



**Triathlon Australia
Professional License Policy
Valid for the 2011/2012 Season**

1. All Australian athletes wishing to compete in Triathlon, Duathlon or Aquathlon Events with an overall Prize purse (male & female combined) above \$5,000 (Australian) or greater will require a Professional Licence to be shown at registration prior to the Race to be eligible to race as a Professional at that event.
2. To be eligible for Professional Licence athletes must be turning 18 in 2011. "Special Circumstances" will be evaluated by the High Performance Team.
3. There will be 4 levels of Professional Licence in 2011/2012.

Category 1. Professional Licence – Open
Category 2. Professional Licence – International Long Course and Duathlon
Category 3. Professional Licence – Domestic Long Course and Duathlon
Category 4. Interim U23 Development Licence
4. The assessment Period for 2011/2012 Licences is based on performances from 1 July 2010 until 30 June 2011. Please read each category for other qualification opportunities and relevant cut-off dates.
5. If during the course of the year you upgrade your licence you only pay the differential between your original licence and the new licence.

Category 1 Professional Licence – OPEN

The cut-off date for Applications for this Category of licence (Category 1) for the 2011/12 season is 31st March 2012.

This will be for all Australian Athletes wishing to compete as a professional athlete in the Challenge Series, National Championships, Regional Championships, ITU Points Races, World Championships, World Cups, Continental Cups and any other Triathlon, Duathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of \$5000.

Category 1 Professional Licence holders cannot race as Age-Groupers in any triathlon event which has a professional or open category within the same year.

Automatic Qualification will be achieved via the following criteria:

Previous Season Results (2010/2011)

1. Elite, U23 Worlds or ITU Junior Team Member Athletes;

2. Top 25 in a 2010/2011 ITU World Cup Event;
3. Top 8 in 2010/2011 ITU Points Races within 5% of the winner's time for males & females;
4. Performances in 2010/11 in Elite National Series Australian Olympic Distance Triathlon (ODT) Race or National Championship (ODT) within 6% of the winner's time for males & within 8% of the winner's time for females
5. Fastest three times in overall Age Group results (male and female) in the 2010 Australian Championships (Mooloolaba)
6. Fastest overall Age Group time (male and female) at any 2010/2011 National Series Olympic Distance event;
7. Top 3 in 2010 World Age Group Championships within 1.5% of the overall fastest male & female Age Group time.

Opportunities in the latter part of 2011

1. Top 3 in 2011 World Age Group Championships (ODT) within 1.5% of the overall fastest male & female Age Group time.
2. A Top 5 result in the Noosa Triathlon in 2011, within 8% of the winner's time in the Elite Open wave – male and female. (An athlete without a Professional Licence prior to Noosa, must race Age Group, however, results will be comparable to Professionals, as course is identical and non-drafting for both)

Non Automatic Qualification

Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence that do not meet the above may apply in writing to the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team. The onus is on the applicant to supply the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure. Upon assessment the decision of the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team will be final.

Category 2 Professional Licences International Long Course and Duathlon

The cut-off dates for Applications for this Category of license (Category 2) is the 31st March 2012. Long Course and Duathlon Licences will be for all Australian Athletes wishing to compete as a professional in any Australian or International Long Course and/or Duathlon event with prize money in excess of \$5,000 and will allow both Australian Long Course specialists and Duathletes to race as Age-Groupers or in Open Waves in **Non-Drafting** triathlon races in Australia and Internationally.

Long Course is defined in this document, as any event greater in distance than Olympic Distance events (1.5/40/10).

Automatic Qualification will be achieved via the following criteria:

1. Top 5 at National Long Course or Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the Open winner's time for male & female;
2. Top 15 in World Long Course or Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the winner's time for male & female;

3. Top 10 in any WTC Ironman as long as within 6% of the overall winner's time for male & female;
4. Top 20 in Hawaii Ironman as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;
5. Top 5 in Australian Half Ironman (70.3) Race if within 4% of the overall fastest time for male & female;
6. Fastest three times in overall Age Group results (male and female) in Australian Long Course or Duathlon Championships;
7. Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in Australian Half Ironman Races (70.3) if within 5% of the overall fastest time for male & female; and
8. Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in World Long Course or WTC Ironman event as long as within 7.5% of the overall fastest time for male & female.

Non Automatic Qualification

Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence that do not meet the above may apply in writing to the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team. The onus is on the applicant to supply the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure. Upon assessment the decision of the TA HPT will be final.

Category 3 Professional Licences Domestic Long Course and Duathlon

The cut-off dates for Applications for this Category of license (Category 3) is 31st January 2012.

A Category 3 Professional Licence will be for all Australian Athletes wishing to compete as a Professional in any Australian Long Course or Duathlon events with prize money in excess of \$5,000 (male & female combined) in AUSTRALIA ONLY and will allow Australian Long Course and Duathlete specialists to race as Age-Groupers in Non-Drafting triathlon races

This license is valid in Australia ONLY.

This license does NOT include International Medical & Travel Insurance.

Automatic Qualification will be achieved via the following criteria:

1. Top 5 at National Long Course or Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the Elite winner's time for male & female;
2. Top 15 in World Long Course or Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the winner's time for male & female;
3. Top 10 in any WTC Ironman Open category as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;
4. Top 20 in Hawaii Ironman as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;

5. Top 5 in Australian Half Ironman (70.3) Race if within 4% of the overall fastest time for male & female;
6. Fastest three times in overall Age Group results (male and female) in Australian Long Course or Duathlon Championships;
7. Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in Australian Half Ironman Races (70.3) if within 5% of the overall fastest time for male & female; and
8. Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in World Long Course or WTC Ironman event as long as within 7.5% of the overall fastest time for male & female.

Non Automatic Qualification

Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence that do not meet the above may apply in writing to the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team. The onus is on the applicant to supply the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure. Upon assessment the decision of the Triathlon Australia High Performance Team will be final.

Category 4 Professional Licences International Interim Under 23 Development License

The cut-off date for Applications for this Category of licence (Category 4) for the 2011/12 season is 15 August 2011.

This will be for all Australian U23 athletes wishing to compete as a professional in OVERSEAS races such as ITU Continental Cups and any other Triathlon, Duathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of \$5,000 (male and female combined).

Category 4 Interim Under 23 Development License holders cannot race as Age-Groupers in any triathlon event which has a professional or open category within the same period.