

### A. INTRODUCTION

1. This Policy details the process by which Triathlon NSW (TNSW) and Triathlon ACT (TACT) determines which athletes will be selected in the ***Palladium Property Performance Mixed Relay Team*** across Youth, Junior & U23 age groups.
2. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies). In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Policy, queries should be directed to Coach Education and Pathway Manager for Triathlon NSW/ACT, Robyn Low-Hart ([development@nsw.triathlon.org.au](mailto:development@nsw.triathlon.org.au)).

If an athlete or parent is still unclear about the Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, enquiries can be forwarded to Triathlon NSW Chief Executive Officer, Adam Wicks ([adam.wicks@nsw.triathlon.org.au](mailto:adam.wicks@nsw.triathlon.org.au)) or Triathlon ACT Chief Executive Officer, Steve Bingley ([director@act.triathlon.org.au](mailto:director@act.triathlon.org.au)).

3. The team selected under this policy is an honorary team, with certain benefits being offered to those selected. The No 1. Team to race at Australian Junior, Youth and U23 Championships Races will be selected via a separate policy and advised accordingly.

### B. SELECTION EVENT

1. The selection event is the "Triathlon NSW/ACT Individual Super Sprint State Championship Final" to be held at Orange as part of the Billigence Pathway Championship Series on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.
2. A contingency selection process exists in the absence of the selection event being conducted or Mixed Relay Team automatic selection times unable to be determined at the selection event.

### C. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes are considered for selection according to the following criteria.

#### 1. Youth, Junior and U23 aged athlete must:

- maintain annual membership with Triathlon Australia;
- permanently reside in New South Wales or Australian Capital Territory.
- meet any TA pre-selection requirements to compete at a National MTR Championship event (e.g Youth athletes aged 13 as at 31 December 2023 may not be eligible to race at National Youth events);
- be a member of the current Regional Academy of Sport (RASi) Program (including Lone and Future Star athletes), Rest of State Talent Academy (ROSTA), Triathlon ACT Talent Academy (TACTTA), TNSW/ACT Emerging Talent Squad (ETS) or TNSW/ACT U23 Development Squad;

- Have signed the 2022/2023 Athlete Agreement upon selection into one of the above programs;
- complete the relevant Athlete Pre-screening Process, Pre-participation Evaluation (PPE) and any other relevant athlete profiling screenings requested by Triathlon NSW/ACT or Triathlon Australia.
- be draft legally endorsed through the TA draft legal endorsement process and will subsequently have one of the following membership categories once endorsed;
  - Youth Draft Legal born in 2008 or 2009 (14 - 15 years as of 31 December 2023)
  - Junior Draft Legal born 2004 – 2007 (16 – 19 years as of 31 December 2023)
  - Professional Development U23 Licence

#### **D. MIXED RELAY (MR) PERFORMANCE TEAM SELECTION PROCESS**

The following outlines how automatic selection will be determined,

- The two (2) fastest male and two (2) fastest female athletes based on their finish times from the Triathlon NSW/ACT Super Sprint Triathlon Championship Final, with priority given to athletes in the A Final, rolling down accordingly through the finals.
- Triathlon NSW/ACT Super Sprint Triathlon Championship Final to be held at Orange on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in the Youth, Junior and U23 categories.

#### **E. CONTINGENCY SELECTION PROCESS**

The following outlines how selection will occur in the absence of the selection event being conducted or Mixed Relay Team selection times unable to be determined at the selection event;

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority will be given to any athlete who was selected in the Australian U23 Team for the most recent World Triathlon (WT) Triathlon World Championships.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> priority will go to any athlete with the highest accumulation of WT points as per the WT World Rankings list as at the date of selection.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> priority will go to the athlete with the highest accumulated points after the first three rounds of the 2022/2023 Billigence Pathway Championship Series.

#### **F. BENEFITS FOR SELECTED ATHLETES**

A selected athlete will receive the following, thanks to our naming rights sponsor Palladium Property:

- \$250 voucher to support the Triathlon journey.
- Palladium Property Performance Mixed Relay Team Official Polo.
- Profile across Triathlon NSW and Triathlon ACT social media platforms.

## **G. APPEAL PROCESS**

An eligible athlete who fails to have been selected under the process and criteria set out in this policy may appeal against omission from the team as set out in this section.

- The sole ground of any appeal is that the Athlete's omission from the team was as a result of a failure by Triathlon NSW/ACT to properly follow the process set out in this policy.
- Any Appeal under this clause will proceed in accordance with the procedure set out in 'Palladium Property Performance Mixed Relay Team Appeal Policy'.
- Any eligible athlete wishing to appeal their omission from the team must do so in writing to the Triathlon NSW CEO by 5:00pm on the day immediately after the announcement of the provisional team which will occur via email and be accompanied by a \$100 fee which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- The Appeal will be forwarded to the TNSW/TACT Selection Appeals Committee who will review the appeal on its merits within 48 hours of the provisional team being named.
- The athlete will receive a written response from TNSW/TACT.
- This decision of the Selection Appeals Committee is final.

## **H. POLICY AMENDMENT**

This Policy can be amended at any time by TNSW/ACT if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary.

Triathlon NSW Ltd  
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