



2021 Paratriathlon Selection Policy

World Triathlon Para Series World Triathlon Para Cup's

1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

This policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia (TA) will determine the members and guides¹ for the Australia Team² (TEAM) to compete at:

- (a) 2021 WT Para Series events (WTPS); and
- (b) 2021 WT Para Cup events (WTPC).

1.2 Objective

- (a) The primary objective of this policy is to support the selection of athletes capable of podium performance at this and/or future benchmark events.
- (b) The men's paratriathlon event and the women's paratriathlon event 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.

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

¹ Guides are only for PTVI athletes

² Separate teams will be selected for each of the events outlined in Clause A.

- (d) If any TA position is unavailable to fulfil his/her role as described in this Criteria, the TA Board may authorise a delegate to fulfil this role
- (e) WT determines eligibility criteria and competition rules for all WT events. Selection according to the terms of this Criteria will not qualify an athlete for participation in the TEAM if the athlete is not eligible according to the applicable WT eligibility rules.
- (f) Under the current rules, entry to events listed in **clause 1.1** 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 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.
- (f) Any selected member of the TEAM not willing to sign the 2021 TA Athlete Agreement may be excluded from the TEAM, and replaced at the discretion of the (NPD).

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, 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.
- 3.4** For the avoidance of doubt, all selections are pending TA receiving the necessary quota/the athlete being allocated a start position by WT.

3.5 Any invitation positions (and application to WT) will be prioritised by the NPD.

4 Nomination Procedure

4.1 Athletes must complete the [online nomination form](#).

4.2 All athletes, including those who have received automatic selection and who had their 2021 Individual Athlete Competition Plan (IACP) approved by NPD, are required to confirm their nomination for WPS and PWC Events when requested. For the removal of doubt, 2021 IACP approval **does not** confirm nomination for individual events.

4.3 Nominations from athletes for WPS and PWC Events will be requested via email by TA on the Friday leading into the seventh (7) week prior to race date.

4.4 Athletes will have seven (7) days (until the following Friday at 5pm AEST) to complete the online nomination indicating their desire to start the WPS/PWC Event.

4.5 Acceptance of late nominations is at the sole discretion of the NPD.

5 Selection Criteria

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

(a) In exercising its discretion the NPD can consider any matter it deems relevant in meeting the primary objective outlined in **clause 1.2**. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

5.2 Without consent from the athlete, the TA reserves the right to use the WT substitution and/or withdrawal rules in order to maximise the potential of any athletes selected in the TEAM by nominating the highest ranked Australian athlete not selected for that event and making the substitution and/or withdrawal according to the rules.

5.3 Once a PTVI Athlete has been selected, the NPD may consider the selection of that athlete's guide in the NPD's absolute discretion:

(a) In exercising discretion in selecting athlete's guides, the NPD can consider any matter it deems relevant.

(b) In the event of the withdrawal of a selected PTVI athlete the selected guide will be automatically withdrawn unless they are subsequently selected to guide a replacement athlete.

(c) A guide may be changed up to 24 hours before the start of the race. Decisions regarding a change of guide after the announcement of selected athletes may be made by the NPD

6 Reserve Athletes

- 6.1** The NPD may identify additional Athletes of each gender as Reserve Athletes.
- 6.2** In exercising its discretion to select Reserve Athletes, the NPD may consider any factor or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the NPD, deemed relevant.
- 6.3** Reserves may be ranked by the NPD and will only be chosen from among eligible Athletes.
- 6.4** 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.

7 Team Membership Conditions

- 7.1** 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.
- 7.2** 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, 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.

8 Funding

- 8.1** TA reserves the right to fund Athletes in the TEAM at different levels. Confirmation or otherwise of this arrangement will be advised on or before the announcement of the TEAM.
- 8.2** Any decision made by the NPD in relation to funding is a not a decision from which any affected Athlete has a right of appeal whether under this Policy or otherwise.

9 Appeals

An Eligible Athlete, who is not selected, may appeal that decision, under the [Triathlon Australia Appeals Policy](#), dated 2017.

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 Paratriathlon Lead.

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 NPD as described at **clause 5.1**
- 13.2 IACP** – Individual Athlete Competition Plan
- 13.3 NPD** – National Performance Director and/or their nominee
- 13.4 TEAM** - athletes selected by the NPD to represent Australia in the relevant 2021 ITU Events
- 13.5 PTVI** – Para Triathlon Vision Impaired
- 13.6 WTPC** – 2021 WT Para Cups
- 13.7 WTPS** – 2021 WT Para Series
- 13.8 WT** – World Triathlon

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