

# 2026 FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS NOMINATION CRITERIA

## 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 nominating athletes for selection by reason of performance as described in **clause 5.2**

**AusTri** means AusTriathlon

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

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

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

**HPD** means the High Performance Director of AusTri or any person:

- a. authorised by the HPD to exercise power of the HPD; or
- b. delegated a/the power of the HPD by the CEO

**HPP** means the AusTri Head of Performance Pathways.

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

**TEAM** means the 2026 FISU Australian World University Championship Team.

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

**WT** means World Triathlon.

**WUC** means the 2026 FISU World University Triathlon Championships, 8-9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 in Nyon, Switzerland

### 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 2026 FISU World University Triathlon Championships (**WUC**).

### 2.2. Objective

- 2.2.1 The primary objective of this Criteria is to select athletes whom AusTriathlon 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 Criteria is issued by the AusTri Board. AusTri must provide, or otherwise make available, this Criteria to all Athletes.
- 2.3.3. 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.
- 2.3.4. 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
- 2.3.5. UniSport has the exclusive authority to select the nominated Athletes to the Team.
- 2.3.6. This Criteria will take effect from the date it is released and will cease to have effect at the conclusion of the WUC.
- 2.3.7. 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) hold a current AusTri Membership;

- (ii) is an Australian citizen and hold has/is eligible for an Australian passport;
- (iii) not be serving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) sanction or have an ADRV matter pending an outcome at the time of nomination;
- (iv) not be serving any sanctions imposed by Sports Integrity Australia for Prohibited Conduct;
- (v) have signed the AusTri Athlete Agreement, or, be willing to sign an AusTri Athlete Agreement within 7 days of nomination;
- (vi) be in good financial standing with AusTriathlon;

Any nominated member of the TEAM not willing to sign the AusTri 2026 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 the country they represent, and hold has/is eligible for an Australian passport;
  - ii. be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on the 31st December of the year of the event;

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 former student 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 the Organising Committee, or 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 from nominated Athletes.
- 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. Subject to the number of quota positions, athletes may achieve automatic nomination if they meet any of the following criteria:

- i. Junior: Be the first or second placed Australian Junior Athlete who finishes in the top 5 positions of the 2026 Oceania Junior Triathlon Championships in Devonport (14 March, 2026);
- ii. U23: Be the first or second placed Australian U23 Athlete who finishes in the top 5 athletes in the elite field of the 2026 Oceania Elite Triathlon Championships in Devonport (14 March, 2026);
- iii. U25: Be the first placed Australian U25 Athlete who finishes in the top 3 athletes in the elite field of the 2026 Oceania Elite Triathlon Championships in Devonport (14 March, 2026);

If more athletes achieve automatic nomination than quota places available, athletes will be ranked according to their World Ranking as of 13 April, 2026

**5.3.** Any remaining position/s not nominated automatically, may be nominated via discretion.

- i. In exercising its discretion in nominating athletes to UniSport for selection in the TEAM, the HPP may (in his/her absolute discretion) consider any relevant matter, ensuring that nominations align with **clause 2.2.1**. As a result the HPP may consider the following:
  - a) performances at WT Continental Cup (CC), WTC or WTCS events between 14 April 2025 and 13 April 2026;
  - b) WT Ranking of the Athlete as of 13 April, 2026;
  - c) the number of points on the National Performance Table, as of 13 April, 2026, with consideration to the way those points are made up; and
  - d) probability the event will be beneficial for the development of the Athlete; with consideration of event timing and location, course profile, race distance and anticipated quality of field.

## **6. AusTri nomination process**

**6.1.** AusTri HP Operations will call for nominations for the Team on 7 April 2026. This request for nomination will be made via email with an online nomination form to all Eligible Athletes.

**6.2.** Athletes have a period of 7 days to submit their nomination to AusTri HP Operations. The nomination period will close at 23.59 AEST on 14 April 2026.

**6.3.** Athletes must properly complete all fields in the nomination form to be considered for nomination for the event.

**6.4.** Acceptance of late nominations is at the absolute discretion of the HPD.

## **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 HPP or in the instance that the HPP is not present at the event by the authorised delegate of the HPP.

**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.

7.5. Due to the discretionary selection process for the Relay Team, selection may be made prior to the event or at the event. There will be no appeals due to the short time frame.

## 8. Nomination Outcome and Appeals

8.1. Notification of nomination outcome:

Athletes who have nominated for an event(s) will receive a nomination outcome letter via email the week beginning 20 April 2026

8.2. Acceptance of nomination:

Athletes nominated must confirm acceptance of their nomination within 48 hours of notification of the outcome. This must be done by email to HP Operations at [admin.hp@triathlon.org.au](mailto:admin.hp@triathlon.org.au)

8.3. Appeal process

Athletes may appeal their non-nomination in accordance with the [AusTri \(Fast Track\) Appeals Policy](#).

## 9. Notification of Selections

To be clear, only UniSport has the authority to select the TEAM. TEAM selections will be communicated to the athlete in writing by UniSport before **8 May 2026**.

## 10. Team Membership Conditions

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

## 11. Funding

Athletes are responsible for all costs in travelling to, and competing at, the 2026 WUC. Athletes may contact their University Sport Association to seek funding assistance.

## 12. Amendments

12.1. The Criteria may be amended at any time by the HPD 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.

## 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 Head of Performance Pathways.