



2017 EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY

Introduction

Youth international championship races provide valuable opportunities for athletes, aged 15 to 17 on 31 December in the year of competition, to gain championship competition experience as part of their journey towards the Senior international podium.

This policy relies solely on a **qualification process** - the athlete through their performance(s) have met the specific performance criteria and automatically qualifies for the Team; achieving the specific performance criteria means their performance(s) does not need to be evaluated by the selection committee.

Please note British youth age groups and European youth age groups **do not** match. Any **2000 born** athletes (who would normally race as a junior in Britain) can qualify for the Youth European Championships. Such athletes will have 2 options at this event:

1. Race in the Junior event and **NOT BE ELIGIBLE** for selection for the European Youth Championships
2. Race in the Youth Qualification event (in the Youth Race) and **BE ELIGIBLE** for selection for the European Youth Championships

When entering the event 2000 born athletes should register their interest to compete **within the youth wave** if they wish to be considered for this Championship.

Athletes are required to notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) by email that they wish to be considered for qualification by 5pm 5 May 2017; **Communication from parents or coaches will not be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 8.

Panevezys ETU European Youth Championships - Lithuania, 13-16 July 2017

Qualification Process

A Team of up to four Youth boys and four Youth girls (subject to this number of GB places being confirmed by the ETU) born in 2000, 2001 or 2002 will be selected in the order of finish in the boy's and girl's drafting waves respectively at the 2017 Youth Races at Blenheim on 4 June 2017.



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Appeals Process

- 1.1 If an athlete does not contest or complete the European Youth Championships Selection race (Blenheim) for medical reasons these must be supported before the race or within a further 24 hours, if they do not complete the race with a Medical Doctor's report. In the latter case the Performance Pathway Manager must be notified within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race.
- 1.2 In the event of accident or injury during either race, a written report may be filed with the Performance Pathway Manager, or a pre-advised delegate from British Triathlon by, or on behalf of, the athlete within 30 minutes of the last competitor finishing the relevant race, explaining mitigating circumstances and including previous results. Appropriate grounds for consideration will usually be those deemed to be outside of the athlete's own control.
- 1.3 If upheld the appeals committee will consider those athletes with valid accident or medical reasons by means of a projected result.

Except in unforeseen circumstances, the Team will be announced by **9 June 2017**. Athletes must be available to travel to the Championships from **29 June 2017** onwards.

Panevezys ETU Youth European Mixed Relay Championships - Lithuania, 12-17 July 2017

The ETU can only guarantee one Team place per country, although other Teams may be nominated to a reserve list and accepted if space allows. Assuming four male and four female places in the Individual events, two provisional Teams of two boys and two girls will be nominated to the Relay Team by the selection committee 14 days prior to the relay race from the athletes selected above.

Nomination Process

Athletes are required to notify Sophie Lewis (sophielewis@britishtriathlon.org) by email that they wish to be considered for selection by 5pm 5 May 2017. **Communication from parents or coaches will not be accepted.** Please see Appendix Note 1 point 8.



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Selection Process

Final selections for the GB Team will not be made until the completion of the individual event to allow selectors the ability to assess the readiness and suitability of all athletes for the event.

It is unlikely that a second GB team will be accepted, however, it is common that athletes not selected for their first team are given the option to race in multi-nation teams. We believe such experiences are important in the athlete's development and in such cases will encourage additional GB athletes, assuming their readiness, to make use of the opportunity if available.

APPENDIX

Note 1: Guiding Principles and Conditions of Selection

1. This opportunity aims to provide Youth athletes with appropriate experiences in supporting their development toward the Olympic Podium
2. The goal of each Team is to represent GB and British Triathlon in a manner that aligns with the values and philosophies of the GB Triathlon Team. Each team member will be made aware or reminded of their obligations on arrival into the team environment;
3. Athletes must be members in good standing with a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (BTF);
4. Athletes must be eligible to represent Great Britain in International Championships under the rules of the ITU from the time of selection until the completion of the competition;
5. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's anti-doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. If required to do so by UK Anti-Doping or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system;
6. Selected athletes must confirm, two weeks prior to the event that they are able to compete to the standard that earned them selection and additional information and



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clearance from the British Triathlon's Medical Officer and or the Performance Pathway Manager may be required. Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to the Championship, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Pathway Manager;

7. Athletes will be required to sign a Team Members' Agreement to accept their place on each Team. The Agreement will include a code of conduct, to adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear appropriate Team apparel
8. Maximum Team sizes will be dependent upon budget approval and available funding, and may be reduced from those stated above;
9. Athletes will be expected to take part in both individual and team debriefs as required.
10. To comply with the BTF child protection policy athletes under the age of 18 when emailing to register interest (as with all other correspondence with the BTF) should ensure that they copy a parent in. Likewise the BTF will follow the same procedure.

Note 2: Event Cancellation

Should this event be cancelled or changed from a triathlon to a duathlon or run race due to adverse weather conditions/act of God the following will be used for qualification:

1. Llanelli May Gateway Event 2017
 - 1.1 The first two 17yr old (2000 born) Juniors by order of finish in the Junior Race
 - 1.2 The first two Youths (2001/02 born) by order of finish in the Youth Race

Note 3: Medical and Injury Appeals Committee

1. If required a Medical and Injury Appeals Committee will be established comprising up to three members, including the BTF Performance Director as Chair, the BTF Performance Pathway Manager and Home Nation Leads. The composition of the committee will be reviewed and agreed by the BTF Performance Director and the BTF CEO;



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Note 4: Selection Review Process

1. Athletes have the right to appeal selection decisions through British Triathlon's Selection Review Process. A copy of the policy outlining this process is available on the BTF website:

https://www.britishtriathlon.org/britain/documents/about/policy-documents/general-policies/btf_selection_review_policy_2014_nb.pdf

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