



Selection Policy for 2024 Europe Triathlon (“ET”) Junior Cup (“JC”) races and selected other international events

ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO ET JUNIOR CUP RACES – IT IS THE ATHLETES’ RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY NOMINATE FOR THE RELEVANT RACE BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINE

OVERVIEW

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its individual selections for 2024 ET JC and any other relevant international races.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Performance Programme’s (“WCPP”) mission of developing people and delivering excellence to inspire growth. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Junior and Youth teams intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to support the above;
- 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 World Triathlon (“WT”) for 2024 ET JC and any other relevant international events BTF supports, athletes must:

- a. 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;
- b. **Request nomination for entry** into the relevant race via email to Guy Punja (guypunja@britishtriathlon.org) as per the **relevant nomination deadline** outlined in the table below;
- c. Have undergone the required WT pre-participation examination **AND** submitted the BTF fit-to-compete (FTC) form to Guy Punja by the relevant Nomination Deadline outlined in the table above; **AND**
- d. Have completed the UKAD Compete Clean + e-learning course **AND** uploaded the certificate of completion to the World Triathlon education hub; **AND**
- 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](#); **AND**
- f. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.

ET Junior Cups (and French Championships) 2023 (BTF supported events are highlighted blue)					
Race	Venue	Competition Dates	Format¹	BTF Nomination Deadline	
2024 ETU JC Quarteira	Quarteira, Portugal	24 th March	Sprint	Sunday	11th February
2024 ETU JC Melilla	Melilla, Spain	14 th April	Sprint	Sunday	3rd March
2024 ETU JC Olsztyn	Olsztyn, Poland	25 th May	Sprint	Sunday	14th April
2024 ETU JC Silver Lake	Silver Lake, Bled	31 st May-2 nd June	SS + MR	Sunday	21st April
2024 French Triathlon Championships	Gravelines	2 nd June	Sprint	Sunday	28th April
2024 ETU JC Izvorani	Izvorani, Romania	15 th -16 th June	SS + MR	Sunday	5th May
2024 French Aquathlon Championships	Dole, Dijon	6 th July	Aquathlon + (Tri) Relay	Sunday	19th May
2024 ETU JC Tiszaujvaros	Tiszaujvaros, Hungary	6 th -7 th July	SS	Sunday	26th May
2024 ETU JC Chisinau	Chisinau, Moldova	20 th – 21 st July	SS + MR	Sunday	9th June
2024 ETU JC Tabor	Tabor, Czech Republic	28 July	Sprint	Sunday	16th June
2024 ETU JC Riga	Riga, Latvia	24 th August	Sprint	Sunday	14th July
2024 ETU JC Bled	Bled, Slovenia	7 th September	SS	Sunday	28th July
2024 ETU JC Salini	Salini, Malta	28 th -29 th September	SS	Sunday	18th August

Note 1 – S is Sprint, SS is Super Sprint, MR is Mixed Relay, Aq is Aquathlon – some Super Sprints may be heat/final format, others a straight final.

Note 2 – to ensure high level domestic racing any ET Junior Cups that clash with the British Youth and Junior Super Series are **NOT** available for entry

SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be selected for nomination to WT no fewer than 33 days prior to the first competition day of the relevant ET JC event;
- 2.2 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for each ET JC event will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise of the following;
- a. Voting members;
 - i. British Triathlon Olympic Pathway Manager – Dan Salcedo (Chair);
 - ii. ENG Programme staff member;
 - iii. Triathlon Scotland Performance Programme staff member;

- iv. Welsh Triathlon Performance Programme staff member;
 - b. Non-voting members:
 - i. Note taker(s) if/as required;
- 2.3 BTF is allocated a maximum of 9 quota places per sex for each ET JC event. Using the process outlined at paragraph 2.5 below, the Panel will select which athletes to nominate to WT – in doing so they may choose to nominate more than the quota allocation of 9. If the event is NOT full, all those athletes nominated to WT (regardless of the number nominated per country) will be offered a place on the start-list. If the event is full, the maximum 9 quota places will be observed (with no guarantee that all British athletes will be awarded a place) and WT will create the start-list as follows;
- a. All athletes with an ET JC ranking (in rank order); then
 - b. All unranked athletes (in the order their National Federation nominates them).
- 2.4 At the Panel's absolute discretion, they may choose to nominate athletes to WT for the relevant ET JC race, who have not nominated themselves, in order to secure a place on the start-list for a lower ranked athlete (pursuant to the substitution process outlined at paragraph 3.1 to 3.3 below).
- 2.5 Athletes **must inform BTF immediately** if there is any change to the information provided on their FTC (see paragraph 1.1[c]) after its submission. If information disclosed by the FTC suggests increased risk of racing, or if the Panel are made aware of any potentially significant medical conditions that were not disclosed by the athlete, the Panel reserves the right not to nominate the athlete to this event or withdraw them from the start list.
- 2.6 Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.6 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) and 2.5 above (relating to their FTC) eligible athletes will be **automatically nominated** to WT for the relevant ET JC race if they have satisfied any of the following,
- 2.6.1 For ALL ET Junior Cups
- a. Member of the most recent GBR European and/or WT World Junior Triathlon Championship Team(s); OR
 - b. Previous ET JC medallist in the 12 months prior to the nomination deadline; OR
 - c. Reigning ET European Youth Championship medallist.

2.6.2 For Quarteira ETU Junior Cup

The panel will nominate at their discretion additional athletes if they;

- a. As a 2024 Junior or Youth B athlete, have a top 8 finish overall in the Junior race (including Youth B's) in the following 2023 British Super Series events (*listed in priority order*); World Junior Trails, Euro Junior Trials, The Grand Final Llanelli, Sunderland, Eton, ; OR
- b. As a 2024 Youth B athlete have a top 4 finish overall in the Youth race (including Youth A's) in the following 2023 British Super Series events (*listed in priority order*); Euro Youth Trails, Llanelli, Sunderland;

If too many nominations are received athletes will be ranked according to their single best result across the events considered² combining all Youth B and Junior athletes into one single ranking list. In so doing if, in the opinion of the panel, a Youth B performance outranks a Junior performance that Youth B will be placed on the list in front of that Junior.

Note 1 Where Juniors and Youth B's have raced with Seniors a Top 8 finish EXCLUDES all Seniors

2.6.3 For Tiszaujvaros ET Junior Cup

Subject to the criteria outlined at paragraph 3.5 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) the panel will then at their discretion nominate additional athletes as follows:

- a. Juniors ranked in the top 6 in the British Super Series (post Llanelli 2024); THEN
- b. Youth B's ranked in the top 2 in the British Super Series (post Llanelli 2024);

This event will be primarily used as preparation for the European Junior Championships so the panel will ONLY nominate those athletes who they believe have been or are currently demonstrating a performance trajectory toward that event AND have significant racing experience (given the challenges (extreme heat) of racing in Tiszaujvaros

2.6.4 For French Triathlon Championships – (Gravelines nr Calais) June 1st

French age groups are as follows – Junior 2005/06 Cadet 2007/08

We anticipate a team of 8 athletes with a limit of 3 in each age group will be selected as follows (final team numbers will be confirmed by the French federation closer to the event)

- a. Juniors - According to British Super Series ranking after the PA's.
- b. Cadets - According to British Super Series ranking after the PA's

2.6.5 For French Aquathlon and Mixed (Triathlon) Relay Championships (Dole) July 6th/7th

This event is aimed at athletes with limited or no international racing experience, athletes racing in any of the Youth or Junior Championships will not be considered. If more nominations are received than places available, the panel may choose to promote a less experienced athlete over a more experienced athlete.

Aquathlon

Depending on the number of nominations and places available by the French federation a team of either 4, 8, 12 or 16 athletes will be selected with an expected limit of 4 athletes per age group (as above at 2.9) will be selected as follows,

- a. Juniors - according to British Super Series ranking after Llanelli.
- b. Cadets – according to British Super Series ranking after Llanelli.

Mixed Relay

If no travelling member of staff attends Mixed Relay Teams will be selected by prior to the event whereas if a member of staff is on the ground teams will be selected following the Aquathlon. Selections will be entirely discretionary and will be aimed at selecting 'balanced' teams who can compete against each other equally and the French athletes (who will be competing in Regional and not National Teams).

Both French events may or may not be staff supported – this will depend on budget and number of athletes attending.

2.6.6 For ALL other ETU Junior Cup races

The panel will nominate at their discretion additional athletes if they are;

- a. In the top 20 of the British Super Series Junior rankings (at nomination deadline); THEN,
- b. In the top 10 of the British Super Series Youth B rankings (at nomination deadline)

SECTION 3: SUBSTITUTIONS & CONDITIONS

Substitutions

- 3.1 Athletes are placed on race start-lists based on their WT/ET Ranking. At this level of competition, it is very likely that British Triathlon will nominate unranked athletes. In such situations the Panel will therefore seek to use the WT substitution procedure to maximise the number of race starts for British athletes.
- 3.2 For JC races, each National Federation may replace 3 athletes per sex using the WT substitution procedure.
- 3.3 The Panel will consider substituting athletes out of a race only under the following circumstances:
 - a. An athlete (or athletes) who does not wish to compete but is entered, pursuant to paragraph 2.4 above, for the sole purpose of being substituted⁶; OR
 - b. An athlete on the start-list who is unable to compete due to illness or injury.
- 3.4 The Panel will consider substituting athletes into a race should they have no WT ranking. If there are multiple unranked athletes the Panel will prioritise athletes in the order set at 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 or 2.10 above.

Note 6 – Any non-competing athletes placed on a start list at this point will be communicated with prior to being added

Conditions

- 3.5 Any automatic nominations (as per paragraph 2.6 [a-b]) or other nominations made on the basis of race results (2.8[a]) 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 nomination was 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; OR
 - c) an anomalous incident, usually completely outside of the athletes' control (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 by the Panel using all and any performance data available to them.

- 3.6 WT rules state that an athlete may only take up one quota place across all WT races on a single weekend. i.e., it is not possible for an athlete to take up their place in one race and also to be entered and subsequently replaced in another race to enable another GB athlete to gain a race start. An athlete will only be entered and replaced by another athlete using the WT substitution clause if they do not wish to compete in any other WT race on a weekend.
- 3.7 Nomination for a JC event is conditional on the following:

- a. Athletes must complete any BTF pre-travel medical questionnaire (if required, at the discretion of the CMO, in addition to the World Triathlon 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 and if applicable - with the relevant medical/coaching/management staff;
- b. An athlete who elects to withdraw from a JC after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the WT closing date, must inform Guy Punja guypunja@britishtriathlon.org immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
- c. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, WT JC rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals; AND
- d. Withdrawals within 30 days of the WT closing date may deny other GB athletes an opportunity to compete and could result in BTF losing quota spots for future JC events. If an athlete withdraws after the closing date set by WT, when their reason for withdrawal is not medical or circumstances beyond reasonable control, **they will be referred to a BTF disciplinary process**. This may result in the athlete being withdrawn from current start-lists and/or not entered in future WT races for a period to be determined by BTF. Medical withdrawals will need to be endorsed by a BTF Medical Officer as approved by the Olympic Pathway Manager;

SECTION 4: APPEALS

- 4.1 Due to the volume of JC's and the timescales associated with nominating athletes, there shall be no right of appeal against the decisions made by Selection Panel for JC events. However, athletes who feel that they should have been nominated/substituted are encouraged to contact the Panel to discuss their case.

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.