



SELECTION POLICY

Triathlon NSW SSA Championships Team

2017 School Sport Australia Triathlon Championship

Penrith, NSW

18 – 21 April 2017

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This Policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon NSW (TNSW) determines the members for Triathlon NSW SSA Championships Team (TEAM), for the 2017 School Sport Australia Triathlon Championship (SSATC).
2. If a selected TEAM member withdraws, is withdrawn or is declared unfit to continue as a TEAM member the Triathlon NSW SSA Championships Team Selection Committee (**TNSWSSATSC**) **may** replace that TEAM member with a further selection made according to D below. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.
3. This Policy can be amended at any time by TNSW if TNSW is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the event guidelines, or to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of TNSW by TNSW. TNSW shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.
4. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies).

In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Policy, queries should be directed to Michael Delamotte from TNSW. (mick.delamotte@nsw.triathlon.org.au).

If an athlete is still unclear about the Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, independent legal advice should be sought.

B. ELIGIBILITY

Only athletes qualified according to the terms of this section B will be eligible for selection in the TEAM.

1. School Sport Australia (SSA) eligibility criteria

An athlete must:

- a. comply with all of the SSA General Policies and Guidelines. These can be found at <http://www.schoolsport.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/SSA-General-Policies-Guidelines-January-2013.pdf>;
- b. meet the age eligibility criteria:
 - 13-14 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2017 if contesting the junior category; or

- 15-16 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2017 if contesting the intermediate category; or
 - 17-19 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2017 if contesting the senior category; and
- c. be a student at a school or other educational institution affiliated to the School Sport Australia member body of NSW.

If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for NSW, Athletes must contact the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TNSW for clarification.

2. TNSW general eligibility criteria

An athlete must:

- a. maintain a current TNSW ITU Endorsed Junior licence, or if unendorsed, become an endorsed ITU junior prior to the SSATC;
- b. be in good standing with TNSW; and
- c. agree to and sign the 2017 TNSW Athlete Agreement on selection in the TEAM.

For the avoidance of doubt, any selected member of the TEAM not willing to sign the 2017 Triathlon Australia Athlete Agreement will be excluded from the TEAM.

C. SELECTION PROCESS

1. Number of TEAM positions:

- a. The **TNSWSSATSC** may select a maximum six (6) male and six (6) female athletes, per age category, for the TEAM as per the maximum number permitted by the SSA Rules.
- b. Neither this policy, nor the SSA require TNSW to select the maximum number of athletes to the TEAM for SSATC. Final TEAM numbers and selection decisions are at the absolute discretion of the **TNSWSSATSC** as set out in this Policy.

2. Athletes can only be selected via the following:

Automatic selection; or

Discretionary selection

3. **Automatic Selection**

a. An athlete can qualify for automatic selection to the TEAM through performance in the following **Selection Race** as set out in clause 3.Cb below.

- **Selection Race: NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships – 22 February 2017**

b. Any eligible athlete who:

- Finishes Top 3 in the Senior Category in the Selection Race will be automatically selected in the TEAM; or
- Finishes Top 3 in the Intermediate Category in the Selection Race will be automatically in the TEAM; or
- Finishes Top 4 in the Junior Category in the Selection Race will be automatically selected in the TEAM.

4. **Discretionary Selection**

a. The **TNSWSSATSC** may select remaining positions in the TEAM following the allocation of any automatic positions under clause C.3 above. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.

b. In exercising its discretion in selecting remaining positions on the TEAM, the **TNSWSSATSC** can consider any other matter it deems relevant for consideration.

c. The **TNSWSSATSC** does not have to fill all positions in the TEAM.

d. The **TNSWSSATSC** will advise the TNSW Board of the selected athletes.

D. TEAM RESERVES

1. The **TNSWSSATSC** may, in its discretion, identify up to a maximum of two (2) additional athletes of each gender as reserve athletes for the TEAM. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

2. If the **TNSWSSATSC** names more than one TEAM reserve in either category, the athletes selected as reserves may be ranked in priority order by the **TNSWSSATSC**.

3. In exercising its discretion to name a TEAM reserve/reserves, the TNSWSSACT may consider any factor or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the **TNSWSSATSC**, relevant for consideration when selecting a reserve for the TEAM.

4. Any athlete selected as a TEAM reserve must comply with the conditions of clause E.

5. Athletes selected as TEAM reserves according to this Policy will not be members of the TEAM unless they replace a TEAM member by operation of this policy.

E. TEAM MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONAL

1. All athletes, including reserve athlete, selected in the TEAM under this Policy are expected to maintain a level of form and fitness commensurate with the level of competition they will be required to race at.
2. Any athlete selected in the TEAM who fails to meet the above obligation may at the discretion of the **TNSWSSATSC** be removed from the TEAM.
3. Any athlete removed from the TEAM by operation of this clause E may, at the discretion of the **TNSWSSATSC** be replaced in the TEAM by the highest ranking reserve in the relevant category. If no reserve has been named, the **TNSWSSATSC** may select one from the nominated list of athletes.

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

The TNSW SSA Championships TEAM will be announced by TNSW on or before **13 March 2017**.

G. FUNDING

1. There will be no funding for the TEAM to the 2017 School Sport Australia Triathlon Championships. Athletes will be required to fully meet all costs.

H. APPEAL PROCESS

The appeal process applicable to this Policy is available from the Triathlon Australia website: [Triathlon Australia Appeals Policy](#)

I. POLICY ENQUIRIES

All enquires and questions relating to this policy should be directed to the Coach Education and Pathway Manager, Mick Delamotte (mick.delamotte@nsw.triathlon.org.au).

J. INTERPRETATION

In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Automatic Selection – the process of choosing athletes for nomination by reason of performance in the 2017 NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships, Penrith as described in clause C.3.

TNSWSSATSC – Triathlon NSW School Sports Australia Selection Committee comprising of a Chair who is the Triathlon NSW CEO, and two more members appointed by TNSW from time to time.

Discretionary Selection – the process of choosing athletes for selection at the discretion of the TNSWASSC as described at clause C.4.

TEAM – the 2017 Triathlon NSW All Schools Team.

SSATC – 2017 School Sport Australia Triathlon Championships.

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