

Professional Licence Information Pack

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1.0 KEY HIGH PERFORMANCE CONTACTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

For High Performance Key Contacts, please refer to the Triathlon Australia web page for the High Performance Key contacts. To access this webpage please click [HERE>](#).

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 2021|2022:

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, 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).

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 (Male and Female combined).

c. PROFESSIONAL/ELITE LICENCE: U23 DEVELOPMENT

The Professional/Elite Licence: U23 Development is for Australian U23 (aged 16-23 in 2021) 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).

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 for the memberships can be viewed [HERE >](#)

Eligibility:

To be eligible for a Professional license, athletes must be turning 16 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 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.

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 & World Triathlon (WT) 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:
<https://www.ironman.com/pro-athletes>

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: <https://www.challenge-family.com/pro-athletes/>

For some CHALLENGE events that are sanctioned by the WT, to compete you must hold a TRIATHLON AUSTRALIA (TA) Professional Licence and be nominated by TA to WT and entered via the WT online entry system.

4.3 World Triathlon (WT)

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

4.3.1 Eligibility to nominate for WT races

To be eligible for consideration for selection in an WT Championship Series (WTCS)/Mixed Relay World Series (MRWS) or WT Cup (WTC) Events athletes must hold a current TA Professional (OPEN) Licence. Athletes wanting to compete in Continental Cup/Championship Races under the age of 23 can have a Professional Development U23 Licence. Those over 23 must hold a Professional Licence.

The Elite Selection Policy for WTS, World Cups and Continental Cups/Championships can be found HERE (http://www.triathlon.org.au/Elite/Policies_Selection_Criteria_and_Nomination_Links.htm)

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

4.3.2 Nomination and Selection for WT Races

For all WTCS and WTC races all Professional TA Athletes will be emailed 50 days prior to the event a link to nominate. There are different procedures for different WT event types:

4.3.2.A WTCS and/or WTC's

1. A call for nominations with a link will be emailed out to all TA Pro Licence holders
2. If you wish to nominate for a race, you must nominate through the link.
3. The TA NPD 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 WT Continental Cups and/or OTU Oceania Championships

1. **There is no call for nominations.** The onus lies with the athlete to email the High Performance Operations Manager (HPOM) (Daniel.mangano@triathlon.org.au) no later than 33 days before the race
2. The HPOM will then enter you into the race via WT system
3. WT will then approve or decline your entry – the HPOM will notify those approved by email.
NB – WT Continental Cups include WT points races in Oceania, Asia, Americas, Europe and Africa. For full WT event calendar go here: www.triathlon.org/events

5.0 WITHDRAWAL FROM WT EVENTS

As soon as you know you are not going to race an event you need to email the HPOM and request that you be removed from the WT list. If the start list has not yet been released and you need to withdrawal, please let the HPOM 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 WT if you miss their deadlines!

5.1 WTCS/WTC/Conti Cups/Champs Deadlines:

Athletes must withdraw from these start lists prior to 30 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 a start in any of these races need to liaise closely with their coach and NPD if there is the possibility of a withdrawal.

6.0 TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION TO WT EVENTS

For categorised athletes please refer to your individual Athlete Agreement.

No other support is offered from TA.

Domestic Travel:

For domestic travel please refer to the Triathlon Australia – Virgin Australia webpage, to access this web page click [HERE>](#).

International Travel:

For international travel as a Triathlon Australia Professional Licence holder, you also have access to the Triathlon Australia Travel Manager. Our travel manager understands the requirements of Pro Athletes and can use the leverage of all of Triathlon Australia to assist with bike baggage requirements etc.

Contact: Sheridan Drew

Email: triathlon@ctconnections.com.au

7.0 UNIFORM

WT RACES

When racing in WT races, there are requirements around what can be worn. To view these guidelines please click [HERE >](#)

(https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport_competition-rules_2018-UNIFORM-RULES-AND-PROCESS.pdf)

Athletes competing at WTCS/MRWS level and categorised athletes racing in WTC's must wear the Elite suit provided. For all other WT events, the guidelines in the link above applies, i.e. WT Compliant suit.

IRONMAN/CHALLENGE/XTERRA & OTHER RACES

Please refer to the athlete guide for specific rules around what race suit can be worn for these events.

8.0 SIA REQUIREMENTS

As a professional licence holder you are under the jurisdiction of Sport Integrity Australia (SIA). As an athlete you will need to take careful notice of the following:

8.1 Whereabouts

This is only for those athletes who SIA selects to be in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP). It involves letting SIA 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 <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/>. 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 SIA 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 unless advised otherwise by the TA Insurance Broker, V-Insurance Group.

Please be aware, those that have a Professional Development U23 Licence only have insurance coverage overseas if they are competing in races as per the licence description.

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.