



NSW Youth, Junior & U23 Mixed Team Relay (MTR) Selection Policy

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This Policy details the process by which Triathlon NSW (TNSW) determines which athletes gain selection in the NSW No.1 Youth, Junior & Merit U23 Team which will be selected for relevant Australian Youth, Junior or U23 Triathlon Mixed Team Relay (MTR) Championships in the relevant calendar year.
2. This Policy can be amended at any time by TNSW if it is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary, for any reason determined to be in the best interests of TNSW. Triathlon NSW shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.
3. 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, Mick Delamotte (mick.delamotte@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)

B. SELECTION EVENT

1. The sole selection event is the Triathlon NSW Mixed Team Relay Championships to be held at Orange as part of the Billigence Pathway Championship Series.
2. A contingency selection process exists in the absence of the selection event being conducted.

C. ELIGIBILITY

Athletes are considered for selection according to the following criteria.

1. Youth & Junior aged athlete must:

- maintain annual membership with Triathlon Australia;
- be in good standing with TNSW;
- permanently reside in New South Wales;
- meet any TA pre-selection requirements to compete at a National MTR Championship event (e.g Youth athletes aged 13 as at 31 December 2021 may not be eligible to race at National Youth events);
- be a member of the current Regional Academy of Sport (RASi) Program (including Lone Star athletes), Rest of State Talent Academy (ROSTA), TNSW Emerging Talent Squad (ETS) or TNSW U23 Development Squad (including Talent Transfer athletes);
- signed the 2020/2021 Athlete Agreement upon selection;

- complete the relevant Athlete Pre-screening Process, Pre-participation Evaluation (PPE) and any other relevant athlete profiling screenings requested by Triathlon NSW 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 for 13 - 14 year old's as per TA membership year (31 December 2020) Junior Draft Legal for 15 – 18 year old's as per TA membership year (31 December 2020) Professional Development U23 Licence

2. **An U23 athlete must:**

- maintain annual membership with Triathlon Australia;
- be in good standing with TNSW;
- permanently reside in New South Wales;
- be an Australian Citizen;
- meet any TA pre-selection requirements to compete at a National Mixed Team Relay Championship event;
- be a member of the current TNSW Emerging Talent Squad or TNSW U23 Development Squad (including Talent Transfer athletes);
- sign the 2020/2021 Athlete Agreement upon selection;
- complete the relevant Athlete Pre-screening Process, Pre-participation Evaluation (PPE) and any other relevant athlete profiling screenings requested by TNSW or TA.
- be draft legally endorsed through the TA draft legal endorsement process and will subsequently have one of the following membership categories once endorsed; Junior Draft Legal for 15 – 18 year old's as per TA membership year (31 December 2020) Professional Development U23 Licence

3. **All Athletes must:**

- Must compete in the TNSW Super Sprint Triathlon Championships to be held at Orange as part of the Billigence Pathway Championship Series the day prior to the Selection event.

D. Mixed Team Relay Automatic Selection

1. A separate No 1. Youth, Junior & U23 NSW Mixed Team Relay Team will be selected comprising of two (2) x male and two (2) x female athletes in each age category as follows:
 - Fastest Female per age category from the first leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg); and

- Fastest Male per age category from the second leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg); and
 - Fastest Female per age category from the third leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg); and
 - Fastest Male per age category from the fourth leg of the selection event (providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in this leg);
 - If the fastest athlete in any of the four (4) legs above does not achieve a cumulative transition time in the Top 5 of athletes in their respective age category in their leg, the next fastest athlete will be selected providing their cumulative transition time ranks in the Top 5. This process will continue to roll down should it need to in each individual leg of the qualifying TNSW Mixed Team Relay Championships.
2. In the case of the selection event not being conducted, the contingency selection process will see selection of athletes as follows:
- 1st priority will be given to any athlete who was selected in the Australian Junior Team for the most recent World Triathlon (WT) Junior Triathlon World Championships.
 - If more than 2 eligible athletes were selected in the Australian Junior Team for the most recent WT Junior Triathlon World Championships, the highest placed finisher(s) will be selected.
 - In the event that there is a dead heat or multiple athletes do not finish the WT Junior Triathlon World Championships, the athlete with the highest accumulation of WT points as per the WT World Rankings list as at the date of selection will be prioritised;
 - 2nd 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.
 - 3rd Priority will go to the highest placed eligible athlete(s) who have competed in the most recent Australian Junior Triathlon Series in the season applicable to the Mixed Team Relay event;
 - If no Australian Junior Triathlon Series event has been conducted in the season of applicability, or, a dead heat exists amongst athletes, the eligible athlete with the highest placing from the latest NSW Pathway Championship event will be awarded the place.
3. Subsequent Mixed Teams will be selected for Youth, Junior & U23 to compete at the National MTR Championship event. These teams will comprise of two (2) x male and two (2) x female athletes based on their finish times at the selection event, on roll down basis.

4. TNSW reserves the right to select 1 x Female and 1 x Male per age category as a No 1. Team Reserve for the TNSW Youth, Junior & U23 Mixed Team Relay Team. Those reserves will be automatically placed in the No 2. Teams.

These reserves will be selected on the basis of their transition time being the fastest cumulative time compared across all athletes of their age category and gender in the Mixed Team Relay event other than those athletes already selected in the team. (e.g A Junior female may be selected as a reserve if her time is the fastest cumulative transition time compared to all other Junior Female athletes in Legs 1 and 3 of the selection event, other than those athletes already selected in the team).

E. UNIFORMS

An athlete selected as per section D must compete in the NSW Team in the Official 2020/21 Triathlon NSW uniform. If the athlete is not part of the NSW ETS or U23 Development Pathway, they may purchase a TNSW suit or alternatively compete in their RASi, ROSTA or National Elite Tri suit.

F. CAMP & COMPETITION COMMITMENT

In accepting a position on the No 1. TNSW Youth, Junior or U23 Mixed Team Relay Team, the athlete commits to:

- attending a 1-day MTR Camp on Saturday 5 December 2020 at Sydney Academy of Sport Narrabeen;
- compete at the Australian Youth, Junior Mixed Team Relay Championships (currently scheduled in Canberra on 16-17 January 2021), & U23 athletes on the date announced by Triathlon Australia upon release of the racing Calendar.

G. APPEAL PROCESS

1. 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 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 'Australian Youth & Junior Mixed Team Relay (MTR) NSW Selection Policy Appeal Document'.
- Any eligible athlete wishing to appeal their omission from the team must be made in writing to the Triathlon NSW CEO by 5:00pm on the day immediately after the announcement of the provisional squad on the TNSW website and be accompanied by a \$100 fee which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- The Appeal will be forwarded to the Triathlon NSW Appeals Committee who will review the appeal on its merits within 48 hours of the provisional squad being name. The

athlete will receive a written response from TNSW.

- This decision of the appeal committee is final.

H. INTERPRETATION

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

Cumulative Transition time – The time from entering T1 and exiting T1 plus the time from entering T2 and exiting T2 plus any time penalty that may have incurred as a result of a Transition indiscretion.

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