



## 2022 Junior World Championships Selection Policy

### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Scope

This Selection Policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia (**TA**) will determine the members for the Australian Team (**TEAM**) – Junior category (**JNR WC**) to compete at the 2022 World Triathlon Sprint & Relay Championships (**WT SRC**).

#### 1.2 Objective

**1.2.1** The primary objective of this Policy is to select athletes whom TA considers demonstrate an ability for projected international podium success as an elite athlete.

**1.2.2** The men's triathlon event and the women's triathlon 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 for the JNR WC.

#### 1.3 Application

**1.3.1** TA may only select Athletes in the TEAM in accordance with this Policy.

**1.3.2** The Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee (**TAESC**) has been appointed by the TA Board to administer and implement this Policy.

**1.3.3** The TAESC will present selected Athletes to the TA Board for ratification.

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

**1.3.5** If any TA position is unavailable to fulfil his/her role as described in this Policy, the TA Board may authorise a delegate to fulfil this role.

**1.3.6** 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 JNR WC if the athlete is not eligible according to the applicable WT eligibility rules.

**1.3.7** Under the current rules, entry to the JNR WC is accepted only through nomination from the National Federation, being TA.

## **2 Eligibility**

**2.1** 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)** meets the eligibility requirements for citizenship as determined by the Australian Government;
- (c)** satisfies all WT Rules;
- (d)** is not serving any current sanctions; and
- (e)** if requested by the National Performance Director (**NPD**), agree to and sign the 2022 TA Athlete Agreement prior to confirmation of acceptance of TEAM selection.
  - (i)** Any selected member of the TEAM not willing to sign the 2022 TA Athlete Agreement may be excluded from the TEAM, and replaced at the discretion of the TAESC.

**2.2** An Eligible Athlete is an Athlete that meets the requirements in **clause 2.1** above.

**2.3** 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. See **clause 5** of the World Triathlon Championship Series and Finals Qualification Criteria on how the quota is awarded - [https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/World\\_Triathlon\\_Qualification\\_Criteria\\_WTS.pdf](https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/World_Triathlon_Qualification_Criteria_WTS.pdf)

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

**3.3** Neither this Policy nor WT requires TA to select the maximum number of athletes to the TEAM for the JNR WC.

**3.4** Neither this Policy nor WT requires TA to select any athletes to the TEAM for the JNR WC.

## 4 Selection Process

4.1 For the purposes of selection to the TEAM, Eligible Athletes may be selected by:

- (a) Automatic selection; or
- (b) Discretionary selection.

4.2 An Eligible Athlete will be selected by automatic selection if they meet any of the following criteria:

- (a) First (1<sup>st</sup>) Australian on the podium (top 3) in the 2022 Australian Junior Sprint Championships at the 2022 Devonport Triathlon (26 February 2022).

OR

- (b) First (1<sup>st</sup>) Australian on the podium (top 3) in the Junior Draft Legal Sprint Distance race at the 2022 Werribee South Beach Triathlon (30 April 2022).
  - (i) Should an athlete that meets automatic selection, under **clause 4.2.a**, be the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Australian on the podium, the position will roll down to the next athlete provided they finish on the podium.

OR

- (c) Should the full country quota (3) be qualified as outlined in **clause 3.1**, the additional quota position will be awarded to the second placed Australian in the Junior Draft Legal Sprint Distance race at the 2022 Werribee South Beach Triathlon, provided they finish within the top five (5) positions of the race.
  - (i) Should an athlete that meets automatic selection, under **clause 4.2.a**, be one of the top five (5) finishers, the position will roll down to the next athlete provided they finish in the top five (5) positions of the race.
- (d) Should the 2022 Australian Junior Sprint Championships and/or Werribee South Beach Triathlon be altered from the sprint distance swim/cycle/run format, the relevant race will be void and will not apply for the purposes of automatic selection.
- (e) An assessment will be made at 30 days and 7 days from race start on viability of athletes' ability to travel in consideration of border restrictions.
- (f) Based on the assessment of border restrictions in place, TA reserves the right to void the races, under **clause 4.2a/b**, for purposes of automatic selection.

4.3 Any remaining position/s not selected automatically, may be selected via discretionary selection.

- 4.3.1 In exercising its discretion in selecting positions on the TEAM, the TAESC may (in its absolute discretion) 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 **1 May 2022**. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.

## **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 (in its absolute discretion) consider and relevant matter.
- 5.3** Reserve Athletes 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.
- 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, 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**

The TEAM for the JNR WC will be notified by TA and announced by TA on or about the week beginning **16 May 2022**.

## **8 Funding**

Confirmation of support for selected athletes will be advised on or before the announcement of the TEAM.

## **9 Appeals**

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

## **10 Amendments**

The interpretation of this Policy is the sole province of the TA Board. 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 is, and 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 Chair of the TAESC.

## **13 Definitions**

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

- 13.1 Automatic Selection** – the process of choosing athletes for selection by reason of performance as described in **clause 4.2**.
- 13.2 Discretionary Selection** – the process of choosing athletes for selection at the discretion of the TAESC as described in **clause 4.3**.
- 13.3 JNR WC** – 2022 JNR Triathlon World Championships.
- 13.4 NPD** – National Performance Director and/or their nominated delegate.
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 TEAM** – the 2022 Australian Triathlon World Sprint and Relay Championship Team.
- 13.8 WT** – World Triathlon.

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