

Professional/Elite Licence Policy

2021 | 2022



TRIATHLON
AUSTRALIA

1.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 All Australian athletes wishing to compete in Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross-Triathlon or any other Multi-Sport event/race with an overall prize purse (male & female combined) of \$5k AUD (exclusive of GST) or above, will require to hold a Professional/Elite Licence/Membership. A Professional/Elite membership is required prior to competing at the event.
- 1.2 To be eligible for a Professional/Elite licence athletes must be turning 16 in the year of application. "Special Circumstances" will be evaluated by the High Performance Team.

2.0 CATEGORIES

- 2.1 There are three (3) categories of Professional/Elite Licence in 2021 | 2022:

A. PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE

- a. OPEN
- b. LONG COURSE/MULTISPORT (Non-Drafting)
- c. U23 DEVELOPMENT (Drafting only)

3.0 UPGRADING MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 If during the course of the year an athlete "upgrades" their licence, athletes will be refunded the original membership and pay the full amount for the new professional membership type.
- 3.2 There is no pro-rata rate for membership if you apply late in the season.

4.0 PROCESS

- 4.1 Approval for a Professional/Elite Licence is not considered final until the athlete has acknowledged and fully understands the following Triathlon Australia Policies and Conditions.
- 4.2 Professional/Elite Licence Code of Conduct
- 4.3 [Integrity Framework including:](#)
 - i. Pure Performance Declaration Policy
 - a. Anti-Doping Policy
 - ii. Illicit Drugs
 - iii. Match Fixing Policy
 - iv. Member Protection & Child Protection Policy
- 4.4 [TA Sports Science & Sports Medicine Best Practice Principles including:](#)
 - i. Supplements Policy
 - ii. Medication Policy
 - iii. Injection Policy
- 4.5 [TA High Performance Policies including:](#)
 - i. Athlete Categorisation Policy
 - ii. ALL Relevant Selection Policies
 - iii. Appeals Policy

5.0 EXPIRY

- 5.1 The membership associated with the licence expires annually on the **30th of June**. The licence itself does not expire.

6.0 PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: OPEN

- 6.1 The Professional/Elite Licence: Open is for all Australian athletes wishing to compete as a professional athlete in National Championships, Regional Championships, World Triathlon (WT) Points Races, WT Championship Finals, WT Cups, WT Continental Cups, WT Championship 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 (Male and Female combined).
- 6.2 Athletes with this licence can compete in both elite drafting and non-drafting events.
- 6.3 Professional/Elite Licence: Open holders cannot race as Age-Groupers in any event which has a professional or elite category within the same year.

6.4 QUALIFICATION AUTOMATIC can be achieved via the following performance criteria:

U23/Junior

- a. Selected in the U23 or Junior WT World Championship Team
- b. Selected to compete in a WT Championship Series or WT Cup race
- c. Top 15 in the Elite Oceania Triathlon Championships (Sprint & Standard Distance)
- d. Top 8 in the U23 Oceania Triathlon Championships (Sprint & Standard Distance)
- e. Top 12 in the Australian Elite Triathlon Championships (Sprint & Standard Distance)
- f. Top 10 in an WT Continental Cup Race; within 5% of the winner's time
- g. Top 10 in the Australian Elite Long Distance Championships as long as within 5% of the winner's time;

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- h. Top five (5) overall Age Group/Open result in the **2019 or 2021 NOOSA Triathlon**, as long as within 10% of the overall Elite winner's time. (An athlete without a Professional Licence prior to Noosa, must race Age Group or Open, however, results will be comparable to Professionals, as course is identical and non-drafting for both)
- i. Top three (3) overall Age Group results in the following **Australian** Age Group events;
 - i. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 MOOLOOLABA Triathlon
 - ii. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 IRONMAN Asia Pacific Age Group Championships
 - iii. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 Australian Long Distance Age Group Triathlon Championships
- j. Top five (5) overall Age Group in the following **International** Age Group Championships events within 5% of the overall fastest Age Group time;
 - i. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 WT Championships Sprint Distance
 - ii. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 WT Long Distance Triathlon Championships
 - iii. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 IRONMAN World Championships
 - iv. 2019, 2020 &/or 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships
- n. WIN (1st) overall Age Group results in any of the following events as long as within 5% of the overall Elite/Pro winner's time (where there is no Elite/Pro wave, automatic qualification does not apply for the following events);
 - i. IRONMAN Triathlon
 - ii. IRONMAN 70.3 Triathlon
 - iii. CHALLENGE Triathlon

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

7.1 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 (Male and Female combined).

7.2 Athletes with this licence can ONLY compete in elite non-drafting and/or multi-sport events.

7.3 Professional/Elite Licence: Long Course & Multi-Sport (Non-Drafting) licence holders cannot race as Age-Groupers in any non-drafting event which has a professional or elite/open category within the same year.

7.4 **QUALIFICATION AUTOMATIC can be achieved via the following performance criteria:**

ELITES

- a. Top 10 in an IRONMAN and/or IRONMAN 70.3 and/or CHALLENGE Event as long as within 5% of winners time;
- b. Top 10 in the WT Cross Triathlon Championships as long as within 5% of the winners time;
- c. Top 10 in the World X-Terra Championships (Maui) as long as within 5% of the winners time;
- d. Top 10 in the TA Long Distance Australian Championships as long as within 5% of the winners time;
- e. Top 5 in the TA Cross Triathlon Australian Championships

AGE GROUP

- f. Top five (5) overall Age Group result in the 2021 NOOSA Triathlon, within 8% of the winner's time in the Open/Age Group wave – male and female. (An athlete without a Professional Licence prior to Noosa, must race Age Group, however, results will be comparable to Professionals, as course is identical and non-drafting for both)
- g. Top three (3) overall Age Group results (male and female) in the following Australian Age Group events;
 - i. 2020, 2021 or 2022 MOOLOOLABA Triathlon
 - ii. 2020, 2021 or 2022 IRONMAN Asia Pacific Championships
 - iii. 2020, 2021 or 2022 Australian Long Distance Triathlon Championships
 - iv. 2020, 2021 or 2022 Australian Duathlon Championships
 - v. 2020, 2021 or 2022 Australian Cross Triathlon Championships
- h. Top five (5) overall Age Group (male and female) in the following International Age Group Championships events within 5% of the overall fastest Age Group time;
 - i. 2020, 2021 or 2022 WT Triathlon Championships
 - ii. 2020, 2021 or 2022 WT Long Distance Triathlon Championships
 - iii. 2020, 2021 or 2022 WT Duathlon Championships
 - iv. 2020, 2021 or 2022 WT Cross Triathlon Championships
 - v. 2020, 2021 or 2022 IRONMAN World Championships
 - vi. 2020, 2021 or 2022 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships
- i. WIN (1st) overall Age Group results in any of the following events as long as within 5% of the overall winners time;
 - i. IRONMAN Triathlon
 - ii. IRONMAN 70.3 Triathlon
 - iii. CHALLENGE Triathlon

8.0 PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: U23 DEVELOPMENT

8.1 The Professional/Elite Licence: U23 Development is for Australian U23 (aged 16-23 in 2020) athletes wishing to compete as a professional in WT races such as WT Continental Cups, Oceania Championships, and any other Triathlon, Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross Triathlon or multisport event with prize money up to and including \$10k AUD (male and female combined).

8.2 Athletes with this licence can compete in both drafting and non-drafting events.

8.3 QUALIFICATION AUTOMATIC can be achieved via the following criteria:

8.6 JUNIOR (16-19yrs)

- a. Selected in the Australian Junior Triathlon Team to compete in WT Junior Championships;
 - b. Podium – Top 3 (3) in one of the following 2019 | 2020 Australian Junior Triathlon Series events;
 - i. 2019 Race 1 Super Sprint Race Weekend (Runaway Bay QLD)
 - ii. 2020 Race 2 Australian Junior Triathlon Series
 - iii. 2020 Race 3 Australian Junior Triathlon Series
 - c. PODIUM - Top three (3) at 2019 Australian & Oceania Junior Championships;
- NB: Athletes must be turning 18 in 2022 to be eligible to compete in WT Olympic Distance races.

9.0 NON AUTOMATIC Qualification

9.1 Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional /Elite memberships that do not meet any of the above automatic criteria may apply to the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team for discretionary consideration. The onus is on the applicant to supply the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team, with all relevant times (including athletes OVERALL place & times and OVERALL race winners times), **links to race results**, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure.

9.2 Failure to provide all above information including relevant links to results will ensure delays in the application process and/or the application not being assessed at all.

9.3 To assist with assessment of application athletes should also provide information on proposed race calendar if an Elite/Professional Licence application is successful.

9.4 Upon assessment the decision of the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team is final. Further or subsequent assessment for discretionary consideration will not be made unless the applicant can provide additional or new performance results.

10.0 PROCESS TO APPLY

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 or through the following links (noting how you meet the Automatic Criteria or supporting information if seeking an upgrade based on discretion);

[PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: OPEN](#)

[PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: LONG COURSE & MULTI-SPORT \(Non-Drafting\)](#)

[PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: U23 DEVELOPMENT](#)

STEP 3: Your email application will be reviewed by 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 4: You will be notified if your application has been APPROVED or DECLINED. You will be emailed directly with the next steps.