



TRIATHLON NSW / ACT

Youth, Junior and U23 Mixed Relay (MR) Team Selection Policy 2021



A. INTRODUCTION

1. This Policy details the process by which Triathlon NSW (TNSW) and Triathlon ACT (TACT) determines which athletes gain selection in the Palladium Property TNSW/TACT No.1 Youth, Junior & U23 Team which will be selected for relevant Australian Youth, Junior or U23 Triathlon Mixed Relay (MR) Championships in the relevant calendar year.
2. 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 Coach Education and Pathway Manager for Triathlon NSW/ACT, Robyn Low-Hart (development@nsw.triathlon.org.au).

If an athlete or parent is still unclear about the Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, enquiries can be forwarded to Triathlon NSW Chief Executive Officer, Adam Wicks (adam.wicks@nsw.triathlon.org.au) or Triathlon ACT Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Bartlett (director@act.triathlon.org.au).

B. SELECTION EVENT

1. The selection event is the "Triathlon NSW/ACT Mixed Relay Championships" to be held at Orange as part of the Billigence Pathway Championship Series on Saturday 27th November, 2021
2. A contingency selection process exists in the absence of the selection event being conducted or Mixed Relay Team automatic selection times unable to be determined at the selection event.

C. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes are considered for selection according to the following criteria.

1. Youth, Junior and U23 aged athlete must:

- maintain annual membership with Triathlon Australia;
- permanently reside in New South Wales or Australian Capital Territory.
- meet any TA pre-selection requirements to compete at a National MTR Championship event (e.g Youth athletes aged 13 as at 31 December 2022 may not be eligible to race at National Youth events);
- be a member of the current Regional Academy of Sport (RASi) Program (including Lone and Future Star athletes), Rest of State Talent Academy (ROSTA), Triathlon ACT Talent Academy (TACTTA), TNSW/ACT Emerging Talent Squad (ETS) or TNSW/ACT U23 Development Squad;
- Have signed the 2021/2022 Athlete Agreement upon selection into one of the above programs;

- complete the relevant Athlete Pre-screening Process, Pre-participation Evaluation (PPE) and any other relevant athlete profiling screenings requested by Triathlon NSW/ACT or Triathlon Australia.
- be draft legally endorsed through the TA draft legal endorsement process and will subsequently have one of the following membership categories once endorsed;
 - Youth Draft Legal born in 2007 or 2008 (14 - 15 years as of 31 December 2022)
 - Junior Draft Legal born 2003 – 2006 (16 – 19 years as of 31 December 2022)
 - Professional Development U23 Licence

2. All Athletes must:

- Have every intention to compete in the “Triathlon NSW/ACT Super Sprint Triathlon Championships” to be held at Orange on Sunday 28th November 2021 as part of the Billigence Pathway Championship Series the day after the MR Selection event, pending any medical clearance.

D. MIXED RELAY (MR) TEAM AUTOMATIC SELECTION

1. A separate No 1. Youth, Junior & U23 NSW Mixed Relay team will be selected comprising of two (2) x male and two (2) x female athletes in each age category as follows:
 - Fastest Female per age category from the first leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg); and
 - Fastest Male per age category from the second leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg); and
 - Fastest Female per age category from the third leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg; and
 - Fastest Male per age category from the fourth leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg);
 - If the fastest athlete in any of the four (4) legs above does not achieve a cumulative transition time in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in their leg, the next fastest athlete will be selected providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5. This process will continue to roll down should it need to in each individual leg of the qualifying TNSW Mixed Relay Championships.

2. In the case of the selection event not being conducted, or times for Mixed Relay Team automatic selection being unable to be determined, the contingency selection process will see selection of athletes as follows:
 - 1st priority will be the two (2) fastest male and two (2) fastest female athletes based on their finish times from the Triathlon NSW/ACT Super Sprint Triathlon Championships to be held at Orange on Sunday 28th November 2021 in the Youth, Junior and U23.
 - 2nd priority will be given to any athlete who was selected in the Australian U23 Team for the most recent World Triathlon (WT) Triathlon World Championships.
 - 3rd priority will go to any athlete with the highest accumulation of WT points as per the WT World Rankings list as at the date of selection.
 - 4th priority will go to the athlete with the highest accumulated points after the first two rounds of the 2021 Billigence Pathway Championship Series.
3. Subsequent Mixed teams will be selected for Youth, Junior & U23 to compete at any mixed relay event or National MR Championship event. These teams will comprise of two (2) x male and two (2) x female athletes based on their finish times at the deemed selection event, on a roll down basis.
4. TNSW/ACT reserves the right to select 1 x Female and 1 x Male per age category as a No 1. Team Reserve for the TNSW/ACT Youth, Junior & U23 Mixed Relay Team. Those reserves will be automatically placed in the No 2. Team. These reserves will be selected on the basis of their overall finish times being the next fastest finish time in the Triathlon NSW/ACT Super Sprint Triathlon Championships” to be held at Orange on Sunday 28th November 2021.

E. UNIFORMS

A selected athlete must compete in the TNSW/ACT Team in the Official 2021/2022 Palladium Property uniform. The uniform will be provided thanks to our sponsor, the athlete will not need to pay for this uniform.

F. COMPETITION COMMITMENT

Accepting your position in the team means that you will compete at the Australian Youth, Junior Mixed Team Relay Championships. This date and venue is yet to be confirmed due to COVID 19 lockdowns in 2021.

G. APPEAL PROCESS

1. An eligible athlete who fails to have been selected under the process and criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission from the team as set out in this section.
 - The sole ground of any appeal is that the Athlete’s omission from the team was as a result of a failure by Triathlon NSW/ACT to properly follow the process set out in this policy.

- Any Appeal under this clause will proceed in accordance with the procedure set out in 'TNSW / TACT Mixed Relay (MR) Team Selection Appeal Policy'.
- Any eligible athlete wishing to appeal their omission from the team must do so in writing to the Triathlon NSW CEO by 5:00pm on the day immediately after the announcement of the provisional team on the TNSW and TACT websites and be accompanied by a \$100 fee which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- The Appeal will be forwarded to the TNSW/TACT Selection Appeals Committee who will review the appeal on its merits within 48 hours of the provisional team being named. The athlete will receive a written response from TNSW/TACT.
- This decision of the Selection Appeals Committee is final.

H. INTERPRETATION

In this Policy the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Cumulative Transition time – The time from entering T1 and exiting T1 plus the time from entering T2 and exiting T2 plus any time penalty that may have incurred as a result of a transition indiscretion.

I. POLICY AMENDMENT

1. This Policy can be amended at any time by TNSW/ACT if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary.

Triathlon NSW Ltd
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