

NOMINATION CRITERIA

2024 FISU World University Championships

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1. Definitions

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

Athlete means a person who participates in the sport.

Automatic Selection is the process of choosing athletes for selection by reason of performance as described in **clause 3.2**

AusTri means AusTriathlon

Discretionary Selection is the process of choosing athletes for selection at the discretion of the ESC.

Eligible Athlete means an Athlete that meets the requirements in **clause 3.1**.

ESC is the AusTri Elite Selection Committee. This committee has been appointed by the AusTri Board, to administer and implement this Policy. The names of each of the Selectors will be published on the AusTri website.

FISU means the Federation Internationale Du Sport Universitaire or the International University Sport Foundation of which UniSport is a member.

GMP means the General Manager Performance of AusTri or any person:
a. authorised by the GMP to exercise power of the GMP; or
b. delegated a/the power of the GMP by the CEO.

Performance Period means the period between 15 February 2024 and 5 May 2024 inclusive.

Nomination means the Athletes nominated to UniSport for ratification by UniSport and final selection to the Team.

PPM means the AusTri Performance Pathway Manager.

TEAM means the 2024 FISU Australian World University Championship Team.

Sport means the sport of Triathlon.

UniSport means the University Sport Australia (National Governing Body).

WT means World Triathlon.

WUC means the 2024 FISU World University Triathlon Championships, 30 - 31 August 2024 in Gdansk, Poland

1.2. Interpretation

- (a) Unless the context otherwise requires, reference to:
 - i. a clause is to a clause of this Selection Policy;
 - ii. the singular includes the plural, and the converse also applies;
 - iii. persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies, partnerships, joint ventures and associations and vice versa and their legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes;
 - iv. a party includes the party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns and substitutes.
- (b) If a person to whom this Selection Policy applies consists of more than one person, then this Selection Policy binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) A reference to time, day or date is to time, day or date of Sydney, Australia.
- (d) Headings are for convenience only and do not form part of this Selection Policy or affect its interpretation

2. Introduction

2.1. Scope

This Nomination Criteria (**Criteria**) explains how AusTriathlon (**AusTri**) will nominate Athletes to UniSport Australia (**UniSport**) for consideration for selection in the UniSport Team (**Team**) to compete in the 2024 FISU World University Triathlon Championships (**WUC**).

2.2. Objective

- 2.2.1 The primary objective of this Criteria is to select athletes whom AusTri considers demonstrate the potential for a Top 15 performance at the WUC.
- 2.2.2. The men's triathlon event, the women's triathlon event and the mixed relay are separate events and different considerations may be relevant in nominating Athletes (according to this Criteria) to maximise the prospects of achieving AusTri's stated objective.

2.3. Application

- 2.3.1. AusTri may only nominate Athletes to UniSport for consideration for selection in the Team in accordance with this Criteria.
- 2.3.2. The AusTri Elite Selection Committee (ESC) has been appointed by the AusTri Board to administer and implement this Criteria.
- 2.3.3. The Criteria is issued by the AusTri Board. AusTri must provide, or otherwise make available, this Criteria to all Athletes.
- 2.3.4. If any AusTri position is unavailable to fulfil his/her role as described in this Criteria, the AusTri Board may authorise a delegate to fulfil this role.

- 2.3.5. WT determines eligibility criteria and competition rules for all WT events. Nomination according to the terms of this Criteria will not qualify an athlete for participation in the WUC if the athlete is not eligible according to the applicable WT eligibility rules.
- 2.3.6. UniSport has the exclusive authority to select the nominated Athletes to the Team.
- 2.3.7. This Criteria will take effect from the date it is released and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the WUC.
- 2.3.8. This Criteria applies to:
 - a) all Athletes;
 - b) AusTri; and
 - c) UniSport.

3. Eligibility for Nomination

- 3.1. AusTri will not nominate an Athlete unless, as at the Nomination Date, AusTri is reasonably satisfied that the Athlete:
 - i. is a current member of AusTri;
 - ii. meets the eligibility requirements for citizenship as determined by the Australian Government;
 - iii. satisfies all WT Rules;
 - iv. meets all reasonable requirements of any AusTri sponsor
 - v. is not serving any current sanctions
 - vi. if requested by the General Manager – Performance (**GMP**) agree to and sign the AusTri 2024 Athlete Agreement prior to confirmation of acceptance of TEAM selection.

Any selected member of the TEAM not willing to sign the AusTri 2024 Athlete Agreement may be excluded from the TEAM and replaced as per the Policy.

- 3.2. An Eligible Athlete is an Athlete that meets the requirements in clause 3.1 above.
- 3.3. If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Australia, Athletes must contact the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of AusTri for clarification
- 3.4. UniSport will not select an Athlete unless, as at the Selection Date, athletes satisfy the following eligibility requirements as outlined by the International University Sports Federation (**FISU**):
 - i. be a national of Australia (i.e hold a current Australian passport);
 - ii. be at least 18 and no older than 23 years of age on December 31 of the year of the event;
 - iii. must be studying at a higher education institution which is recognised by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency. The national register of recognised institutions can be found at: <https://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>; or be a
 - iv. former students of the institutions mentioned in above who completed their studies in the year preceding the event.

4. Qualification of Athlete Quota Positions

- 4.1. AusTri may only nominate Athletes to UniSport for consideration for selection to the Team where, under the WT System, WT has awarded UniSport or AusTri, Athlete quota positions.
- 4.2. AusTri may not nominate more Athletes than the number of Athlete quota positions awarded to UniSport or AusTri under the WT System.
- 4.3. AusTri may nominate the maximum number of Athletes that are permissible under the WT System. The mixed relay team will be made up of Athletes selected for the individual event.
- 4.4. Neither this Criteria, nor UniSport/FISU require AusTri to nominate the maximum number of athletes to UniSport for selection for the WUC.
- 4.5. Neither this Criteria nor the UniSport/FISU requires AusTri to nominate any athletes to UniSport for selection for the WUC.

5. Nomination Criteria

- 5.1. Athletes may only be considered for nomination to WT via the following:
 - i. Automatic nomination; or
 - ii. Discretionary nomination.
- 5.2. Any eligible athlete wishing to compete in the WUC must nominate on the last business day prior to the first eligible event as outlined in **clause 5.3**. That being Friday 23 February 2024 by way of online application noted in **clause 5.5**.
- 5.3. An athlete may achieve automatic nomination if they meet any of the following criteria:
 - i. First eligible Australian Athlete who finishes in the Top five (5) at the 2024 Oceania Triathlon Junior Championships in Napier, New Zealand on 24/25 February 2024; or
 - ii. First eligible Australian Athlete on the podium (top 3) at the 2024 Australian Junior Sprint Championships in Wollongong, New South Wales on 20/21 April 2024; or
 - iii. First eligible U23 Australian Athlete who finishes in the top ten (10) outright including Elites at the Oceania Sprint Distance Championships at Devonport, Australia on 16/17 March 2024.
 - iv. First eligible U23 Australian Athlete who finishes in the top ten (10) outright including Elites at the Oceania Standard Distance Championships at **Taupo**, New Zealand on 13/14 April 2024. *Note: the relocation of this event (from Napier) was approved by WT in January 2024.*

- 5.4. Any remaining position/s not nominated automatically, may be nominated via discretion.
- 5.5. In exercising its discretion in nominating athletes to FISU/UniSport for selection in the TEAM, the ESC may (in its absolute discretion) consider any relevant matter, ensuring that nominations align with **clause 2.2.1**. Junior and U23 athletes will be prioritised over elite athletes.

The online application form can be located [here](#).

- 5.6. All nominations must be made through this nomination link.

6. Reserve Athletes

- 6.1. The ESC may identify additional Athletes of each gender as Reserve Athletes.
- 6.2. In exercising its discretion to select Reserve Athletes, the ESC may (in its absolute discretion) consider any relevant matter.
- 6.3. Reserves may be ranked by the ESC and will only be chosen from among eligible Athletes.
- 6.4. Athletes selected as a Reserve according to this Criteria will not be members of the TEAM unless they replace a TEAM member by operation of this Criteria OR additional quota spots become available from the WT.
- 6.5. Athletes selected as a Reserve will not travel as part of the TEAM unless a quota spot becomes available.

7. Mixed Team Relay– Selection Criteria

- 7.1. Selection and naming of the Relay Team will occur based on the relevant competition or WT/FISU regulations at that point.
- 7.2. Final selection of the team/s will be made by the GMP or in the instance that the GMP is not present at the event by the authorised delegate of the GMP.
- 7.3. Selection of the team will be discretionary. The following guidelines will be used in priority order when making selections;
 - a) Athlete's state of recovery and readiness following individual events;
 - b) performance at the WUC individual races where first across the line will determine team selection; and
- 7.4. Neither this Criteria nor WT requires AusTri to select any athletes to the TEAM for the WUC.

8. Notification of Selections

The TEAM selections will be communicated to the athlete in writing by UniSport after **16 May 2022**.

9. Team Membership Conditions

On selection to the TEAM, all Athletes, including named Reserve Athletes, must comply with the [AusTri's Standard Event/Team Representation Continuing Form, Fitness and Medical Assessment Obligations](#), dated November 2023.

10. Funding

Athletes are responsible for all costs in travelling to, and competing at, the 2024 WUC. Athletes may contact their University Sport Association to seek funding assistance.

11. Appeals

An Eligible Athlete, who is not selected, may appeal that decision, under the [AusTri \(Standard\) Appeals Policy](#), dated 2023.

12. Amendments

- 12.1. The Criteria may be amended at any time by the ESC if such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in WT guidelines, UniSport or FISU eligibility criteria or to give effect to the Criteria following the discovery of a drafting error or oversight. AusTri is not and shall not be responsible or liable to any one as a result of any such amendment. Any amended policy will be distributed by AusTri by email to all eligible Athletes and posted on the AusTri website.
- 12.2. Should any amendment be required beyond the scope outlined in **clause 12.1**, the Elite Athletes Commission will be consulted, and any amendments will require ratification by the AusTri Board before a new policy is published.

13. Governing Law

This Criteria is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales.

14. Criteria Enquiries

It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Criteria (and other supporting documents and/or policies). For further clarification relating to this Criteria, queries should be directed to the Performance Pathways Manager.