A. Introduction

This policy outlines the application process for elite athletes who wish to apply for the Elite International Competition Card (ICC) for Multisport events.

Multisport events include:
- Long Distance Triathlon
- Duathlon and Sprint Duathlon (Draft-Legal) events
- Cross Triathlon
- Aquathlon

Canadian athletes with a Multisport ICC are able to compete in:
- International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championships Multisport events (Elite Category)
- Multisport National Championships (Elite Category)
- Multisport Provincial Championships (Elite Category)
- Challenge (Professional Category)
- Ironman 70.3, Ironman, 5150 events (Professional Category)
- ITU Cross Triathlon, XTERRA Triathlon (Elite Category)
- Aquathlon (Elite Category)
- Any other non-drafting triathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of $10,000CDN.

B. Policy Details

All athletes that are applying for their ICC must:
- Be current members in good standing with a Provincial Triathlon Association
- Be in good standing with Triathlon Canada
- Be approved by the ITU for World Championships entry
- Sign an athlete agreement

Athletes with the ICC card for Long Distance, Cross Triathlon and Aquathlon events are only permitted to compete in elite draft-illegal events. This includes the professional category in draft-illegal standard distance triathlons (e.g., IRONMAN 5150). Athletes wishing to compete in elite draft-legal duathlons must have a draft-legal licence. This credential must be provided at the time of your application.

Upon meeting the elite Qualification Criteria outlined in Section C of this document and successful completion of an ICC application, an athlete will retain their ICC eligibility for a period of 36 months. Should an athlete wish to extend the ICC athletes must submit one (1) relevant race result that meets the Qualifying Criteria prior to expiration of their ICC. Such extension to the ICC will be for a period of three (3) years if the athlete continues to comply with the annual membership fee payment requirement.
In the transition from the 2016 ICC criteria, athletes will be permitted to use past results up to two (2) years (January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2016) to meet the new criteria. If they should have a qualifying result post 2014 (i.e., 2015 or 2016), their eligibility will be 3 years from that year.

International Competition Card holders cannot race in the Age Group category in any draft-illegal event which has a professional or elite/open category within the same event. Athletes under the age of 18 are not permitted to obtain an ICC card in any Multisport event over the sprint distance (see ITU Competition Rules – Appendix A). Sprint distance duathletes must be 16 years or older.

ICC annual license fee is $75, and expires December 31 of the year in which it was issued.

C. Qualification Criteria

1. International Competition Card Criteria: Long Distance

Qualification performances for Age-Group athletes and Elite/Professional athletes seeking re-qualification in long distance (IRONMAN, IRONMAN 70.3, ITU Long Distance, Challenge Half/Full) will only be considered at events with a prize purse over $10,000CDN or at Canadian Championship events.

Athletes must achieve one of the following in at least one (1) race in the year they are seeking qualification.

Elite / Professional

1. Canadian Champion Overall (Professional and Age-Group) or within 1% of the finishers time
2. Qualify to compete in the professional category of IRONMAN (Hawaii) and/or IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships (first round Kona Points Ranking and Point Ranking 70.3)
3. Qualify with the following criteria in races with a prize purse over $10,000CDN:

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Age group

1. Canadian Champion Overall (Professional and Age-Group) or within 1% of the finishers time.
2. Top 3 finish at the ITU Long Distance World Championships, IRONMAN or IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships in the Age Category between 20-39.
3. Qualify with the following criteria in races with total prize money over $10,000 CDN:

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2. **Duathlon (Sprint and Standard)**

Athletes must achieve one of the following in at least one (1) race in the year they are seeking qualification. Due to the size of field, qualification standards apply to both elite and age-group.

1. Top five (5) overall result in North American or International race (e.g., Challenge) that has a professional category with $5,000+ total prize money. The result must also be within 6% of the overall winner’s time. Note the field must have a minimum of 20 participants.

2. Top three (3) overall in the ITU Duathlon World Championships in age categories 20–39 as long as within 8% of the winners time.

3. Special resume consideration by Triathlon Canada Multisport High Performance Review Panel.

3. **Cross (Off-Road) Triathlon**

Athletes must achieve one of the following in at least one (1) race in the year they are seeking qualification. Due to the size of field, qualification standards apply to both elite and age-group.

1. Top three (3) in age categories 20–39 in the ITU Cross Triathlon World Championships as long as it is within 8% of the winner’s time.

2. Top three (3) overall in the World XTERRA Championships in age categories 20–39 as long as within 8% of the winners time.

3. Top five (5) overall result in North American or International race (e.g., Challenge) that has a professional category with $1,000+ prize purse. The result must also be within 6% of the overall winner’s time.

4. Special resume consideration by Triathlon Canada Multisport High Performance Review Panel.

4. **Aquathlon**

Athletes must achieve one of the following in at least one (1) race in the year they are seeking qualification. Due to the size of field, qualification standards apply to both elite and age-group.

1. Top three (3) in age categories 20–39 in the ITU Aquathlon World Championships as long as it is within 8% of the winner’s time.
2. Special resume consideration by Triathlon Canada Multisport High Performance Review Panel

D. Application Timeline

Athletes are permitted to apply for an ICC at any time of the year however the ICC expires on December 31st of each year. The ICC application fee of $75 will not be subject to any discount.

ICC special resume consideration, will consider resumes prior to December 1st. The Triathlon Canada Multisport High Performance Review Panel will convene in mid-December annually to assess applicants.

E. Additional information

The terms "elite" and "professional" are used interchangeably but Triathlon Canada prefers that these athletes be referred to as "elites" in order to align with the ITU.