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A. INTERPRETATION

2017 ITU WTC means the International Triathlon Union World Triathlon Championships owned and sanctioned by the International Triathlon Union to be conducted in Rotterdam, Netherlands 14th to 17th September 2017.

2017 Age Group 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 his nominee.

ITU means the International Triathlon Union and is the official governing body for the Olympic sport of Triathlon.

Open Paratriathlon Categories means ITU Paratriathlon Categories.

Open Paratriathlon Competition is the event distinct from the Elite race.

Triathlon Australia Membership means a current annual Triathlon Australia membership in the full Adult, Family or Junior category.

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 appointed by Triathlon Australia to select the team under this policy.

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 Open Paratriathlon Team selected under this policy to represent Australia at the 2017 International Triathlon Union Open Paratriathlon Triathlon World Championships.

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

Undersubscribed in relation to an event means that there are less applicants for selection for any particular open paratriathlon category at the Open Paratriathlon World Championships than there are places in the team for that open paratriathlon category according to International Triathlon Union entry rules.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. This policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia will select its open paratriathlon team for the 2017 International Triathlon Union Open Paratriathlon World Championships.
2. 2017 ITU TWC Race Competition Rules stipulate that Triathlon Australia may nominate a maximum of 6 males and 6 females in each open paratriathlon category of the 2017 International Triathlon Union Open paratriathlon World Championships. International Triathlon Union age group eligibility criteria for racing at the 2017 International Triathlon Open Paratriathlon World Championships is determined based on an athlete's age on 31st December 2017. Athletes must be 16 years of age as of the 31st of December 2017 to be eligible to compete.
3. Under the terms of this selection policy, the TAAGC is not required to select the maximum of 6 males and 6 females to the team in each open paratriathlon category. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the TAAGC.
4. This policy can be amended at any time by Triathlon Australia if Triathlon Australia is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in the International Triathlon Union guidelines or eligibility rules, 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 Triathlon Australia by Triathlon Australia. Triathlon Australia shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of such amendment.

C. SELF-FUNDED TEAM

The 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. In order to be eligible for selection in the team, athletes must:
 - a) At the time of making application for the team 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, www.competitions.com.au.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 5:00pm AEDST 14th April 2017

E. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. In order to be eligible for selection an athlete must:
 - a) Apply for selection according to the terms of F2
 - b) Make written submission to the TAAGM by 5:00pm AEDST 14th April 2017.
 - c) A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the TAAGC to consider in exercising their discretion. The written submission must include results for triathlon events in the past 12 months, for avoidance of doubt the 12th month period is from 15th of April 2016 to the 14th April 2017.
2. All positions (up to the maximum allowed by the ITU) may be selected at the discretion of the TAAGC. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.

F. SELECTION TO THE TEAM

1. Only athletes qualified according to the terms of Clause D of this policy will be eligible for selection in the Team.
2. Selection according to the terms of this policy is conditional upon the athlete complying
 - a) Providing one of the following to Triathlon Australia at least eight (8) weeks prior to the date of 2017 ITU World Open Paratriathlon 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 2017 ITU World Open Paratriathlon Championships; and
 - c) Not applying for or being the holder of a Triathlon Australia Professional License during the financial year in which 2017 ITU World Open Paratriathlon Championships is conducted.
 - d) Open Paratriathlon athletes must be eligible for classification under the ITU Classification Rules for 2017. Any athlete who has not been classified in 2015 or 2016 under the ITU rules must submit the ITU Medical Diagnosis Form to TA prior to (close of nominations).

G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. The preliminary team will be submitted to the TAAGC for ratification and will be subject to any appeals according to the terms of this selection policy.
2. The preliminary Australian Open Paratriathlon team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the Triathlon Australia website by 5pm AEDST 4th May 2017
3. The final team including any reserves will be submitted to the Triathlon Australia Board for ratification. The Triathlon Australia Board will be advised of the outcomes of any appeals.
4. The final team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the TA website by 5pm AEDST 19th May 2017

H. ATHLETE AGREEMENT

1. All members of the team will be required to sign and comply with the Athlete Agreement.
2. Any selected athlete who fails to sign the Athlete Agreement by the date required by Triathlon Australia will be immediately withdrawn from the team.
3. Any selected athlete who fails to comply with the Athlete Agreement may be removed from the team at any time by the TANAGM and be subject to Triathlon Australia's Disciplinary Rules.

I. APPEAL PROCESS

An appeal against a decision of the TAAGC made under this selection policy must be made according to Triathlon Australia's nominated appeals process which will be published on the Triathlon Australia website at the same time that this selection policy is published.