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**Reference:** 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championships events which are scheduled to occur at the following venues and dates:

**2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships** – Almere, Netherland’s 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships** - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships** – Aviles, Spain 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships** – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon. The 2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships were to be held in Almere the Netherlands in September 2021 however the aquathlon event was cancelled at this event in Almere. This event may not be held in 2021. World Triathlon may not be able to confirm a new date and venue.

**Important Note 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection:**

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**2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships** - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships** – Aviles, Spain 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships** – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon.

Due to the challenging and ever-changing global health pandemic one or more of the 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championship event/s may be postponed or cancelled at a later date. The Australian Government has a current ban on international travel for all Australian citizens and this ban may be in place for some time. Australian athletes may not be able to leave Australia to attend the 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championship events due to Australian Government travel bans which may be in place for all Australian citizens at such time. Triathlon Australia urges all Australian athletes to consider the current global climate including health risks, potential event postponements/cancellations, Australian Government international travel bans

when deciding to undertake potential selection for one or more of the 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championship events.

Athletes should also be aware that World Triathlon and or the local organising committees in Almere, Anillo de Extremadura and Aviles may require event participants to undertake pre-travel and pre-event health checks and to comply with health and safety directions at the event.

Triathlon Australia at its discretion may not select a 2021 Australian Multisport Team to attend the 2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships – Almere, Netherland’s 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 and or the 2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and or the 2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships – Aviles, Spain 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 and or the 2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government international travel restrictions and health risks to athletes. Triathlon Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone for any consequence of a decision not to select a 2021 Australian Multisport Team.

## **1 Introduction**

### **1.1 Scope**

This Policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia (TA) will determine Elite, Paratriathlon, U23 and Junior the members as part of the Australian Team (TEAM) to compete at the following 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championship events:

**2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships** – Almere, Netherland’s 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships** - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships** – Aviles, Spain 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships** – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon.

### **1.2 Objective**

- (a) The primary objective of this policy is to select athletes whom TA considers demonstrate an ability to medal or play a team role in winning a medal at the events listed in **Clause 1.1**.
- (b) The men’s events and the women’s events of each of the races listed in **Clause 1.1** are separate events and different considerations may be relevant in selection of Athletes (according to this Policy) to maximise the prospects of achieving TA’s stated objective for the MSWC.

### **1.3 Application**

- (a) TA may only select Athletes in the TEAM in accordance with this Policy.
- (b) The Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee (TAESC) has been appointed by the TA Board to administer and implement this Policy.
- (c) The TAESC will present selected Athletes to the TA Board for ratification.

(d) This Policy is issued by the TA Board. TA must provide, or otherwise make available, this Policy to all Athletes.

e) World Triathlon (WT) determines eligibility criteria and competition rules for all WT events. Selection according to the terms of this Policy will not qualify an athlete for participation in the MSWC if the athlete is not eligible according to the applicable WT eligibility rules.

(f) Under the current rules, entry to the MSWC is accepted only through nomination from the National Federation, being TA.

## **2 Eligibility**

TA will not select an Athlete unless, as at the Selection Date, TA is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Athlete:

(a) is a current member of, and in good standing with TA;

(b) be an Australian Citizen;

(c) satisfies all WT Rules;

(d) in the opinion of TA, not brought him/herself, TA, or the sport of Triathlon into disrepute; and (

e) if requested by the National Performance Director (NPD), agree to, and sign the 2021 TA Athlete Agreement prior to confirmation of acceptance of TEAM selection.

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

## **3 Qualification of Athlete Quota Positions**

3.1 TA may only select Athletes to the TEAM where, under the WT Competition Qualification Criteria, the WT has awarded TA Athlete quota positions.

3.2 TA may not select more Athletes than are permitted under the WT Competition Qualification Criteria.

3.3 Neither this Policy, nor WT require TA to select the maximum number of athletes to the TEAM for the MSWC.

## **4 Selection Criteria**

4.1 For the purposes of selection for the TEAM, athletes may only be considered for selection via Discretionary Selection.

(a) In exercising its discretion in selecting positions on the TEAM, the TAESC may consider any matter it deems relevant in meeting the primary objective outlined in **Clause 1.2**. The TAESC may consider performances in races up to and including 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Long Distance Triathlon) and up to and including 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Duathlon and Cross Triathlon).

4.2 All athletes must complete the online nomination form before the nominations closing date of:

**2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships – Almere, Netherland’s by 9am AEST Monday 7th June 2021.**

**2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships** - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain by 5pm AEST Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships** – Aviles, Spain by 5pm AEST Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2021

**2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships** – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon. Applications are currently not open for this event.

4.3 The online nomination form can be located here -

[https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/76954634/select-race?\\_p=5388978246211646](https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/76954634/select-race?_p=5388978246211646)

4.4 All nominations must be made through this nomination link.

## **5 Reserve Athletes**

5.1 The TAESC may identify additional Athletes of each gender as Reserve Athletes.

5.2 In exercising its discretion to select Reserve Athletes, the TAESC may consider any factor or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the TAESC, deemed relevant.

5.3 Reserves may be ranked by the TAESC and will only be chosen from among eligible Athletes.

5.4 Athletes selected as a Reserve according to this Policy will not be members of the TEAM unless they replace a TEAM member by operation of this Policy OR additional quota spots become available from WT.

## **6 Team Membership Conditions**

6.1 On selection to the TEAM, all Athletes, including named Reserve Athletes, must comply with the TA's Standard Event/Team Representation Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment Obligations, dated November 2018

<https://www.triathlon.org.au/Assets/Triathlon+Australia+Digital+Assets/Athlete+Fitness+and+Medical+Obligations.pdf>

6.2 If an Athlete does not meet either the requirements or obligations set out in TA's Standard Event/Team Representation Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment Obligations

<https://www.triathlon.org.au/Assets/Triathlon+Australia+Digital+Assets/Athlete+Fitness+and+Medical+Obligations.pdf>), TA may, via the discretion of the NPD, exclude the Athlete from the selected Athletes and nominate a Reserve Athlete to replace the withdrawn Athlete.

## **7 Notification of Selections**

7.1 Triathlon Australia at its discretion may not select a 2021 Australian Multisport Team to attend the 2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships – Almere, Netherland's 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 and or the 2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and or the 2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships – Aviles, Spain 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 and or the 2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government international travel restrictions and health risks to athletes. Triathlon Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone for any consequence of a decision not to select a 2021 Australian Multisport Team.

7.2 The 2021 Australian Multisport Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the TA website on the following days:

**2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships** – Almere, Netherland’s by 5pm AEST on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2021.

**2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships** - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain by 5pm AEST on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.

**2021 World Triathlon Duathlon World Championships** – Aviles, Spain by 5pm AEST on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2021.

**2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships** – To be confirmed by Triathlon Australia.

## **8 Funding**

The TEAM for the MSWC is fully self-funded.

## **9 Appeals**

An Eligible Athlete, who is not selected, may appeal that decision, under the Triathlon Australia Appeals Policy, dated 2017

<https://www.triathlon.org.au/Assets/Triathlon+Australia+Digital+Assets/2017+Triathlon+Australia+Appeals+Policy.pdf>

## **10 Amendments**

This Policy may be amended at any time by TA if TA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in WT 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 TA by TA. TA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment. Any amended Policy will be distributed by TA by email to all eligible Athletes and/or posted on the TA website.

## **11 Governing Law**

This Policy is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

## **12 Policy Enquiries**

It is the athlete’s responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies). For further clarification relating to this policy, queries should be directed to the NPD.

## **13 Definitions**

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

13.1 Discretionary Selection – the process of choosing athletes for selection at the discretion of the TAESC as described in **Clause 4.1**.

13.2 NPD – National Performance Director and/or their nominated delegate

13.3 Selection - describes the process by which the TAESC may consider the performance of an Athlete, apply its expert opinion, and determine whether the Athlete meets the objective of this Policy.

13.4 TAESC – Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee. This committee has been appointed by the TA Board, to administer and implement this Policy. The names of each of the Selectors will be published on the TA website.

13.5 TEAM – the 2021 Australian Multisport World Championship Team

13.6 TWC – 2021 Multisport World Championships

13.7 WT – International Triathlon Union

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### **AMENDMENTS**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection Policy (Almere, Anillo de Extremadura, Almere) Addition:** Important Note 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection Policy (Almere, Anillo de Extremadura, Almere) 1.1:** 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championships (MSWC) which were to be held in Almere, Netherlands have now been separated into individual 2021 World Triathlon Multisport World Championship events including:

2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships – Almere, Netherland’s 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2021

2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

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2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection Policy (Almere, Anillo de Extremadura, Almere) 4.1:** For the purposes of selection for the TEAM, athletes may only be considered for selection via Discretionary Selection.

(a) In exercising its discretion in selecting positions on the TEAM, the TAESC may consider any matter it deems relevant in meeting the primary objective outlined in clause 1.2. The TAESC may consider performances in races up to and including 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (Long Distance Triathlon) and up to and including 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (Duathlon and Cross Triathlon).

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection Policy (Almere, Anillo de Extremadura, Almere) 4.2:** Nomination deadline updated to:

All athletes must complete the online nomination form before the nominations closing date of:

2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships – Almere, Netherland’s by 9am AEST Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2021

2021 World Triathlon Cross Triathlon World Championships - Anillo de Extremadura, Spain by 5pm AEST Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2021

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2021 World Triathlon Aquathlon World Championships – Date and venue to be confirmed by World Triathlon. Applications are currently not open for this event.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection Policy (Almere, Anillo de Extremadura, Almere) 4.3:** The nomination form link has been updated to [https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/76954634/select-race?\\_p=5388978246211646](https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/76954634/select-race?_p=5388978246211646)

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**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 2021 Australian Multisport Team Selection Policy (Almere, Anillo de Extremadura, Almere) 7.2:** The TEAM was to be announced by TA on or about the week beginning 21 June 2021.

7.2 The 2021 Australian Multisport Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the TA website on the following days:

2021 World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championships – Almere, Netherland’s by 5pm AEST on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2021.

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