

SELECTION POLICY

2026 World Triathlon Championship Series and World Triathlon Cup Selection Policy

(updated March, 2026: change of competition window dates)

Part 1: Introduction

1.1. Scope

1.1.1. This Selection Policy (**Policy**) details the process and criteria by which the AusTriathlon (**AusTri**) Elite Selection Committee (**ESC**) selects Athletes for nomination to World Triathlon (**WT**) for:

- a) the 2026 World Triathlon Championship Series (**WTCS**) events, and,
- b) the 2026 World Triathlon World Cup (**WTC**) events, and
- c) the 2026 World Triathlon Championship Series Final (**WTCF**)

1.2. Individual event objectives

1.2.1. The primary objective of the Policy is to nominate Athletes who have demonstrated that they are likely to finish in the:

- a) top 20 positions of a WTCS or WTCF event; or
- b) top 10 positions of a WTC event.

1.2.2. The secondary objective of the Policy is to nominate Athletes for development purposes, with the aim of developing athletes for medal success at the 2028 and 2032 Olympic Games.

Part 2: Definitions

Key terms used in this Selection Policy are set out in the list below:

Athlete means a person who participates in the sport.

AusTri means AusTriathlon.

Automatic Nomination means the process of selecting Athletes for nomination to WT for WTCS, WTCF or WTC races by reason of performance.

Discretionary Nomination means the process of selecting Athletes for nomination to WT for WTCS, WTCF or WTC races 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 is published on the AusTri website.

HPD describes the role of the AusTri High Performance Director, or, their nominated delegate.

MTR means Mixed Team Relay; incorporating both Mixed Relay Series and Mixed Relay Cup events

National Performance Table (NPT) is an objective measure against which results in relevant events can be used to rank Australian Athletes.

Relay Distance triathlon consisting of 4 Athletes each undertaking a 250 – 350m swim, 6-10km bike and 1.2-2km run.

Selection describes the process by which the ESC may consider the performance of an Athlete, apply its expert opinion, and determine whether the Athlete meets the objective of this Policy.

Sport means Triathlon.

Sprint Distance triathlon consisting of 750m swim, 20k cycle, 5km run.

Standard Distance triathlon consisting of 1500m swim, 40km cycle, 10km run.

Super Sprint Distance triathlon consisting of multiple rounds of short distance (course dependent) racing. This is typically run over an Eliminator format.

WT means World Triathlon.

WTC means the World Triathlon Cup Events.

WTCS means the World Triathlon Championship Series Events

WTCF means the World Triathlon Championship Final.

WTRC means the World Triathlon Mixed Team Relay Cup

WTRS means the World Triathlon Mixed Team Relay Series

WTRS-F means the World Triathlon Mixed Team Relay Series Championship

WT Ranking is used to determine Athlete's eligibility to enter World Triathlon events.

Part 3: Mandatory Eligibility Requirements

3.1. To be considered for nomination to WT for a WTCS, WTC or WTCF event, Athletes must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- a) hold a current AusTri Professional Licence;
- b) is an Australian citizen or holds an Australian permanent residency visa, and, where the Athlete holds an Australian permanent residency visa, he/she has been lived in Australia for a minimum of 1 year;
- c) not be serving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV) sanction or have an ADRV matter pending an outcome at the time of nomination;
- d) not be serving any sanctions imposed by Sports Integrity Australia for Prohibited Conduct;
- e) have signed the AusTri Athlete Agreement, or, be willing to sign an AusTri Athlete Agreement within 7 days of selection;
- f) satisfies all WT Competition Rules;
- g) be in good financial standing with AusTriathlon;
- h) have submitted to the HPD their 2026 Athlete Plan (incorporating a 2026 competition plan) by 13 February 2026, or corresponding Competition Window Nomination Closing Date; and
- i) have signed an athlete acknowledgement attesting to having read and understood the Aus Triathlon Selection Policies.

Part 4: Competition Planning Guidelines

4.1. Eligible athletes will be required to submit a 2026 Athlete Plan (incorporating a 2026 competition plan) to the HPD by 13 February 2026. The competition plan should incorporate all the 2026 WTCS and WTC events they wish to compete in 2026.

4.1.1. Athletes will have an opportunity to update the WTCS and WTC events they wish to compete in on the following dates:

- a) 20 April
- b) 3 July
- c) 4 September

4.1.2. Athletes with the following NPT points on 1 February 2026 will be considered for selection to the corresponding number of WTCS (excluding WTCF) and WTC events for 2026.

Table 1:

NPT Points	# WTCS events	# WTC events
>1600	ALL	1
1400 - 1599	6	2
1200 - 1399	5	3
1050 - 1199	4	4
900 - 1049	3	5
800 - 899	2	5
700 - 799	1	4
600 - 699	0	3
500 - 599	0	2
450 - 499	0	1

4.1.3. Athletes may be considered for additional WTCS or WTC events. Selection to additional events will be made via discretionary selection outlined in Clause 5.6.

Part 5: Selection Process for the Individual Event

5.1. The ESC may select Athletes for nomination to WT for the individual event via:

- a) Automatic selection; or,
- b) Discretionary selection.

5.2. A maximum of three eligible athletes will be selected under the Automatic selection criteria for each WTCS and WTC event.

5.3. There will be four competition windows throughout the year when selection will take place for WTCS and WTC events:

Competition Window <i>(incorporates all WTCS and WTC events in each window)</i>	Competition Window Nomination Closing Date: <i>(Updates to competition plans) – 42 days before the start of each competition window</i>
27 Mar – 31 May	13 Feb
1 June – 13 Aug	20 April
14 Aug – 15 Oct	3 July
16 Oct – 31 Dec	4 Sept

5.4. Automatic selection – WTCS Events

- 5.4.1. For each WTCS selection window, an Athlete may be automatically selected for nomination to WT for a WTCS event if the race they are nominating for is listed in their approved competition plan and is within the number of allocated races as outlined in Table 1 of clause 4.1.2.
- 5.4.2. To achieve automatic selection Athletes must satisfy one of the following criteria at the time of nomination:
 - a) achieve a minimum of 1000 NPT points; or
 - b) achieve two top 20 finishes in a WTCS event in the previous 12 months; or
 - c) achieve a combination of one top 20 finish at a WTCS event and one top three finish at a WTC event in the previous 12 months; or
 - d) achieve two podium places at a WTC individual event and finish within 1% of the winner's time in the previous 12 months (one event must be a non-Oceania or Asia race).
- 5.4.3. If more than three athletes achieve the automatic selection criteria for an event, athletes will be ranked according to their WT Rankings at the time of selection and only the top three ranked athletes will be nominated to WT via automatic selection.
- 5.4.4. Any remaining positions not nominated via automatic selection may be nominated via discretionary selection.
- 5.4.5. If an Athlete satisfies the automatic selection criteria, they must complete the nomination process in Part 7 of the Policy.

5.5. Automatic selection criteria – WTC Events

- 5.5.1. For each WTC selection window, an Athlete may be automatically selected for nomination to WT for a WTC event if the race they are nominating for is listed in their approved competition plan and is within the number of allocated races as outlined in Table 1 of clause 4.1.2.
- 5.5.2. To achieve automatic selection Athletes must satisfy one of the following criteria at the time of nomination:
 - a) achieve a minimum of 800 NPT points; or,
 - b) achieve two top 10 finishes in a WTC individual event in the previous 12 months; or,
 - c) achieve a combination of one top 20 finish at a WTCS individual event and one top 10 finish at a WTC individual event in the previous 12 months; or,
 - d) achieve two podium places at a Continental Cup individual event and finish within 1% of the winner's time in the previous 12 months (one must be a non-Oceania or Asia race)
- 5.5.3. If more than three athletes achieve the automatic selection criteria for an event, athletes will be ranked according to their WT Rankings at the time of selection and only the top three ranked athletes will be nominated to WT via automatic selection.
- 5.5.4. Any remaining positions not nominated via automatic selection may be nominated via discretionary selection.

5.5.5. If an Athlete satisfies the automatic selection criteria, they must complete the nomination process in Part 7 of the Policy.

5.6. Discretionary selection criteria - WTCS and WTC events

5.6.1. The ESC may exercise its discretion to select Athletes for nomination to WT. This discretion may be exercised:

- a) at time of each competition window nomination date (early discretion); or,
- b) at the time of each individual event's nomination date (late discretion)

5.6.2. A minimum of one late discretionary position will remain open for each individual event's nomination date. Late discretionary decisions will be made by the HPD. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised. The HPD will consult with a member of the ESC when selecting Athletes via late discretion.

5.6.3. The following criteria must be considered by the ESC and HPD when exercising discretion:

- a) WT Ranking of the Athlete;
- b) WT Olympic Qualification ranking;
- c) the number of points on the National Performance Table, with consideration to the way those points are made up;
- d) the stage of development as an elite WT Athlete, which will include both the age of the Athlete and their years competing in WT elite events; with priority given to less experienced elite WT Athletes with positive results progression over experienced elite WT Athletes with limited results progression in the previous 12 months;
- e) probability the event will be beneficial for the WT and/or Olympic qualification ranking of the Athlete; with consideration of course profile, race distance and anticipated quality of field and their anticipated result;
- f) the individual discipline strength of the Athlete which may contribute to the performance of other Australian Athletes at the individual event;
- g) whether the athlete is being considered for selection for the MTR event as well as the individual event; and
- h) whether the race forms part of an Athlete's approved Athlete Plan and is within the number of allocated races specified in clause 4.1.2.

5.6.4. Criteria in clause 5.6.3 may be weighted differently, at the discretion of the ESC

5.6.5. The criteria must be assessed with reference to the relevant primary objective of the policy in the first instance, but if unlikely to meet the results requirement of the primary objective, the discretionary criteria will be assessed in line with the secondary objective.

5.6.6. The discretion of the ESC is absolute. The ESC is not required to make discretionary selections.

Part 6: Selection Process for the World Triathlon Championship Final

6.1. Automatic selection criteria

6.1.1. A maximum of three eligible athletes will be selected under the Automatic selection criteria.

- 6.1.2. To achieve automatic selection Athletes must satisfy one of the following criteria at the as of 17 August 2026:
- a) achieve a minimum of 1200 NPT points; or,
 - b) achieve two top 20 finishes in Standard distance WTCS events in the previous 12 months.
- 6.1.3. If more than three athletes achieve the automatic selection criteria for an event, athletes will be ranked according to their WT Rankings at the time of selection and only the top three ranked athletes will be nominated to WT via automatic selection.
- 6.1.4. Any remaining positions not nominated via automatic selection may be nominated via discretionary selection.
- 6.1.5. If an Athlete satisfies the automatic selection criteria, they must complete the nomination process in Part 7 of the Policy.

6.2. Discretionary selection criteria

- 6.2.1. The ESC may exercise its discretion to select Athletes for nomination to WT. The following criteria must be considered by the ESC when exercising its discretion:
- a) WT Ranking of the Athlete;
 - b) WT Olympic Qualification ranking;
 - c) the number of points on the National Performance Table, with consideration to the way those points are made up;
 - d) the stage of development as an elite WT Athlete, which will include both the age of the Athlete and their years competing in WT elite events; with priority given to less experienced elite WT Athletes with positive results progression over experienced elite WT Athletes with limited results progression in the previous 12 months;
 - e) probability the event will be beneficial for the WT and/or Olympic qualification ranking of the Athlete; with consideration of course profile, race distance and anticipated quality of field and their anticipated result; and
 - f) the individual discipline strength of the Athlete which may contribute to the performance of other Australian Athletes at the individual event.
- 6.2.2. Criteria in clause 6.2.1 may be weighted differently, at the discretion of the ESC.
- 6.2.3. The criteria must be assessed with reference to the relevant primary objective of the policy in the first instance, but if unlikely to meet the results requirement of the primary objective, the discretionary criteria will be assessed in line with the secondary objective.
- 6.2.4. The discretion of the ESC is absolute. The ESC is not required to make discretionary selections.

Part 7: Nomination Process

7.1. AusTri Competition Window nomination process

- 7.1.1. AusTri HP Operations will call for nominations for all individual events and MTR events within each competition window from Eligible Athletes 50 days prior to the relevant competition window start date. This request for nomination will be made via email with an online nomination form.

- 7.1.2. Eligible Athletes have a period of 7 days to submit their nomination to AusTri HP Operations. The nomination period will close at 16:00 AEST on the 7th day after the request for nominations is sent by AusTri HP Operations.
- 7.1.3. Athletes must properly complete all fields in the nomination form to be considered for selection.
- 7.1.4. Acceptance of late nominations is at the absolute discretion of the ESC.

7.2. AusTri Individual Event nomination process (late nomination)

- 7.2.1. Eligible Athletes may submit a late nomination to an event. Late nominations must be sent by email to AusTri HP Operations a minimum 42 days prior to the competition date.
- 7.2.2. Athletes submitting a late nomination will only be considered via discretionary selection and will be assessed against the criteria in clause 5.6.3.

7.3 AusTri WTCF nomination process

- 7.3.1. AusTri HP Operations will call for nominations from Eligible Athletes 50 days prior to the event date. This request for nomination will be made via email with an online nomination form.
- 7.3.2. Eligible Athletes have a period of 7 days to submit their nomination to AusTri HP Operations. The nomination period will close at 16:00 AEST on the 7th day after the request for nominations is sent by AusTri HP Operations.
- 7.3.3. Athletes must properly complete all fields in the nomination form to be considered for selection.

7.4 World Triathlon nomination process

- 7.4.1. AusTri HP Operations must nominate the Athletes selected by the ESC to World Triathlon by the WT race entry deadline via the WT registration system.

7.5 Substitution process

- 7.5.1. Athletes may be selected by the ESC to race events where they cannot secure a place on the start list due to their low WT ranking.
- 7.5.2. The ESC, at its absolute discretion, may direct AusTri HP Operations to use the WT substitution procedure¹ to facilitate the maximum number of AusTri Athletes on the start list.
- 7.5.3. National Federations may replace one Athlete per gender in WTCS and WTCF events and two Athletes per gender in WTC events using the WT substitution procedure.

¹ World Triathlon, 'Competition Rules' (Web Page, 18 January 2025)
<https://cms.triathlon.org/assets/36b218ae-21e3-4418-8251-3d72c11886cf/World-Triathlon_Competition-Rules_20250124.pdf>

- 7.5.4. Wherever possible, AusTri HP Operations will use the ranking of higher WT ranked AusTri Athletes who have not nominated to race to secure the start place for the lower WT ranked Athlete who has nominated, and who the ESC has selected.
- 7.5.5. The ESC may, at its absolute discretion, use the substitution procedure to replace an Athlete who meets automatic selection criteria with an Athlete selected via discretionary criteria. The lowest ranked Athlete who has met the automatic selection criteria, will be the Athlete whose ranking is used for the substitution procedure. The ESC will only use this power sparingly and must ensure that it aligns with the objectives of the Policy.

Part 8: Selection Outcome and Appeals

8.1. Notification of selection outcome

- 8.1.1. Athletes who have nominated for an event(s) will receive a selection outcome letter via email within 72hrs of the selection decision.

8.2. Acceptance of selection

- 8.2.1. Athletes selected to be nominated to WT must confirm acceptance of their selection within 48 hours of notification of selection outcome. This must be done by email to HP Operations at admin.hp@triathlon.org.au

8.3. Appeal process

- 8.3.1. Athletes may appeal their non-selection for an individual event in accordance with the [AusTri \(Fast Track\) Appeals Policy](#).

Part 9: Athlete Obligations

9.1. Form and fitness

- 9.1.1. Athletes must declare their race readiness to compete at the time of nomination when completing the nomination form.
- 9.1.2. Athletes not wishing to declare their race readiness to compete on the nomination form and keep their health or injury status confidential must consult with the Chief Medical Officer (**CMO**) during the nomination period.
- 9.1.3. The CMO will determine whether the Athlete is medically fit or likely to be medically fit to compete at the relevant event. The HPD will assess the Athlete's race readiness to compete.
- 9.1.4. Any false declaration on race readiness to compete at the time of nomination, to either the ESC or the CMO, will not be considered favourably by the ESC for future selections.
- 9.1.5. Athletes, once selected to an event or events in the case of those selected via automatic selection, must comply with the [AusTri Form and Fitness Policy](#).

9.2. Non disrepute

- 9.2.1. If an Athlete brings AusTri into disrepute with their behaviour, AusTri at the direction of the CEO may withdraw the Athlete from the event.
- 9.2.2. The ESC, at the direction of the CEO, may refuse to consider the Athlete for selection for nomination to WT for future events.

9.3. Withdrawal from event

- 9.3.1. Nominated Athletes who wish to withdraw from an event within 30 days of an event must notify the HPD. The Athlete must provide reasonable grounds.
- 9.3.2. If an Athlete withdraws within 30 days of the event, it may result in a penalty by World Triathlon to both the Athlete and to AusTri.
- 9.3.3. AusTri may request reimbursement from the Athlete for any costs incurred in booking travel for the event.

Part 10: General

10.1. Amendments

- 10.1.1. The policy may be amended at any time by the ESC if such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in WT guidelines, or to give effect to the Policy following the discovery of a drafting error or oversight. Any amended policy will be distributed by AusTri by email to all Eligible Athletes and posted on the AusTri website.
- 10.1.2. Should any amendment be required beyond the scope outlined in clause 10.1.1, the Elite Athletes Commission will be consulted, and any amendments will require ratification by the AusTri Board.

10.2. Policy Enquiries

It is the Athlete's responsibility to read and understand the Policy (and other supporting documents and or policies). Queries about the Policy should be directed to the HPD.