024          | 26/04/2024                    | <a href="#">HERE</a>    |
| 2024 World Aquathlon Championships    | Townsville Australia | Junior, U23, Senior | 15/08/2024 – 25/08/2024 | 12/02/2024       | 19/04/2024          | 03/05/2024                    | <a href="#">HERE</a>    |

### 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 The Selection Panel (“the panel”) shall convene the week following the nomination deadline for each listed event 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 For each listed event subject to confirmation of athlete places provided to BTF by World Triathlon, BTF predict a senior/U23 team of up to 8 athletes will be selected. This will comprise:
- a. 3 male and 3 female senior places; AND
  - b. 1 male and 1 female U23 place.

If any one of the above race categories are not filled, additional athletes may be added across the other age categories to bring the total team size to a maximum of 8 athletes.

- 2.6 Subject to athlete places available (as per 2.5 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they have EITHER.
- a. Competed in an Elite European or World Championship Aquathlon in the previous 3 years.
- OR** in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline, they have:



- b. Finished in the Top 8 of a British Super Series race, OR
- c. Achieved a top 3 overall (across all categories) in the Age Group race AND finished in a time comparable to the top 10 in the Elite/U23 race at either the European or World Aquathlon Championships; OR
- d. Achieved the minimum swim **AND** run standards within the previous 12 months listed in the table below.

|                         | Swim <sup>1</sup>            | Run <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Senior/U23 Men</b>   | 09:25 (800m) OR 04:30 (400m) | 15:45 (5km)      |
| <b>Senior/U23 Women</b> | 10:08 (800m) OR 04:57 (400m) | 17:45 (5km)      |

<sup>1</sup>**Swim times** will **ONLY** be considered valid if they: appear on [swimmingresults.org](http://swimmingresults.org) Individual Best Times; OR are achieved at the BTF Performance Assessments; OR are achieved in the presence of a British Triathlon or Swim England/Scotland or Wales coach sanctioned at Level 2 or higher. Athletes must specify the distance the swim was completed over.

<sup>2</sup>**Run times** will **ONLY** be considered valid if achieved over an accurate and verified course and at an official England/Scottish or Welsh Athletics sanctioned event; OR a Park Run; OR timed by a BTF or England/Scottish or Welsh Athletics coach qualified at level 2 or above.

2.7 If there are more athletes that meet the automatic selection criteria than there are places available, the Selection Panel (“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, and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded.
- b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes’ single best performance OR their set of swim and run times and select to the team the athlete(s) deemed to have the best overall performance or swim/run times.

## Junior

2.8 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 to each listed event.

2.9 Subject to the maximum athlete places available (as per 2.8 above), eligible athletes will be automatically selected if they have EITHER.

- a. Competed at elite junior level at European or World Championships Aquathlon Championships, OR
- b. Have finished in the Top 15 of a British Super Series race, OR
- c. Have achieved a top 5 overall (across all categories) in the previous Age Group World or European Aquathlon Championship AND finished in a time comparable to the top 15 Elite Junior race at the same Championships; OR
- d. Achieved the minimum swim **AND** run standards within the previous 12 months listed in the table below.

|                     | Swim <sup>1</sup>            | Run <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Junior Men</b>   | 09:36 (800m) OR 04:35 (400m) | 16:00 (5km)      |
| <b>Junior Women</b> | 10:08 (800m) OR 04:57 (400m) | 18:15 (5km)      |



- 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:
- 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 and quality of field). All other performances will be disregarded.
  - b. The Panel will then compare the eligible athletes' single best performance OR their set of swim and run times and select to the team the athlete(s) deemed to have the best overall performance or swim/run times.

### **SECTION 3: CONDITIONS**

- 3.1 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.
- a) Confirm acceptance of their place on the team via email to [multisport@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:multisport@britishtriathlon.org) within **5 working days** of their selection notification.
  - b) 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.
- 3.2 Upon payment of entry fees athletes will be contacted about kit.
- a) 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.
  - b) 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.
- 3.3 If an athlete withdraws after paying their entry fee, they must contact World Triathlon direct to request refund.
- 3.4 **COMPULSORY** pre-participation evaluation (PPE) screening is mandatory for ALL athletes entered into any Europe World Triathlon races (see 1.1.c[i]). 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. Iris 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.britishtriathlon.org](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).

### **SECTION 5: AMENDMENT**

- 5.1 Should any unforeseen circumstance make 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](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).



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