



DOCUMENT:	Triathlon Australia Selection Policy
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TEAM:	Open Paratriathlon Team
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DATE:	23 rd to 24 th of July 2016

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A. INTERPRETATION

2016 ITU TWC means the International Triathlon Union Triathlon World Championships owned and sanctioned by the International Triathlon Union to be conducted in Rotterdam, Netherlands from the 23rd to the 24th of July 2016.

Athlete means an athlete who registers for and competes in one or more event(s).

2016 Open Paratriathlon Athlete Agreement means a contractual agreement between Triathlon Australia and the athlete which sets out the rights, entitlements and obligations of the athlete having agreed to become a member of the team and the rights, entitlements and obligations of Triathlon Australia in its management and control of the sport and the team.

CEO means the person appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Triathlon Australia by Triathlon Australia or her nominee.

Event(s) or Selection Event means one or more of the open paratriathlon events set out in Clause D.

ITU means the International Triathlon Union and is the official governing body for the Olympic sport of Triathlon.

Triathlon Australia Membership means a current annual Triathlon Australia membership in the full Adult, Family or Junior category.

STTAs means the State and Territory Triathlon Associations affiliated with Triathlon Australia.

TASAT means the Triathlon Australia Selection Appeals Tribunal appointed by Triathlon Australia to hear and determine appeals under this policy.

TAPC means the Triathlon Australia Paratriathlon Committee appointed by Triathlon Australia to select the team under this policy.

TANAGM means the Triathlon Australia National Age Group Manager.

Team Management means the person(s) appointed to the position(s) of Team Management for the team by Triathlon Australia.

Team means the Age Group Team selected under this policy to represent Australia at the 2016 International Triathlon Union Triathlon World Championships.

Triathlon Australia means Triathlon Australia Limited ACN 007 356 907, the National Federation for the sports of triathlon/ duathlon/ aquathlon and which is affiliated with the International Triathlon Union.

Undersubscribed in relation to an event means that there are less applicants for selection for any particular age group category at the Open Paratriathlon World Championships than there are places in the team for that classification according to International Triathlon Union entry rules.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. This policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia will select its Open Paratriathlon team for the 2016 International Triathlon Union Open Paratriathlon World Championships.
2. 2016 ITU TWC Race Competition Rules stipulate that Triathlon Australia may nominate a maximum of 6 males and 6 females in each classification category of the 2016 International Triathlon Union Open Paratriathlon World Championships. Classification categories include PT1, PT2, PT3, PT4 and PT5; for both men and women.
3. Under the terms of this selection policy, the TAPC is not required to select the maximum of 6 males and 6 females to the team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the TAPC.
4. This policy can be amended at any time by Triathlon Australia if Triathlon Australia is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the International Triathlon Union guidelines or eligibility rules, 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 Triathlon Australia by Triathlon Australia. Triathlon Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of such amendment.

C. SELF-FUNDED TEAM

The Team is a fully self-funded. Costs to be met by each team member include but are not limited to:

- a) athlete services contribution which includes:
 - i. the race entry fee
 - ii. the team management fee
 - iii. travel insurance (including personal accident insurance while training and racing overseas). Please note that this does not include bike insurance.
- b) the team uniform (race suit and casual)
- c) travel and accommodation, preferably in the nominated Australian team hotel(s).

D. SELECTION EVENTS

Athletes must register for events on an event by event basis. The following events will be used as open paratriathlon selection races:

Race	Date	Event Name	State / Territory
Race 1	6 th September 2015	Moreton Bay Triathlon	QLD
Race 2	10 th January 2016	Gatorade QLD Triathlon Series	QLD

Race 3	24 th April	Open Paratriathlon Event held in conjunction with the World Paratriathlon Event (Triathlon NSW)	NSW
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It is the athlete's responsibility to identify and comply with the registration rules for each individual event.

E. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Only athletes qualified according to the terms of Clause E3 will be eligible for selection in the Team.
2. In order to be eligible for selection the athlete must hold a current relevant Triathlon Australia Membership (as defined) as of midnight on the Thursday preceding the date of the relevant selection event.
3. Athletes eligible for Selection

In order to be eligible for selection in the team, athletes must:

- a) At the time of making application for the team as set out in Clause E3(c) below hold a current relevant Triathlon Australia Membership.
- b) Not be the holder of a Triathlon Australia Professional License during the financial year in which the selection events conducted.
- c) Notify Triathlon Australia of their Expression of Interest for selection by applying on-line on the Triathlon Australia website, www.triathlon.org.au.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 5:00pm AEST Monday 25th of April 2016.

- d) Not selected to compete in the Elite Paratriathlon event at the 2016 World Triathlon Championships.
- e) Meet the equipment regulations as specified in the International Triathlon Rules for Paratriathlon events. In particular attention is drawn to the requirement for requests for approval of adaptations to equipment to be submitted a minimum of one month before the start of the competition. Such equipment includes but is not limited to knee braces, bikes and handcycles. Only equipment listed on the "Approved Paratriathlon Impairment Adaptations on Bicycles" or the "Approved Knee Braces Catalog" on the ITU website is permitted for use in the competition.

F. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. If more than 6 athletes (male or female) register their availability for selection in any particular classification category, or the selectors exercise their discretion to name less than the number who have registered for selection in any particular classification category.
- 2 **Automatic Qualification**

Automatic qualification to the 2016 Age Group Team will be given to athletes who:

Achieved a podium position at the 2015 ITU Open Paratriathlon World Championships.

To validate this automatic qualification, athletes must compete and finish at least one of the National Qualifying Series races as listed in clause D of this selection policy and meet all the eligibility criteria as outlined in clause E of this selection policy.

4. Discretionary Selections

- a) In any category where there are less than 6 eligible athletes the TAPC may at their discretion select additional athletes by operation of this Clause F4 up to the maximum of 6.
- b) In order to be eligible for discretionary selection by operation of F4(a) above an athlete must:
 - i. Apply for selection according to the terms of E3
 - ii. Make written submission to the TANAGM by 5:00pm AEST Monday 25th of April 2016.
 - iii. A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the TAPC to consider in exercising their discretion under this Clause E4. Such matters may include details of any injury or illness (which must be accompanied by a medical report signed by a registered medical practitioner) or any other factor, such as mechanical failure or extenuating circumstances that have affected an athlete's performance in any relevant event.
 - iv. Athletes may apply for discretionary selection if for any reason they have been unable to attend the selection races as noted in Clause D.

3. Reserves

- a) If 6 athletes (male and/or female) are selected in a classification category; the TAPC may at its discretion name up to 5 reserves (male and/or female) per classification category. The positional order of the reserves are at the absolute discretion of the TAPC.
- b) Should a team member withdraw or be removed from the team, the TAAGM may replace that team member with one of the selected reserve athletes.
- c) The TANAGM may exercise his/her discretion at any time up until the closing date for nominating Reserve athletes to participate in the 2016 International Triathlon Union Open Paratriathlon World Championships set by the International Triathlon Union. A reserve who is selected according to Clause G3 above will be required to accept their position within a reasonable time to be set at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

G. SELECTION TO THE TEAM

1. Only athletes qualified according to the terms of Clause E of this policy will be eligible for selection in the Team.
2. Selection according to the terms of this policy is conditional upon the athlete complying
 - a) Providing one of the following to Triathlon Australia at least eight (8) weeks prior to the date of 2016 ITU World Open Paratriathlon Championships:
 - A copy of a current Australian passport
 - A copy of an Australian birth certificate
 - Evidence of Australian citizenship
 - b) Holding a relevant Triathlon Australia membership at the time of 2016 ITU World Open Paratriathlon Championships; and
 - c) Not applying for or being the holder of a Triathlon Australia Professional License during the financial year in which 2016 ITU World Open Paratriathlon Championships is conducted.

H. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. The preliminary team will be submitted to the TAPC for ratification and will be subject to any appeals according to the terms of this selection policy.
2. The preliminary Australian Open Paratriathlon team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the Triathlon Australia website by 5pm AEST Friday 29th April 2016.
3. The final team including any reserves will be submitted to the Triathlon Australia Board for ratification. The Triathlon Australia Board will be advised of the outcomes of any appeals.
4. The final team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the TA website by 5pm AEST Friday 20th May 2016.

I. ATHLETE AGREEMENT

1. All members of the team will be required to sign and comply with the Athlete Agreement.
2. Any selected athlete who fails to sign the Athlete Agreement by the date required by Triathlon Australia will be immediately replaced in the team according to Clause G6.
3. Any selected athlete who fails to comply with the Athlete Agreement may be removed from the team and replaced at any time by the TANAGM and be subject to Triathlon Australia's Disciplinary Rules.

J. APPEAL PROCESS

An appeal against a decision of the TAPC made under this selection policy must be made according to Triathlon Australia's nominated appeals process which will be published on the Triathlon Australia website at the same time that this selection policy is published.

Triathlon Australia Limited: 5th February 2016