



**Selection Policy for the 2024 Super-Sprint European Championships  
(SENIOR & UNDER 23) – Balikesir (TUR) 9-11 August**

**ATHLETES MUST NOMINATE TO BTF IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR  
SELECTION TO CHAMPIONSHIP RACES – IT IS THE ATHLETES' RESPONSIBILITY TO  
ENSURE THEY NOMINATE PRIOR TO THE SET DEADLINE.**

**OVERVIEW**

This Selection Policy (“the Policy”) outlines the process by which the British Triathlon Federation (“BTF”) will determine its selections for the 2024 Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) European Championships. The Senior and Under 23 (U23) individual race will be combined – this policy therefore details the selection process for BOTH Senior and U23 athletes.

This Policy has been structured to support BTF’s Olympic World Class Programme’s (“WCP”) mission of Developing People and Delivering Excellence to Inspire Growth. Specifically, this means that all selection policies for BTF Olympic WCP competitions intend to:

- select the right athletes, to the right race, at the right time;
- provide competition opportunities to support the above;
- to support GBR’s campaign to secure maximum quota slots for Great Britain at the Olympic Games: AND
- To provide opportunities for individual athlete selection to the Olympic team as an individual, MTR or reserve athlete

The priority for this Championships will be given to those developing athletes, as such, a relatively limited selection process will be provided for seniors with those athletes being encouraged to focus on the Standard Distance European Championships, as well as the usual Continental/World Cups and World Series.

**SECTION 1: ELIGIBILITY**

1.1. To be considered for nomination to the 2024 European Super-Sprint, U23 and Mixed Relay Championships, 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 to ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) and ensure the following [i-ii] are in place by **28 June 2024**:
  - i. Have undergone the required World Triathlon Pre-Participation Examination and submitted to BTF the BTF Fit-To-Compete (FTC) form; AND
  - ii. Have completed the UKAD Compete Clean + e-learning course and uploaded the certificate of completion to the World Triathlon education hub; AND

- c. Not be serving a period of ineligibility as a result of an anti-doping rule violation.  
AND
- d. 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
- e. For U23 athletes only, **be born in 2004, 2003, 2002 or 2001.**

*Note 1 - Given that the seniors and U23's will compete against each other in the same race at the European Super Sprint & U23 Championship, the Panel will try and maximise quota allocation across senior and U23 athletes. Should there be senior quota places available after completion of the senior selection process (see paragraph 2.4 below), U23 athletes may be entered into the race as seniors to maximise the number of U23 starts.*

## **SECTION 2: SELECTION PROCESS – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

- 2.1 The Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) Championships will be run as a combined senior and U23 race. As such, BTF expects to be allocated a maximum of 2 quota places per sex for seniors AND a maximum of 2 quota places per sex for U23 athletes (resulting in 4 athletes per combined senior/U23 field). Using the process outlined below, the Panel will select how many and which athletes to nominate to World Triathlon.
- 2.2 Athletes must inform BTF immediately if there is any change to the information provided on their FTC (see paragraph 1.1[b]) 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.
- 2.3 Athletes will be selected on or before 5 July 2024.
- 2.4 The Selection Panel (“the Panel”) for the European Super-Sprint (Senior & U23) Championships will convene either via email or conference call in advance of this deadline and shall comprise:
  - a. Voting members;
    - i. BTF Performance Director (“PD”) – Mike Cavendish;
    - ii. BTF National Coach(es) – Rick Velati
    - iii. BTF Olympic Pathway Manager – Dan Salcedo;
    - iv. BTF Olympic Camp and Competition Support Coach – Glenn Cook;  
AND
    - v. BTF Head of Performance Operations – Laura Macey.
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. Note taker(s) if/as required.

## **SENIORS**

### **2.5 Automatic Selections**

- a. Subject to the criteria outlined at section 3 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) up to 1 eligible **Senior** athlete will be **automatically selected** to the team if they win the European Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 30 2024.

### **2.6 Discretionary Selections**

- a. Should no senior male and/or female athlete(s) satisfy paragraph 2.5,a,i above, the Panel may, at their absolute discretion, select a single male and/or female senior

- athlete (including consideration of the highest place senior athlete from the trial race) to the team who they believe is either:
- i. a fast-developing senior (especially those just of the U23 age-group or who are relatively new to the sport) who would benefit from the race experience; OR
  - ii. a senior with a proven track record of success at senior European level (or above).
- b. In making such a decision, the Panel will automatically consider all of the following (as well as anything else they deem relevant):
- i. Athlete race results in the past 12-months at Continental Cup, World Cup, WTCS and championship level;
  - ii. Their previous senior and U23 championships race opportunities – please note, athletes will be less likely to be offered a discretionary selection if they have had – or performed poorly at - previous championships opportunities;
  - iii. Development trajectory – note athletes will be less likely to be offered discretionary selection should they not possess a clear positive development trajectory; AND
  - iv. Their race programme and rationale for choosing not to prioritise the trial race.
- c. Should no senior male and/or female athlete be added to the team via 2.6 a and b above, all remaining places will be filled with U23 athletes as per 2.7 below.

## **UNDER 23's**

### **2.7 Automatic Selections**

Subject to the criteria outlined at section 3 below (relating to exceptional circumstances etc.) **eligible U23** athletes will be **automatically selected** to the team to fill available slots (up to 4 in total across senior and U23) in the following order:

- a. the first **two** eligible U23 athletes past the post at the European U23 Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 30 2024; *then*,
- b. reigning World U23 medallists<sup>2</sup>; *then*,
- c. reigning European U23 medallists<sup>2</sup>; *then*,
- d. the **third** eligible U23 athlete past the post at the European U23 Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 30 2024; *then*,
- e. the **fourth** eligible U23 athlete past the post at the European U23 Super-Sprint Trial event at Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final)

*Note 2 –the Panel reserves the right NOT to ratify selections of reigning medallists who have not competed by the time of nomination (due to injury/illness) and in so doing, may request a fitness test and/or to see certain performance/training markers.*

## **SECTION 3: SELECTION PROCESS – MIXED RELAY (MR) EVENT**

- 3.1 The Panel reserves the right to select additional athletes to travel who are not racing in the individual events in order to ensure British Triathlon can enter a team in the MR event OR to provide race exposure to inexperienced/developing athletes who are believed to have potential for the LA Olympics. Unless they have been nominated to World Triathlon for an individual race start as per section 2 above, such athletes will NOT be granted a place on the start-line for the relevant individual race, even if a slot becomes available on race-weekend. There is also no guarantee of such athletes being granted a place in the final MR team.

- 3.2 Selection of the team will be entirely discretionary. In selecting the team, BTF have ultimate discretion to balance both short-term (i.e. MR results in that race weekend) and long-term (MR athlete exposure/development towards LA) performance goals.
- 3.3 Taking into account 3.2 above, the team of four athletes will be selected based on a combination of the following, as well as any other criteria that may be deemed relevant by the Panel (in no particular order):
- a. The individual profile of each athlete and how it relates to the course profile, competition and desired race tactics to maximise race outcomes and/or race learning;
  - b. Result in the individual events\*;
  - c. Athletes' state of recovery and readiness following the individual events (taking into account injury and recovery history prior to the race weekend);
  - d. Athletes' race plan;
  - e. Athletes' previous MR experience; AND
  - f. the coaching team/BTF's desire to provide MR race exposure to inexperienced/developing athletes.

*\*The outcome or result of the individual event will NOT infer any automatic selection to Mixed Relay team.*

#### **SECTION 4: CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 Any automatic selections (as per paragraphs 2.5a and 2.7) will not apply if, in the opinion of the Panel, the results of the Mallory Park (Senior/Junior A final) on June 30 2024 race was significantly impacted by:
- a. significantly reduced quality of field (QOF) at the at e.g., due to Covid related complications or similar;
  - b. a large-scale racing incident (such as a crash);
  - c. environmental conditions/exceptional circumstances which resulted in an altered or reduced race format; OR
  - d. 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 from either race. Instead, athletes will be considered using results from the following events with the Panel comparing each athlete's best performance to determine which athletes to select:

- i. Any WT Continental Cup (Europe only)/World Cup/WCTS prior to June 28 2023
  - ii. 2023 European U23 Championships
  - iii. 2023 World or European Junior Championships
  - iv. 2024 Llanelli British Super Series
- 4.2 Selection for the European Super-Sprint Championships 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 process). Athletes must also agree (by signing in advance of travel the UKSI Data Processing Consent Form) to their personal and medical details being stored on the UKSI Performance Data Management System (PDMS) and shared - where appropriate - with the relevant medical/coaching/management staff;
  - b. Start positions are limited and ranking points earned in World Triathlon events may be crucial to Great Britain earning a full quota of places at the Olympic Games and/or persevering quota places at future editions of these championships. If an

- athlete is not 100% ready to compete due to injury or illness, they should inform ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) immediately so that a decision may be taken on whether they should be replaced by another British athlete or whether medical withdrawal is required;
- c. An athlete who elects to withdraw from the European Super-Sprint Championships after they have expressed their interest to be considered for nomination, but before the World Triathlon closing date, must inform ([eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org](mailto:eliteentries@britishtriathlon.org)) immediately so that a replacement athlete can be nominated;
  - d. Athletes must be aware of, and compliant with, World Triathlon rules, including those relating to race uniforms, no-shows and late withdrawals.

#### **SECTION 4: APPEALS**

- 4.1 As per the provisions of the BTF Selection and Nomination Appeals Procedure (which can be found [here](#)), there shall only be a right of appeal for SENIOR selection decisions. There is no right of appeal for U23 selections. Senior athletes wishing to seek advice regarding the appeals process (including the validity of any procedure itself) are advised to contact the British Elite Athletes Association (BEAA) [britisheliteathletes.org](http://britisheliteathletes.org). at U23 athletes who feel that they should have been selected 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](http://www.britishtriathlon.org).