

# 2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP MULTISPORT TEAM APPEAL POLICY

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**TEAM:** 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team

**REFERENCE:** 2026 World Triathlon (WT) Age Group Multisport World Championships Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

## 2026 WORLD TRIATHLON AGE GROUP MULTISPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 competes in one or more event(s).

**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.

**AT** 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.

**CEO** means the person appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of AusTriathlon by AusTriathlon or his/her nominee.

**Event(s)** or Selection Event means one or more of the age group events set out in Clause D of the relevant Selection Policy.

**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.

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

**Selection Policy** means the policy detailing the process and criteria by which AusTriathlon will select its age group team for each of the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championship events including Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Cross Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Aquathlon, Aquabike and Long-Distance Triathlon.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. APPEALS PROCESS

### 1. Right of Appeal

a) An Eligible Athlete who fails to be selected for the Team pursuant to the process and criteria set out in the relevant Selection Policy may appeal against omission from the Team as set out in this document.

b) The sole grounds of any appeal are that:

- i. The Athlete's omission from the Team was as result of a failure by the ATAGC to properly apply the Selection Criteria set out in the Selection Policy.  
Or
- ii. There was no basis on which the selection decision could reasonably have been made.  
Or
- iii. The ATAGC has failed to take into account a relevant consideration or has taken into account an irrelevant consideration in making the selection decision.

For the avoidance of any doubt, an Athlete's right of appeal is limited to procedural grounds and does not extend to an investigation of the merits of a particular selection decision.

c) Any appeal under this Clause will proceed in accordance with the procedure set out below.

### 2. Notice of Appeal

a) Any eligible Athlete wishing to appeal against his/her omission from the TEAM must lodge a Notice of Appeal in writing in the form set out at Annexure 1 to this document to be received by the CEO of AT by the following date and times:

Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Long Distance Triathlon and Aquabike: **5pm AEST on Friday the 3<sup>RD</sup> of July.**

Notice of Appeal documentation should be emailed to [info@triathlon.org.au](mailto:info@triathlon.org.au) marked to the attention of the CEO AusTriathlon.

**The Notice of Appeal must set out the grounds upon which the appeal is made.**

b) After lodging the Notice of Appeal as set out in Subclause 2(a) above, the appellant (the Athlete making the appeal) **must** file a summary of all the arguments and/or submissions that the Athlete wishes to be considered in support of his/her appeal together with an outline of all the evidence that will be relied upon in support of those arguments and/or submissions. This document **must** be received by the CEO of AT by the following dates and times:

Sprint Distance Duathlon (Draft Legal), Standard Distance Duathlon, Aquathlon, Cross Duathlon, Cross Triathlon, Long Distance Triathlon and Aquabike: **5pm AEST on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.**

c) The summary of arguments and submissions in support of the Athlete's appeal must be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$150. Athletes may complete payment of the \$150 appeal fee on-line on the AusTriathlon website [Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon](#)

d) The appellant can withdraw an appeal at any time.

e) The time limits for lodging the Notice of Appeal, summary of arguments and submissions and the appeal fee are mandatory, failure to comply with these time limits will, at the absolute discretion of the ATAGSAT, result in the appeal being dismissed without consideration on the merits.

### 3. Constitution of ATAGSAT

a) The ATAGSAT shall be constituted by any three persons available to hear the appeal, which must include the following:

- i. a person with a thorough knowledge of the sport and who preferably has had recent international competition experience in the sport;
- ii. another person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the ATAGSAT; and
- iii. a barrister or solicitor who will chair the ATAGSAT.

b) No member of the ATAGSAT may be a party to or directly interested in the matter under consideration.

### 4. Functions of the ATAGSAT

The ATAGSAT has no power of selection or re-selection. The ATAGSAT may review the matter(s) set out in the appeal and may (as appropriate) refer the matter back to the ATAGC for consideration.

## 5. Hearing of the Appeal

a) The ATAGSAT shall, as soon as practical after receiving the appeal documents, investigate and consider the matter and determine whether:

- i. the matter should be dismissed because, in the opinion of the ATAGSAT, there is no credible evidence, submission or argument upon which the ATAGSAT could be satisfied that a ground of the appeal can be made out.

Or

- ii. the appeal should be the subject of a hearing as set below.

b) If the ATAGSAT determines the matter should be dismissed under Clause 5(a)(i) above that decision is final and the appeal has failed. If the ATAGSAT determines that the appeal should be dismissed without a hearing, the appellant's appeal fee of \$150 is forfeited to AT as the costs of the appeal. If the ATAGSAT determines the matter warrants a hearing, the ATAGSAT will advise the appellant and set the date for such a hearing as soon as practicable and necessary having regard to the timing of selection and the proximity of relevant events.

c) The ATAGSAT must conduct any appeal hearing in accordance with Clause 5(b) as follows:

- i. it must observe the principles of natural justice;
- ii. it is not bound by the rules of evidence and may inform itself as to any matter in such manner as it thinks fit;
- iii. it will conduct its hearings with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as the proper consideration of the matter permits;
- iv. hearings may occur in such manner as the Chairman decides, including telephone or video conferencing;
- v. the appellant must establish one or more grounds of appeal to the reasonable satisfaction of the ATAGSAT with full regard to the importance and gravity of the issue.
- vi. the parties to an appeal may be represented at a hearing but not by a barrister, solicitor, or a legally trained person.

d) Following consideration of all information that the ATAGSAT considers relevant, the ATAGSAT shall arrive at a finding. A decision of the ATAGSAT may be by a majority decision;

- i. the ATAGSAT shall notify the CEO of its finding as soon as practicable;
- ii. if the ATAGSAT considers the ground(s) alleged by the appellant to be made out, it shall recommend that the ATAGC reconsider the selection of the relevant Team position;
- iii. where the ATAGSAT considers that a ground of appeal has been made out, it may stipulate that all or part of the appeal fee be refunded to the appellant.

- iv. the ATAGC shall comply with any direction of the ATAGSAT to reconsider the selection of the relevant Team position.
- v. any further selection decision of the ATAGC under the direction of the ATAGSAT shall be final and binding, and no other further appeal shall be available to the appellant in respect of that selection.

[AusTriathlon: 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Appeal Policy Published to the AusTriathlon website Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.](#)

## 2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP MULTISPORT TEAM APPEAL POLICY AMENDMENTS

### Amendment One – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> of November to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2026. Relevant appeal policy clauses have been updated from date to be confirmed by World Triathlon.

### Amendment Two – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Expression of Interest Application deadline was extended from the 9<sup>th</sup> of February to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2026. The 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Appeal Policy has been updated to ensure the appeal process dates match the updated close of 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Expression of Interest Application deadline and subsequent 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Preliminary Team announcement.

### Amendment Three – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 – Middle East Conflict

**World Triathlon Statement – 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships – 7th March 2026:** World Triathlon is closely monitoring the current situation in the region and remains in regular contact with local organising partners and relevant authorities. At this time, preparations for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships Abu Dhabi are continuing as planned. The safety and wellbeing of our local team, stakeholders, athletes and staff remains our highest priority. We will continue to monitor developments and provide updates to the community as necessary, particularly in advance of any key registration or refund deadlines.

**2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Update – 15th March 2026:** Currently, the Australian Government has issued a “Do Not Travel” advisory for the United Arab Emirates via the [Smartertraveller](#) website for all Australian citizens. This advisory was raised on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 due to the volatile security situation in the Middle East region, including military strikes and retaliatory actions across the Middle East, which are causing movement restrictions and travel disruptions. Given this travel advisory, AusTriathlon will delay the preliminary team announcement until 5pm AEST on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026. Depending on the Australian Government’s travel advice as of this

date, AusTriathlon may be unable to select a 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team. If this occurs, all expression of interest application fees will be refunded, less the online processing fee. AusTriathlon will continue working with World Triathlon regarding the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships and will provide updates to all 2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Expression of Interest Applicants as new information becomes available.

2026 Australian Age Group Multisport Team Appeal Policy Updates Clause 2.a) and 2.b)

The deadline for notice of appeal submissions has been updated from 5pm AEDT on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2026 to 5pm AEST on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2026.

The deadline for the summary of arguments to be submitted has been updated from 5pm AEST on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 to 5pm AEST on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.

**ANNEXURE 1 – NOTICE OF APPEAL**

**AusTriathlon**

**Notice of Appeal**

To: Chief Executive Officer  
AusTriathlon  
Sports House Milton  
150 Caxton Street  
Milton, QLD 4064  
Telephone: 02 8488 6200  
Email: info@triathlon.org.au

- 1. I \_\_\_\_\_ advise that I wish to appeal my non-selection to the AusTriathlon Age Group Team for the 2026 WT Age Group Multisport World Championships.

**The grounds on which my appeal is based are as follows:**

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[attach additional pages if necessary]

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026  
Signed:

• ..... **Appellant**