



**Triathlon Australia Selection Policy**  
**2012 International Triathlon Union World Championships**  
**Age Group Team**  
**Duathlon 10km run/ 40km cycle/ 5km run**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**  
**Nancy, France**

**A. INTERPRETATION**

**2012 ITU DWC or DWC** means the International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships owned and sanctioned by the International Triathlon Union to be conducted in Nancy, France on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012.

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

**2012 Age Group 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 their nominee.

**Event(s)** or Selection Event means one or more of the age group duathlon distance events set out in Clause E.

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

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

**Selection Points** means the accumulated points calculated and awarded to an athlete who meets the eligibility criteria in Clause C for selection purposes.

**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.

**TASC** means the Triathlon Australia Age Group Selection Committee appointed by Triathlon Australia to select the team under this policy.

**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 2012 International Triathlon Union Duathlon 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 2012 International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships than there are places in the team for that age group according to International Triathlon Union entry rules.

## **B. INTRODUCTION**

1. This policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia will select its age group team for the 2012 International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships.
2. International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championship Race Competition Rules stipulate that Triathlon Australia may nominate a maximum of 20 males and 20 females in each age group category of the 2012 International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships. Age group categories start at 18 - 19 and then progress in five year blocks e.g. 20 - 24; 25 - 29; for both men and women.
3. Under the terms of this selection policy, the TASC is not required to select the maximum of 20 males and 20 females to the team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the TASC.
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. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

1. Only athletes qualified according to the terms of Clause C3 will be eligible for selection in the Team.
2. International Triathlon Union age group eligibility criteria for racing at the 2012 International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships is determined based on an athlete's age on 31st December 2012.

3. 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 3(d) below hold a current relevant Triathlon Australia membership.
  - b) Not be the holder of a Triathlon Australia OPEN Category 1 Professional License during the financial year in which the selection events conducted.
  - c) Sign and comply with the 2012 Duathlon Australia Age Group Athlete Team Agreement.
  - d) Notify Triathlon Australia of their availability for selection by applying on-line on the Triathlon Australia website, [www.triathlon.org.au](http://www.triathlon.org.au). For the avoidance of doubt, this includes athletes who wish to be considered for discretionary selection as set out in G3. Applications must be completed and submitted before 5:00pm AEDST on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Note the application period will commence on the **1<sup>st</sup> February 2012**.
  
4. Selection according to the terms of this policy is conditional upon the athlete:
  - a) Providing a valid Australia passport or birth certificate by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.
  - b) Holding a relevant Triathlon Australia membership at the time of the 2012 Duathlon World Championships; and
  - c) Not applying for or being the holder of a Triathlon Australia Open Category 1 Professional License during the financial year in which Triathlon World Championships is conducted.

**D. THIS IS A 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 Australia team hotel(s)

## E. SELECTION EVENTS

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

	Date	State / Territory	Venue
Race 1	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2011	New South Wales	Hunter Valley
Race 2	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2011	Queensland	Lockyer Valley
Race 3	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Northern Territory	Alice Springs
Race 4	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Australian Capital Territory	Canberra
Race 5	18 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Victoria	Melbourne
Race 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2011	Tasmania	Devonport
Race 7	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	Western Australia	Champion Lakes
Race 8	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2011	South Australia	Barossa Valley

It is the athlete's responsibility to identify and comply with the registration rules for each individual event.

## F. SELECTION POINTS

1. Selection points for events will be awarded as follows:

Place	Selection Events: 1 to 7	Selection Event 8 Australian Duathlon Championships Barossa Valley, South Australia 16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2012
1 <sup>st</sup>	25	50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	24	48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	23	46
4 <sup>th</sup>	22	44
5 <sup>th</sup>	21	42
6 <sup>th</sup>	20	40
7 <sup>th</sup>	19	38
8 <sup>th</sup>	18	36
9 <sup>th</sup>	17	34
10 <sup>th</sup>	16	32
11 <sup>th</sup>	15	30
12 <sup>th</sup>	14	28
13 <sup>th</sup>	13	26
14 <sup>th</sup>	12	24
15 <sup>th</sup>	11	22
16 <sup>th</sup>	10	20
17 <sup>th</sup>	9	18

18 <sup>th</sup>	8	16
19 <sup>th</sup>	7	14
20 <sup>th</sup>	6	12
21 <sup>st</sup>	5	10
22 <sup>nd</sup>	4	8
23 <sup>rd</sup>	3	6
24 <sup>th</sup>	2	4
25 <sup>th</sup>	1	2

2. Results from each event will be converted to age as at 31 December 2012 and selection points allocated in priority order according to the official race finishing time. Points will be awarded as set out in F1. Athletes finishing in identical time will, for the purposes of this policy, be regarded as finishing in a tie and will be awarded points as in the following example:

E.g. If two athletes finish in a tie (as defined) for 4<sup>th</sup> position in event 8 they will be awarded 43 points each ( $44 + 42 = 86$  divided by  $2 = 43$ ).

3. Selection points will not be awarded to athletes who are not eligible for selection in the team according to the terms of Clause F4 below.
4. For selection points in an event to accumulate towards selection an athlete must hold a current relevant Triathlon Australia membership (as defined) as of midnight on the Thursday preceding the date of the relevant event.
5. If an event is cancelled for any reason, selection points will not be allocated for that event for the purposes of selection in the team. Triathlon Australia will not be responsible for any loss caused by or arising out of such damage or cancellation.
6. If the format of any event is changed for any reason, adjusted selection points will be allocated for that event for the purposes of selection in the team. Adjusted selection points will be awarded as follows:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Selection Events: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7</b>	<b>Selection Event 8 Australian Duathlon Championships Barossa Valley, South Australia 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	12.5	25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12	24
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.5	23
4 <sup>th</sup>	11	22
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.5	21
6 <sup>th</sup>	10	20
7 <sup>th</sup>	9.5	19
8 <sup>th</sup>	9	18
9 <sup>th</sup>	8.5	17

10 <sup>th</sup>	8	16
11 <sup>th</sup>	7.5	15
12 <sup>th</sup>	7	14
13 <sup>th</sup>	6.5	13
14 <sup>th</sup>	6	12
15 <sup>th</sup>	5.5	11
16 <sup>th</sup>	5	10
17 <sup>th</sup>	4.5	9
18 <sup>th</sup>	4	8
19 <sup>th</sup>	3.5	7
20 <sup>th</sup>	3	6
21 <sup>st</sup>	2.5	5
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2	4
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.5	3
24 <sup>th</sup>	1	2
25 <sup>th</sup>	0.5	1

7. If an ineligible athlete finishes in the top 25 places in any selection event the points allocated to that finishing position will not “roll down” to the next eligible athlete.

#### **G. SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. If more than 20 athletes (male or female) register their availability for selection in any particular age group category, or the selectors exercise their discretion to name less than the number who have registered for selection in any particular age group category, the TASC will select the team in priority order according to the provisions of Clause G2.
2. Accumulated points from selection events
  - a) The TASC will make selections in priority order according to the highest accumulated selection points based on the best three results in the selection events. For the avoidance of doubt, selection points allocated to an ineligible athlete will not “roll down” to the next eligible athlete for the purposes of selection.
  - b) When making selections by operation of G2 (a) above and there are athletes with equal number of selection points in any age group category the TASC will separate such athletes, if necessary by applying the following criteria in priority order until an athlete is ranked outright 20<sup>th</sup> on the points scoring system.
    - i. The athlete who has competed in the most number of events.
    - ii. The athlete with the highest individual placing in any single event.
    - iii. The athlete who was most recently a member of an Age Group International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships team.
    - iv. The athlete who in the opinion of the TASC has the best chance of achieving the highest result in the 2012 Duathlon World Championships.

### 3. Discretionary Selections

- a) In any category where there are less than 20 eligible athletes the TASC may at their discretion select additional athletes by operation of this Clause G3 up to the maximum of 20.
- b) In order to be eligible for discretionary selection by operation of 3(a) above an athlete must
  - i. Apply for selection according to the terms of C3
  - ii. Make written submission to the CEO by 5:00pm AEDST 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
  - iii. A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the TASC to consider in exercising their discretion under this Clause G3. 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.

### 4. Reserves

- a) 20 athletes (male and/or female) are selected in an age group category; the TASC may at its discretion name up to 5 reserves (male and/or female) per age category.
- b) The reserves will be numbered 1-5 and selected in priority order based on accumulated selection points as set out in Clause G2.
- c) Should a team member withdraw or be removed from the team, the TASC may replace that team member with a further selection from the reserves and that reserve will be selected in priority order according to G2 (a) above.
- d) A reserve who is selected according to Clause G4(c) above will be required to accept their position within a reasonable time to be set at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.
- e) The TASC may exercise its discretion at any time up until the closing date for nominating Athletes to participate in the 2012 International Triathlon Union Duathlon World Championships set by the International Triathlon Union.

## **H. 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 G4.
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 TASC according to

Clause G4 and be subject to Triathlon Australia's Disciplinary Rules and Procedures By-law.

#### **I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM**

1. The preliminary team will be submitted to the Board of Triathlon Australia for ratification and will be subject to any appeals according to the terms of this selection policy.
2. The preliminary Australian Age Group team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the Triathlon Australia website by the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012.
3. The Triathlon Australia Board will be advised of the outcomes of any appeals and the final team will be submitted to the Board of Triathlon Australia for ratification.
4. The final team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the Triathlon Australia website by the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

#### **J. APPEAL PROCESS**

An appeal against a decision of the TASC 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  
1<sup>st</sup> of July 2011.