2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP MULTISPORT TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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2026 WORLD TRIATHLON AGE GROUP MULTISPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: 13th to the 22nd of November 2026

Venue: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport Individual Events

- 1. Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal): 5km Run, 20km Cycle (Draft Legal), 2.5km Run
- 2. Standard Distance Duathlon: 10km Run, 40km Cycle, 5km Run
- 3. Cross Triathlon: 1.5km Swim, 30km Mountain Bike Ride, 8km Trail Run
- 4. Cross Duathlon: 8km Trail Run, 25km Mountain Bike Ride, 4km Trail Run
- 5. Aquathlon: 1km Swim, 5km Run

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- 6. Aquabike: 3km Swim, 120km Cycle
- 7. Long Distance Triathlon: 3km Swim, 120 Cycle, 30km Run

Please note these are approximate race distances and are subject to change by World Triathlon and or the Local Organising Committee in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Athletes may seek selection in one or more events at the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates). Athletes may not be selected in both the Aquabike and Long-Distance Triathlon at the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships as these events are run at the same time on the same day.

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A. INTERPRETATION

2026 WT MSWC means the World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships (Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long Distance Triathlon) owned and sanctioned by World Triathlon to be conducted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from the 13th to the 22nd of November 2026.

2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Athlete Agreement means a contractual agreement between AusTriathlon 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 AusTriathlon in its management and control of the sport and the team.

Athlete means an athlete who registers for and is selected to compete in one or more event(s).

CEO means the person appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of AusTriathlon or their nominee.

AusTriathlon means AusTriathlon Ltd. ABN 67 007 356 907, the National Federation for the sports of triathlon/ duathlon/ aquathlon and which is affiliated with World Triathlon.

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

ATAGSAT means the AusTriathlon Age Group Selection Appeals Tribunal appointed by AusTriathlon to hear and determine appeals under this policy.

ATNAGM means the AusTriathlon National Age Group Manager.

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

Selection Event(s) means one or more of the age group Multisport events referred to in Clause D.

Selection Points means the accumulated points calculated and awarded to an athlete who meets the eligibility criteria in Clause E for selection purposes.

STTAs means the State and Territory Triathlon Associations affiliated with AusTriathlon.

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

Team means the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team selected under this policy to represent Australia at the following:

2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships (Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long Distance Triathlon) to be conducted in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from the 13th to the 22nd of November 2026.

Undersubscribed in relation to an event means that there are less applicants for selection for any age group category at the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships (Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long Distance Triathlon) than there are places in the team for that age group per World Triathlon entry rules.

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

B. INTRODUCTION

 This policy details the process and criteria by which AusTriathlon will select its 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from the 13th to the 22nd of November 2026. 2026 WT MSWC Race Competition Rules stipulate that AusTriathlon may nominate a maximum of 20 males and 20 females in each age group category of the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships.

Age group categories start at 16-19 (Aquathlon, Sprint Distance Duathlon – Draft Legal), 18-19 (Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquabike, Long Distance Triathlon) and then progress in five-year blocks e.g., 20 - 24; 25 - 29 (Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquabike, Long Distance Triathlon); for both men and women.

- 3. Under the terms of this selection policy, the ATAGC is not required to select the maximum of 20 males and 20 females to the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the ATAGC. AusTriathlon at its discretion may not select a 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team to attend the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates) for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government domestic and or international travel restrictions and health risks to athletes. AusTriathlon shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone for any consequence of a decision not to select a 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).
- 4. Athletes are asked to not physically print the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy. This 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy may be amended at any time by AusTriathlon if AusTriathlon 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 AusTriathlon. AusTriathlon shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of such amendment.

C. SELF FUNDED

The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team is fully self-funded. Costs to be met by each individual team member include but are not limited to:

a) athlete services contribution which includes:

- i. the team management fee
- ii. travel insurance (including personal accident insurance while training and racing overseas).
 Please note that this does not include bike insurance.
- b) the race entry fee
- c) the team uniform (race suit and casual)
- d) travel and accommodation, preferably in the nominated Australian age group team hotel(s).

D. SELECTION EVENTS

Athletes must register for events on an event-by-event basis. To view the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events please go to <u>Selection Events - Age Group – AusTriathlon</u>

It is the athlete's responsibility to identify and comply with the registration rules for each individual event. Please check the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events page regularly, event dates and locations are subject to change.

E. SELECTION POINTS

1. Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group **Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal) World Championships event** must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Sprint Distance Duathlon Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group **Standard Distance Duathlon World Championships event** must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Standard Distance Duathlon Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group **Aquathlon World Championships event** must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Aquathlon Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group **Cross Duathlon World Championships event** must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Cross Duathlon Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group **Cross Triathlon World Championships event** must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Cross Triathlon Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group **Aquabike World Championships event** must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Aquabike Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

Athletes who would like to be selected for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Triathlon World Championships event must complete 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Triathlon Team National Selection Events as referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy.

2. Selection points for events will be awarded as follows:

2026 WT Age Group	2026 Australian Age	2025 Australian Age Group National
Category Place (Age is	Group Multisport Team	Multisport Championships
taken as 31st of	National Individual	
<u>December 2026)</u>	Selection Events	Sprint Distance Duathlon Age Group
	(Excluding 2025	National Championships
	Australian Age Group	
	National Multisport	Standard Distance Duathlon Age
	<u>Championships)</u>	Group National Championships
	Sprint Distance Duathlon	Cross Triathlon Age Group National
	Events	Championships
	Standard Distance	Cross Duathlon Age Group National
	Duathlon Events	Championships
	Cross Triathlon Events	Aquathlon Age Group National Championships
	Cross Duathlon Events	
	Aquathlon Events	Aquabike Age Group National Championships
	Aquabike Events	Long Distance Triathlon Age Group National Championships
	Long Distance Triathlon	
	Long Distance Triathlon Events	
1 st		50
1st 2nd	Events	
	Events 25	50
2 nd	Events 25 24	50 48
2nd 3rd	Events 25 24 23	50 48 46
2nd 3rd 4th	Events 25 24 23 22	50 48 46 44
2nd 3rd 4th 5th	Events 25 24 23 22 21	50 48 46 44 42
2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th	Events 25 24 23 22 21 20	50 48 46 44 42 40
2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th	Events 25 24 23 22 21 20 19	50 48 46 44 42 40 38
2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th	Events 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18	50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36
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Category Place (Age is	Group Multisport Team	Multisport Championships
taken as 31 st of	National Individual	
December 2026)	Selection Events	Sprint Distance Duathlon Age Group
	(Excluding 2025	National Championships
	Australian Age Group	
	National Multisport	Standard Distance Duathlon Age
	<u>Championships)</u>	Group National Championships
	Sprint Distance Duathlon Events	Cross Triathlon Age Group National Championships
	Events	Championships
	Standard Distance	Cross Duathlon Age Group National
	Duathlon Events	Championships
	Cross Triathlon Events	Aquathlon Age Group National
		Championships
	Cross Duathlon Events	Asuskilla Asa Cusus National
	Aquathlon Events	Aquabike Age Group National Championships
		Championships
	Aquabike Events	Long Distance Triathlon Age Group
		National Championships
	Long Distance Triathlon	
	Events	
18 th	8	16
19 th	7	14
20 th	6	12
21 st	5	10
22 nd	4	8
23 rd	3	6
24 th	2	4
25 th	1	2

3. WT age group eligibility for racing at the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships is determined based on an athlete's age on 31st December 2026.

4. Results from each event will be converted to age as of 31st of December 2026 and selection points allocated in priority order per the official race finishing time. Points will be awarded as set out in Clause E2. Athletes finishing in identical time will, for the purposes of this policy, be regarded as finishing in a tie and will be awarded points as in the following example:

E.g., If two athletes finish in a tie (as defined) for 4^{+} position they will be awarded 21.5 points each (22 + 21 = 43 divided by 2 = 21.5), or, for a National Championships they will be awarded 43 points each (44 + 42 = 86 divided by 2 = 43).

5. Selection points will not be awarded to athletes who are not eligible for selection in the team per the terms of Clause F2 below.

6. If an ineligible athlete finishes in the top 25 places in any selection event the points allocated to that finishing position will not "roll down" to the next eligible athlete.

7. If an event is cancelled for any reason, selection points will not be allocated for that event for the purposes of selection in the team. AusTriathlon will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of such cancellation.

8. If an event format is changed for any reason selection points will still be awarded per the terms of Clause E2.

Examples of an event format change include but are not limited to:

- 1. A triathlon becomes a duathlon
- 2. The event distance is amended, for example the swim of a triathlon is changed from a 1500m swim to a 750m swim.

9. Selection points will not be awarded to current Relevant AusTriathlon members if the AusTriathlon member does not enter their current Relevant AusTriathlon membership number, correct date of birth and their full correctly spelt first and last names which match their current Relevant AusTriathlon membership details at the time of entering each individual nominated selection event.

10. Selection points will not be awarded to current Relevant AusTriathlon members if the AusTriathlon member races in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team nominated selection event in the open category, junior elite category, elite category, paratriathlon category etc. Relevant AusTriathlon members must race in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team nominated selection event in their designated age group category e.g. 20-24, 45-49, etc.

F. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Only athletes qualified per the terms of Clause G will be eligible for selection in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team.

2. For selection points in an event to accumulate towards selection an athlete must hold a current Relevant AusTriathlon Membership as of midnight on the Thursday preceding the date of the relevant selection event.

3. Athletes eligible for Selection

To be eligible for selection in the team, athletes must:

a) At the time of making an online expression of interest application for the team as set out in Clause F3(c) below hold a current Relevant AusTriathlon Membership.

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

b) Not be the holder of an AusTriathlon Professional License and or Professional Development License during the financial year in which the selection events are conducted.

c) Notify AusTriathlon of their Expression of Interest for selection by applying on-line on the AusTriathlon website Expression of Interest - Age Group – AusTriathlon by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 23**rd **of March 2026.**

2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long Distance Triathlon) Expression of Interest for selection on-line applications will open on the AusTriathlon website at 9am AEST on Monday the 28th of July 2025.

- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal) Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal) Team.
- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Standard Distance Duathlon Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Standard Distance Duathlon Team.
- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Cross Triathlon Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Cross Triathlon Team.
- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Cross Duathlon Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Cross Duathlon Team.
- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Aquathlon Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Aquathlon Team.
- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Aquabike Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Aquabike Team.
- Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website for the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Triathlon Team in order to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Triathlon Team.

For the avoidance of doubt, this includes:

i. Australian athletes residing overseas who wish to be considered for selection as set out in Clause G4.

- ii. Athletes who wish to be considered for discretionary selection as set out in Clause G5.
- iii. Athletes who have gained automatic qualification as set out in Clause G2.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted online through the AusTriathlon website Expression of Interest - Age Group – AusTriathlon by 5pm AEDT on Monday the 23rd of March 2026.

No late Expression of Interest will be accepted under any circumstances for the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team.

G. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. If more than 20 athletes (male or female) register their availability for selection in any age group category, or the selectors exercise their discretion to name less than the number who have registered for selection in any age group category, the ATNAGM will select the team in priority order per the provisions of Clause G3.

2. Automatic Qualification

Automatic qualification for the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team will be given to athletes who:

a) Place first, second, third, fourth or fifth at the 2025 Australian Age Group National Multisport Championships as noted on the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events Calendar (<u>Selection Events - Age Group – AusTriathlon</u>) in the following disciplines Sprint Distance Duathlon, Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long-Distance Triathlon.

To validate this automatic qualification, athletes must meet all the eligibility criteria as outlined in Clause F of this selection policy.

b) Place first, second or third in the overall 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events (Sprint Distance Duathlon, Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long-Distance Triathlon) based on an accumulation of points from the best three (3) results from any 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events.

To validate this automatic qualification, athletes must meet all the eligibility criteria as outlined in Clause F of this selection policy.

3. Accumulated points from 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events

a) The AusTriathlon National Age Group Manager (ATNAGM) will make selections in priority order per the highest accumulated selection points based on the best three results in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events. For the avoidance of doubt, selection points allocated to an ineligible athlete will not "roll down" to the next eligible athlete for the purposes of

selection.

b) When making selections by operation of Clause G3(a) above and there are athletes with equal number of selection points in any age group category the ATNAGM will separate such athletes, if necessary, by applying the following criteria in priority order until an athlete is ranked outright 20th on the points scoring system.

- i. The athlete who has competed in the greatest number of 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events in the relevant discipline.
- ii. The athlete with the highest individual placing in any single 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events in the relevant discipline.
- iii. The athlete who was most recently a member of an Australian Age Group Multisport World Championships team.
- iv. The athlete who, in the opinion of the TANAGM has the best chance of achieving the highest result in the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships in the relevant discipline.

4. Australian's Residing Overseas

- a) Australian citizens residing overseas who have not accumulated points by competing in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events may apply for selection in the Team under this clause. Such applications will only be considered for applicants in age group categories in which there are less than 20 eligible athletes who accumulated points in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team National Selection Events, been selected to the Team and have confirmed their selection. Such applications must be supported by well documented and validated races and results.
- b) To be eligible for discretionary selection by operation of Clause 4(a) above an athlete must:
- i. Apply for selection per the terms of Clause F3.
- ii. Make a written submission to the AusTriathlon National Age Group Manager by emailing <u>alexandra.fehon@triathlon.org.au</u>

Written submissions by Australians residing overseas for selection in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team will close at **5pm AEDT on Monday the 23rd of March 2026**.

A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the ATAGC to consider in exercising its discretion under this Clause G4 including well documented and validated races and results. Such matters may also include reasons for the athlete's inability to participate in the Selection Events referred to in Clause D of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy, due to their residing overseas or otherwise.
 Race results must be between Monday the 3rd of February 2025 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 23rd of March 2026.

5. Discretionary Selections

a) In any category where there are less than 20 eligible athletes the ATAGC may at its discretion select additional athletes by operation of this Clause G5 up to the maximum of 20.

b) To be eligible for discretionary selection by operation of Clause G5(a) above an athlete must:

- i. Apply for selection per the terms of Clause F3.
- ii. Make a written submission to the National Age Group Manager by emailing <u>alexandra.fehon@triathlon.org.au</u> by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 23**rd **of March 2026.**
- iii. A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the ATAGC to consider in exercising its discretion under this Clause G5. Such 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. Such applications must be supported by well documented and validated races and results.

Race results must be between Monday the 3rd of February 2025 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 23rd of March 2026.

6. Reserves

a) If 20 athletes (male and/or female) are selected in an age group category, the ATAGC may at its discretion name up to 5 reserves (male and/or female) per age category.

b) The reserves will be numbered 1-5 and selected in priority order based on accumulated selection points as set out in Clause G3.

c) Should a team member withdraw or be removed from the team, the ATAGNM may replace that team member with one of the selected reserve athletes and that reserve will be selected in priority order per Clause G3(a) above.

d) The ATNAGM may exercise his/her discretion at any time up until the closing date for nominating reserve athletes to participate in the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships set by World Triathlon. A reserve who is selected per Clause G3 above will be required to accept their selection within a reasonable time to be set at the discretion of the ATNAGM.

H. SELECTION TO THE TEAM

1. Only athletes qualified per the terms of Clause G 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 AusTriathlon at least eight (16) weeks prior to the date of 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships:

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

b) Holding a Relevant AusTriathlon membership at the time of 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships; and

c) Not applying for or being the holder of an AusTriathlon Professional License and or AusTriathlon Professional Development License during the financial year in which 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships is conducted.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. Under the terms of this selection policy, the ATAGC is not required to select the maximum of 20 males and 20 females to the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the ATAGC. AusTriathlon at its discretion may not select a 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team to attend the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates) for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government domestic and or international travel restrictions and health risks to athletes. AusTriathlon shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone for any consequence of a decision not to select a 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates).

2. The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Preliminary Team as selected by the ATAGC including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website <u>Announcement and Appeals –</u> <u>AusTriathlon</u> by **5pm AEDT on Wednesday the 1st of April 2026.**

3. The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Final Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website <u>Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon</u> by **5pm AEST on Monday the 13th of April 2026.**

J. APPEAL POLICY

An appeal against a decision of the ATAGC made under this 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy must be made per AusTriathlon's nominated appeals policy which will be published on the AusTriathlon website at the same time that this 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy is published.

K. 2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP MULTISPORT TEAM ONLINE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION FEE

1. Athletes will pay a \$25.00 application fee per each individual event/ discipline when notifying AusTriathlon of their Expression of Interest for the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team selection online. For example, athletes who would like to apply for more than one event e.g., Aquathlon and

Cross Triathlon will complete two separate online applications with a separate \$25.00 payment for each individual event.

2. If an athlete is not selected onto the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team in the relevant event/ discipline for which they had applied, \$15.00 of their application fee will be refunded. If the athlete was unsuccessful in more than one discipline/ event the athlete will receive \$15.00 of each individual (\$25.00) application fee made to AusTriathlon.

3. If an athlete is selected to the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team and the athlete declines the position on the 2026 team in one or more events/ disciplines no part of the application fee will be refunded.

4. If an athlete is selected onto the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team and they accept their position on the team the \$25.00 application fee (minus the GO Membership Online Processing fee \$1.25) will be deducted from the athletes overall, 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Athlete Contribution. If an athlete has been selected in more than one event/ discipline each individual application fee of \$25.00 (minus the GO Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25) will be deducted from the athlete GO Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25) will be deducted from the GO Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25) will be deducted from the athlete GO Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25) will be deducted from the athlete overall 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Athlete Contribution.

5. If the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships are cancelled by World Triathlon and or the Local Organising Committee athletes will be refunded their \$25.00 per individual application fee to AusTriathlon (minus the GO Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25).

6. If AusTriathlon at its discretion does not select a 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team, athletes who have applied for this team will be refunded their \$25.00 per individual application fee to AusTriathlon (minus the GO Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25).

L. ATHLETE AGREEMENT

1. All 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport team members will be required to sign and comply with the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Athlete Agreement.

2. Any selected athlete who fails to sign the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Athlete Agreement by the date required by AusTriathlon will be immediately replaced in the team per Clause G6.

3. Any selected athlete who fails to comply with the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Athlete Agreement may be removed from the team and replaced at any time by the ATNAGM per Clause G6 and be subject to AusTriathlon's Disciplinary Rules.

M. 2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP MULTISPORT TEAM SELECTION POLICY DATES SUMMARY TABLE

ACTION ITEM	DATE
2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Sprint Distance Duathlon, Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike, Long Distance Triathlon) Expression of Interest on-line applications will open.	9am AEST on Monday the 28 th of July 2025.
2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Sprint Distance Duathlon, Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike, Long Distance Triathlon) Expression of Interest on-line applications will close.	5pm AEDT on Monday the 23 rd of March 2026.
Written submissions by Australians Residing Overseas (Clause G.4) for selection in the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Sprint Distance Duathlon, Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike, Long Distance Triathlon) will close.	5pm AEDT on Monday the 23 rd of March 2026.
2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team (Sprint Distance Duathlon, Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Cross Duathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike, Long Distance Triathlon) Discretionary Selections (Clause G.5) written submissions will close.	5pm AEDT on Monday the 23 rd of March 2026.
The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Preliminary Team as selected by the ATAGC including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website <u>Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon</u>	5pm AEDT on Wednesday the 1 st of April 2026.
The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Final Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website <u>Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon</u>	5pm AEST on Monday the 13 th of April 2026.

AusTriathlon: 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy Published to the AusTriathlon website <u>Policies - Age Group – AusTriathlon</u> on Wednesday the 18th of December 2024.

2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP MULTISPORT TEAM SELECTION POLICY AMENDMENTS

Amendment One – Thursday 12th of June 2025

World Triathlon announced that the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships will be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from the 13th of November to the 22nd of November 2026. Relevant selection policy clauses have been updated from date to be confirmed by World Triathlon.

Amendment Two – Wednesday 25th of June 2025

The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Expression of Interest Application close date has been updated from 5pm AEDT on Monday the 9th of February 2026 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 23rd of March 2026.

The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy Clause G.4 and G.5 have been updated from written submissions deadline of 5pm AEDT on Monday the 9th of February 2026 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 23rd of March 2026.

The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Preliminary Team announcement and 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Final Team announcement have been updated to reflect the extension of the 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Expression of Interest Application deadline.

2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Selection Policy Clause M has been updated to reflect the updated expression of interest application deadline, written submission deadline clause G.4 and G.5, preliminary team announcement and final team announcement dates.