

Professional Licence Information Pack

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1.0 KEY HIGH PERFORMANCE CONTACTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

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Please note that your licence is valid between 1st July and 30th June annually. You should therefore **renew your Triathlon Australia Membership as a Professional PRIOR to June 30th** to ensure there is no period on which you are not eligible to race and are uninsured.

2.0 PROFESSIONAL LICENCE GENERAL INFORMATION

Categories:

There are three (3) categories of Professional/Elite Licence in 2016/2017:

a. PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: OPEN

The Professional/Elite Licence: Open is for all Australian athletes wishing to compete as a professional athlete in National Championships, Regional Championships, ITU Points Races,

ITU World Championships, ITU World Cups, ITU Continental Cups, ITU World Triathlon Series, Challenge, Ironman 70.3 or Ironman and any Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross Triathlon or any other multisport event with prize money in excess of \$10k AUD.

b. PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: LONG COURSE & MULTI-SPORT (Non-Drafting)

The Professional/Elite Licence: Long Course & Multi-Sport (Non-Drafting) is for all Australian athletes wishing to compete as a professional/elite athlete in the World Championships, National Championships, Regional Championships, Challenge, Ironman 70.3, Ironman, 5150, Cross Triathlon, Aquathlon and any other non-drafting Triathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of \$10k AUD.

c. PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: U23 DEVELOPMENT - Interim (Drafting)

The Professional/Elite Licence: U23 Development – Interim (Drafting) is for Australian U23 (aged 18-23 in 2016) athletes wishing to compete as a professional in ITU races such as ITU Continental Cups, Oceania Championships, ITU World Championships and any other Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross Triathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of \$10k AUD (male and female combined).

Changing Membership Type:

- (a) If during the course of the year you apply for a professional license and it is granted, you will be required to pay the difference between your original membership and the new professional membership type.
- (b) The costs are as follows:
- Professional Club Membership \$541
 - Professional Non-Club Membership \$833
 - Under 23 Membership \$250

Eligibility:

To be eligible for a Professional license, athletes must be turning 18 in the year of application.

"Special Circumstances" will be evaluated by the High Performance Team.

3.0 PROFESSIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION INFORMATION

PROCESS TO APPLY FOR TRIATHLON AUSTRALIA PROFESSIONAL LICENCE:

STEP 1: Please read the current Triathlon Australia Professional Licence Policy which can be found on the TA Website http://www.triathlon.org.au/Elite/Professional_Licence_Information.htm

STEP 2: If you believe you meet the Automatic Criteria or should be considered for a Discretionary Licence please apply online.

STEP 3: The online application form can be found at the following link http://www.triathlon.org.au/Elite/Professional_Licence_Information.htm

STEP 4: Your online application will be submitted to the relevant person within Triathlon Australia. Please allow 3 weeks from the day you submit your application for it to be assessed. You may be contacted within this time should we require any additional information.

STEP 5: You will be notified if your application has been APPROVED or DECLINED. You will be emailed directly with the next steps..

Renewing a Pro Licence

You will be emailed information prior to the beginning of the next financial year with the information to renew and pay your Pro Licence. This is an online process that you will need to complete.

Please note that your insurance will not be valid if you have not renewed your licence on time.

4.0 ENTRIES FOR ELITE/PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

As a Triathlon Australia Professional/Elite licence holder there are different steps for entering into Elite races for IRONMAN, CHALLENGE FAMILY & International Triathlon Union (ITU) Events:

4.1 Ironman

To compete in IRONMAN and IRONMAN 70.3 events you must hold an IRONMAN Pro Membership. To gain this you **must first qualify and maintain a Triathlon Australia Professional Licence**. For more information about IRONMAN Pro Membership and IRONMAN Entry process go to: www.ironman.com/triathlon/organizations/pro-membership/membership.aspx

4.2 Challenge Family

To compete in CHALLENGE FAMILY events you must hold a CHALLENGE FAMILY Professional Athlete Membership. To gain this you **must first qualify and maintain a Triathlon Australia Professional Licence**. For more information about CHALLENGE FAMILY Professional Athlete Membership and Entry process go to: www.challenge-family.com/pro-athlete-page/

4.3 International Triathlon Union (ITU)

To compete in ITU events you must hold a TRIATHLON AUSTRALIA (TA) Professional Licence and be nominated by TA to the ITU and entered via the ITU online entry system.

4.3.1 Eligibility to nominate for ITU races

To be eligible for consideration for selection in an ITU World Triathlon Series (WTS) or an ITU World Cup (WC) Event athletes must hold a current TA Professional (OPEN) Licence and have achieved the following criteria 40 days prior to the relevant event.

ITU World Triathlon Series Triathlon (WTS) Events:

Be a *Triathlon Australia Categorised Athlete*; and

- Have achieved at least one top 25 WTS finish in the previous 12 months or
- have achieved a minimum of one WC¹ win OR two podium finishes in a WC² race within the last 12 months

At times the NPD may 'invite' athletes that do not fulfil the above criteria to nominate for a particular race. These invitations will be made at the discretion of the NPD. For the avoidance of doubt, nominations from athletes who do not fulfil the above criteria or have not been invited to nominate will not be accepted.

ITU World Cup (WC) Events:

- Be currently ranked in the Top 100 on the ITU Points Ranking; and
- Have either won a Continental Cup race³, or achieved a minimum of two podium finishes in a Continental Cup race⁴, within the last 12 months.

At times the NPD may 'invite' athletes that do not fulfil the above criteria to nominate for a particular race. These invitations will be made at the discretion of the NPD. For the avoidance of doubt, nominations from athletes who do not fulfil the above criteria or have not been invited to nominate will not be accepted.

Note: satisfying the eligibility requirements does not guarantee selection by the TAESC.

4.3.2 Nomination and Selection for ITU Races

For all WTS and World Cup races all Professional TA Athletes will be emailed 55 days prior to the event a link to nominate. There are different procedures for different ITU event types:

4.3.2.A: ITU World Triathlon Series (WTS) and/or ITU World Cups (WC)

1. A call for nominations with a link will be emailed out to all TA Pro Licence holders

¹ World Cup win must be in either Olympic distance or sprint distance race

² World Cup podiums must include one Olympic distance race

³ Continental Cup win must have a minimum field size of 20

⁴ Continental Cup podiums must include at least one Olympic distance event and have a minimum field size of 20

2. If you wish to nominate for a race, you must nominate through the link.
3. The TA Elite Selection Committee (TAESC) will then make selections from the nominations
4. If selected – you will be notified. You must respond to this email as accepting your selection.

4.3.2.B: ITU Continental Cups and/or OTU Oceania Championships

1. **There is no call for nominations.** The onus lies with the athlete to email Sue Fairweather (sue.fairweather@triathlon.org.au) no later than 45 days before the race
2. Sue will then enter you into the race via ITU system
3. The ITU will then approve or decline your entry – Sue will notify those approved by email.
4. NB – ITU Continental Cups include ITU points races in Oceania, Asia, Americas, Europe and Africa. For full ITU event calendar go here: www.triathlon.org/events

For full information about selection for ITU events refer to the Triathlon Australia ITU Elite Selection Policy under resources here:
http://www.triathlon.org.au/Elite/High_Performance_Resources_and_Policies.htm

5.0 WITHDRAWAL FROM ITU EVENTS

As soon as you know you are not going to race an event you need to email Sue Fairweather (sue.fairweather@triathlon.org.au) and request that you be removed from the ITU list. If the start list has not yet been released and you need to withdrawal, please let Sue know immediately as it is much easier to withdraw you off the waitlist than it is off the start list. Do not wait until you are advised you are on the start list and then withdrawal if you have known prior to the start list being produced.

Withdrawing from an ITU Start List can have major penalties from the ITU if you miss their deadlines!

5.1 ITU World Triathlon Series Deadlines:

Athletes must withdraw from the ITU WTS start list prior to 25 days out from the day of competition! **Failure to withdraw by the selected athlete may not only incur a penalty for themselves but also for Triathlon Australia and other athletes.** Those selected for an ITU WTS race need to liaise closely with their coach and NPD if there is the possibility of a withdrawal.

5.2 ITU World Cup Deadlines:

All athletes must withdraw from an ITU World Cup prior to the Monday of race week by emailing sue.fairweather@triathlon.org.au **If you withdraw after the Monday of race week the ITU will remove you from all other start lists for the next 30 days.**

5.3 ITU Continental Cup Deadlines:

All athletes must withdraw from a Continental Cup or Continental Championships prior to the Monday of race week by emailing sue.fairweather@triathlon.org.au. **If you withdraw after the Monday of race week the ITU will remove you from all other start lists for the next 30 days.**

6.0 TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION TO ITU EVENTS

For categorised athletes please refer to your individual Athlete Agreement.

No other support is offered from TA.

7.0 UNIFORM

ITU World Triathlon Series, ITU World Triathlon Series GRAND FINAL

TA provides SCODY uniforms, including a SCODY race suit, to those who represent Australia at a World Triathlon Series (WTS) Race and the World Triathlon Series Grand Final race and the World Championships.

All athletes are required to wear SCODY suits for the World Series, World Series Grand Final and World Championships unless prior approval has been provided from the NPD. Athletes must seek approval in writing from the NPD 8 weeks in advance of the event and clearly demonstrate that an alternative sponsor or suit manufacturer provides a minimum of \$30,000 in cash as part of a sponsorship arrangement per athlete.

For clarity, "apparel" is defined as clothing (including cap or visor).

All team members will be required to wear TA Uniform on the following occasions:

- a. Travelling to and from ITU events selected by TA.
- b. Team or Individual Press Conferences
- c. ITU Briefing
- d. Team meetings/functions/activities
- e. Training (travelling to and from training as well as during training) as directed by the NPD
- f. Race Day (travelling to and from race venue as well as competing)
- g. ITU Podium post-event
- h. As directed by NPD and/or team management

On all occasions set out above, team members **are prohibited** from wearing the apparel of any Conflicting Sponsor which includes a visible logo or mark identifying that Conflicting Sponsor.

For the purposes of this Agreement and the National Team Uniform Rules, "Conflicting Sponsor" means any company or entity that manufactures or sells triathlon, running, swimming, cycling or general sports apparel including running shoes.

Team Members competing for TA will be able to display UP TO THREE (3) permanently applied marks/logos of **non-conflicting personal Sponsors** on the front of their "Race" suit to a maximum size of 20cm high and 15cm wide (as per Logo Position 'A' in ITU Uniform Rules. This mark/logo must be below the Country and Athlete identification logo and any SIS/SAS logos and must not be that of a Conflicting Sponsor as identified by the NPD.

For the purpose of this agreement, sponsors place F (above surname) is reserved for the AIS logo.

Athlete's intending to place a non-conflicting personal Sponsor mark/logo on their "Race" Suit must seek prior written approval from the NPD via email (Ben.Gathercole@triathlon.org.au) listing the intended Sponsor logo/mark and provide the art work. The sponsor will need to provide a minimum of \$30,000 in cash as part of a sponsorship arrangement per athlete.

Approval or disapproval of an intended personal Sponsor logo/mark will be communicated to the athlete by email by the NPD. No approval is to be taken as given until confirmed in writing by email.

The onus is on the athlete to seek and obtain prior written approval of any non- conflicting personal Sponsor logo/mark in time for the printing of the approved mark/logo onto the suit.

Athletes will be prohibited from wearing a Race Uniform that does not comply with the ITU Race Rules in relation to personal Sponsors or conflicts with TA's National Team Uniform Rules as set out in this Agreement.

These Rules in relation to a non-conflicting personal Sponsor mark/logo apply only to the Race suit and not any other item of Team Uniform or wetsuits.

ITU WORLD CUP | ITU CONTINENTAL CUP RACES | ITU CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – OLYMPIC DISTANCE

You must race in a current ITU Australian National SCODY Uniform/Suit. Contact Sue for the ordering template and link.

8.0 ASADA REQUIREMENTS

As a professional licence holder you are under the jurisdiction of Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency (ASADA). The main things as an athlete to take careful notice of are:

8.1 Whereabouts

This is only for those athletes who ASADA selects to be in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP). It involves letting ASADA know where you are going to be at specific times so they have the option of submitting you to a no-advance drug test. You must do the following:

1. Complete the Regular Schedule Form and a Filing Whereabouts form four times a year. These can be done at <http://www.asada.gov.au/whereabouts/index.html>. You will also find the due dates here.
2. Fill out these forms accurately – failure to do so may result in violations and subsequent sanctions

NB: You will be notified by the Triathlon Australia Office if you are selected in the RTP

8.2 Therapeutic Use Exemptions

A Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) is an exemption that allows an athlete to use, for genuine medical purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance) which may be present during competition. This includes medications such as Asthma inhalers! Things to do:

1. Whenever you go to the doctors and are prescribed ANY substance, make sure you tell your doctor you are an athlete and are subject to doping control. Ultimately – if a banned substance is in your body, then you are responsible for it and will be sanctioned under the ASADA Act.
2. Before applying for a TUE, check with us at the TA office to see if the TUE is allowed under our Triathlon Australia Anti-Doping Policy.

[The ASADA Athlete Testing Guide](#)

9.0 INSURANCE

As a Triathlon Australia member you are covered by insurance. As a Pro-Licence holder, this includes coverage whilst you are overseas.

To see what you are covered for please refer to

<http://www.triathlon.org.au/Membership/Insurance.htm>

Please ensure that you are aware of what is covered in the policy prior to travel in case you need to organise additional coverage.

Should you need to make a claim or contact the insurance company please go to the link above for all details.