



## 2023 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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**2023 WT Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships Location:** Zofingen, Switzerland

**2023 WT Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships Date:** Date to be confirmed by World Triathlon.

## IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL 2023 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM APPLICANTS

The 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships are scheduled to occur in Zofingen, Switzerland (Date to be confirmed by World Triathlon).

Due to the challenging and ever-changing global health pandemic the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championship (Zofingen) may be postponed or cancelled at a later date. The Australian Government has noted from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2021 that Australia's international borders will progressively reopen, with fully vaccinated Australians able to depart Australia without applying for an exemption. In line with this reopening the Australian Government has removed the global 'Do not travel' advisory. To view the Australian Government official international travel advice please view <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/> Australian Government international travel advice is constantly changing and we urge all Australian age group athletes to regularly check <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/> to ensure they have the most up to date information available.

The 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships in Zofingen, Switzerland may be postponed or cancelled at a later date either by World Triathlon and or the local organising committees. Athletes should be aware that World Triathlon and or the local organising committees in Zofingen 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 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to attend the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships in Zofingen, Switzerland 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 and or enter a 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to attend the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships in Zofingen, Switzerland.

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### A. INTERPRETATION

**2023 WT LDDWC** means the World Triathlon Long Distance Duathlon World Championships owned and sanctioned by World Triathlon to be conducted in Zofingen, Switzerland (Date to be confirmed by World Triathlon, 2023).

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

**2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team 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 her nominee.

**WT** means World Triathlon and is the official governing body for the Olympic sport of Triathlon.

**Relevant Triathlon Australia Membership** means a current annual Triathlon Australia membership in the full Standard and or Premium categories but excludes all Social and or Basic membership categories.

**STTAs** means the State and Territory Triathlon Associations affiliated with Triathlon Australia.

**TAAGSAT** means the Triathlon Australia Age Group Selection Appeals Tribunal appointed by Triathlon Australia to hear and determine appeals under this policy.

**TAAGC** means the Triathlon Australia Age Group Committee, or its successor appointed by Triathlon Australia to select the Team under this policy and present selected Athletes to the Triathlon Australia Board for ratification.

**TANAGM** means the Triathlon Australia National Age Group Manager.

**Team Management** means the person(s) appointed to the position(s) of Team Management for the team by Triathlon Australia.

**Team** means the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team selected under this policy to represent Australia at the 2023 World Triathlon Long Distance Duathlon World Championships (Zofingen, Switzerland).

**Triathlon Australia** means Triathlon Australia Limited ACN 007 356 907, the National Federation for the sports of triathlon/ duathlon/ aquathlon/ aquabike and which is affiliated with World Triathlon.

**Undersubscribed** in relation to an event means that there are less applicants for selection for any age group category at the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships than there are places in the team for that age group per World Triathlon entry rules.

## B. INTRODUCTION

1. This policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia will select its 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team for the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships to be held in Zofingen, Switzerland (Date to be confirmed by World Triathlon, 2023).

2. 2023 WT LDDWC Race Competition Rules stipulate that Triathlon Australia may nominate a maximum of 20 males and 20 females in each age group category of the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance 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 TAAGC is not required to select the maximum of 20 males and 20 females to the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the TAAGC. Triathlon Australia at its discretion may not select a 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to attend the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships (Zofingen, Switzerland) for reasons including but not limited to Australian or State Government domestic/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 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

4. Athletes are asked to not physically print the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy. This 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy may be amended at any time by Triathlon Australia if Triathlon Australia believes such an amendment is necessary because of any change in World Triathlon guidelines or eligibility rules for the Event, to give effect to this policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be necessary by Triathlon Australia. Triathlon Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of such amendment.

## C. SELF-FUNDED TEAM

The 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon 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 Australian team hotel(s).

## D. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Only athletes qualified per the terms of Clause E will be eligible for selection in the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

2. Athletes eligible for Selection

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 D2(c) below hold a current Relevant Triathlon Australia Membership.

b) Not be the holder of a Triathlon Australia Professional License during the financial year in which the selection events conducted.

c) Notify Triathlon Australia of their Expression of Interest for selection by applying on-line on the Triathlon Australia website by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023**. Athletes must apply for the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to be eligible for selection for the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

**Expressions of Interest must be submitted online through the Triathlon Australia website [www.triathlon.org.au](http://www.triathlon.org.au) by 5pm AEDT on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.**

**No late Expression of Interest will be accepted under any circumstances for the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.**

## E. SELECTION CRITERIA

### 1. Discretionary Selections

a) To be eligible for discretionary selection an athlete must:

- i. Apply for selection per the terms of Clause D2.
- ii. Make a written submission to the National Age Group Manager by emailing alexandra.fehon@triathlon.org.au by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023**.
- iii. A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the TAAGC to consider in exercising its discretion under this Clause E1. Applications must be supported by well documented and validated races and results (Race results must be between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 5pm AEST on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023). Application 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.

## F. SELECTION TO THE TEAM

1. Only athletes qualified per the terms of Clause E of this policy will be eligible for selection in the Team.

2. Selection per the terms of this policy is conditional upon the athlete complying with the following:

a) Providing one of the following to Triathlon Australia at least eight (16) weeks prior to the date of 2023 World Triathlon Age Group World Long Distance Duathlon Championships:

- A copy of a current Australian passport
- A copy of an Australian birth certificate
- Evidence of Australian citizenship

b) Holding a Relevant Triathlon Australia membership at the time of 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships; and

c) Not applying for or being the holder of a Triathlon Australia Professional License during the financial year in which 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships is conducted.

## G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. Under the terms of this selection policy, the TAAGC is not required to select the maximum per age group category of 20 males and 20 females to the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the Triathlon Australia. Triathlon Australia at its discretion may not select a 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to attend the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships (Zofingen, Switzerland) for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government international travel restrictions and/or 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 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

2. The 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Preliminary Team as selected by the TAAGC including any reserves will be announced and posted on the Triathlon Australia website by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023.**

3. The 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Final Team including any reserves will be presented to the Triathlon Australia Board for ratification. The Triathlon Australia Board will be advised of the outcomes of any appeals.

4. The 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Final Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the TA website by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.**

## **H. APPEAL POLICY**

An appeal against a decision of the TAAGC made under this 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy must be made per Triathlon Australia's nominated appeals policy which will be published on the Triathlon Australia website at the same time that this 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy is published.

## **I. ATHLETE AGREEMENT**

1. All 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon team members will be required to sign and comply with the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement.

2. Any selected athlete who fails to sign the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement by the date required by Triathlon Australia will be immediately replaced in the team.

3. Any selected athlete who fails to comply with the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement may be removed from the team and replaced at any time by the TANAGM and be subject to Triathlon Australia's Disciplinary Rules.

## **J. 2023 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP ONLINE TEAM APPLICATION FEE**

1. Athletes will pay a \$75.00 application fee when notifying Triathlon Australia of their Expression of Interest for the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team selection online.

2. If an athlete is not selected onto the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team \$55.00 of their application fee will be refunded.

3. If an athlete is selected to the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team and the athlete declines the position on the 2023 team no part of the application fee will be refunded.

4. If an athlete is selected onto the 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team and they accept their position on the team the \$75.00 application fee will be deducted from the athletes overall, 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Contribution.

5. If the 2023 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships are cancelled by World Triathlon and or the Local Organising Committee athletes will be refunded their

\$75.00 per individual application fee to Triathlon Australia less the Active Network online processing fee.

6. If Triathlon Australia at its discretion does not select a 2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team, athletes who have applied for this team will be refunded their \$75.00 per individual application fee to Triathlon Australia minus the Active Network online processing fee.

**Triathlon Australia Limited:**

**2023 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy Published to the Triathlon Australia Website on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2021.**

**2023 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM SELECTION POLICY AMENDMENTS**

**AMENDMENT ONE – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

Selection Policy Clause D. c and E.1.ii and E.1.iii has been updated from 5pm AEDT on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 to 5pm AEST on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.

**AMENDMENT TWO – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

Selection Policy Clause G.2 has been updated from 5pm AEDT on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023.

**AMENDMENT THREE – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022**

Selection Policy Clause G.4 has been updated from 5pm AEDT on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.