

**2021 Triathlon Canada**  
**World Triathlon Elite Paratriathlon Events**  
**Selection Policy**



**A. INTRODUCTION**

This document establishes the eligibility and selection criteria for entry into all 2021 World Triathlon (WT) Elite Paratriathlon Events.

**\*\*NOTE:** Triathlon Canada's **Major Games nomination policies** are independent from this document as selection is NOT determined by Triathlon Canada.

1. The 2021 WT Elite Paratriathlon **events calendar is attached in Schedule 1**
2. Selection according to the terms of this Policy will not qualify an athlete for participation in any WT event if the athlete is not eligible according to the WT Eligibility Rules applicable to the aforementioned events.
3. The WT determines the maximum number of quota positions, as per the WT Qualification Rules, for all the aforementioned events.
4. Neither this policy, nor the WT require Triathlon Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
5. This policy can be amended at any time by TC if TC is of the opinion, that such an amendment is necessary due to any change in WT guidelines, or to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of TC by TC. TC shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.
6. The Schedules and Appendices and any other document referred to in this document form part of this Selection Policy.
7. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies).

In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Policy, queries should be directed to the High Performance Director.

If an athlete is still unclear about the Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, independent legal advice should be sought.

**B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Only athletes meeting the following according terms will be eligible for selection.

1. *WT Eligibility Criteria*

An athlete must:

- a. comply with all current WT Rules regarding citizenship, national representation and eligibility.
- b. be a Canadian Citizen;
- c. complete the WT medical Pre Participation Evaluation (PPE) prior to competing in any WT event.
- d. meet all classification requirements as required by the [WT Classification Rules](#)

If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Canada, athletes must contact the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TC for clarification.

## 2. TC Specific Eligibility Criteria

An athlete must:

- a. Be a Canadian citizen;
- b. Be members in good standing with a Triathlon Provincial Sport Organization;
- c. Be in good standing with Triathlon Canada;
- d. Have a current Triathlon Canada International Competition Card (ICC);
- e. Have completed 80% of daily metrics in Smartabase/Training Peaks;
- f. Be deemed healthy to race as per Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness policy (see Appendix A); and
- g. Participate fully with Team Canada as per the Triathlon Canada Athlete Agreement
- h. The athlete must be in a Triathlon Canada approved training environment and have a coach-of-record for the entirety of the AAP carding cycle that;
  - Is a Registered Coach with Triathlon Canada and,
  - Is in good standing with the Coaching Association of Canada or,
  - Is in good standing with their respective home countries recognized coaching association/National Federation and,
  - Agrees to share all training logs or plans with Triathlon Canada's High Performance Director upon request,
  - Is not the athlete.

## C. SELECTION CRITERIA

Subject to quota spots, eligible athletes will be selected in priority order as per the following criteria:

- **Note:** All athletes selected for quota spots will be placed on the WT wait list by Triathlon Canada. Final start list is governed by WT rules (including substitutions, see Section D)
- **Note:** Triathlon Canada will not place over quota athletes onto the waitlist till AFTER the start list has been generated by WT (\*pending confirmation with WT)

1. Athletes that have achieved two (2) podium finishes in WT Paratriathlon events (WT Para Championships Series Event or WT Paratriathlon Cup Event) in 2019/2020/2021 will be placed on the WT waitlist

2. Athletes that are approved for 2021 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program support.
3. Identified Next Gen/Triathlon Canada National Development Team athletes that have met Triathlon Canada and WT eligibility requirements.
4. At the discretion of the High Performance Director, athletes may be placed on the WT waitlist to fill the quota spots. The High Performance Director is not obligated to execute this selection.

Discretionary selection will be based on, but is not limited to, the following objective and subjective criteria (not in priority order).

- 2019/2020/2021 WT Elite Paratriathlon event results
- Additional Gold Medal Profile data
- Athlete potential as identified by Triathlon Canada's HPD
- Triathlon Canada strategic initiatives to qualify athletes for the Paralympic Games

Note: Entry by Triathlon Canada does not guarantee an athlete will be granted a starting position, as final acceptance of athletes is by the International Triathlon Union (WT).

#### **D. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT (if applicable)**

Triathlon Canada will announce after the WT Start List is officially confirmed.

#### **E. EVENT COSTS**

All event costs are the responsibility of the athlete unless otherwise communicated by Triathlon Canada. If Triathlon Canada, as the National Sport Federation, is managing an event's logistics and pre-paying expenses, all costs associated with the athletes' attendance and participation at the event will be invoiced to the athlete.

#### **F. SUBSTITUTIONS**

As per WT rules, after the provisional start list for an WT Paratriathlon event has been created, substitution (s) may be used.

Triathlon Canada may use substitutions to align with the priority selections as per Section C.

#### **G. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF ENTRY**

1. In accordance with WT rules all athlete entries into events are managed by Triathlon Canada;
2. All athletes may submit **Expressions of Interest** (EOI) for WTS and WC events as soon as they submit their proposed race calendar in Smartabase;
3. Triathlon Canada will send out a call for **Expressions of Interest** (EOI) pertaining to a series of upcoming WT Events. The call for EOIs is emailed to all 2021 Triathlon Canada ICC holders as well as each Triathlon Canada Provincial Sport Organization.
4. Any athlete wishing to compete in an WT event must submit their EOI via Smartabase no later than **45 days before race start**. Each EOI submitted will receive an automatic confirmation receipt. If an athlete does not receive a response, he/she should contact the Triathlon Canada office directly.

5. The WT publishes the start list for both the men's and women's races on [www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org) 32 days before the event in question. The athletes are put on the start list by the WT as per 2021 WT rules.
6. The WT allows each country to make substitutions following the publication of the Start List as per Section E.
7. Athlete Guides must now register their OWN EOI's

#### **H. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF WITHDRAWALS**

An athlete who receives a position on the start list for an WT Elite Paratriathlon Event, or has a high probability of doing so, must notify Triathlon Canada **no later than 35 days** before start should they decide to withdraw from the race, unless an injury and/or unforeseen circumstance arises preventing him/her from honoring his/her commitment to race. Any athlete who fails to withdraw from an event within the stated time frame and who cannot provide sufficient justification for doing so will be penalized according to the following criteria:

**Note: Late withdrawals now REDUCE Triathlon Canada's quota spots for subsequent events as per WT rules. The following penalties align with these new implications.**

- **1st Offence:** Athlete is fined \$250. Once the fine is paid in full, the athlete is not eligible for the next two events AND is not eligible for automatic selection for their next entry.
- **2nd Offence:** Athlete is fined \$500. Once the fine is paid in full, the athlete is not eligible for the next two events AND is not eligible for automatic selection for their next entry.
- **3rd Offence:** Athlete is fined \$750. Once the fine is paid in full, the athlete is not eligible for the next two events AND is not eligible for automatic selection for their next entry.

#### **I. MODIFICATION OF POLICY**

Triathlon Canada reserves the right, in extenuating circumstances, to modify this policy as it deems necessary in its sole discretion. In the event that this policy is modified, Triathlon Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, WT rule changes, non-competitiveness at any selection event(s), or inappropriate timing of any selection event(s) as it relates to the overall Triathlon Canada High Performance program.

#### **J. LANGUAGE**

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, the English shall prevail.

#### **K. APPEALS**

Triathlon Canada is responsible for all Team decisions. As such, an athlete wishing to appeal a decision regarding the Team selection must follow the Triathlon Canada Appeals Policy (see Triathlon Canada website).

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**COMPETITION CALENDAR**

The 2021 competition calendar can be found [here](#)

## APPENDIX A COMPETITION READINESS POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to outline the eligibility procedures (the “competition readiness” determinant) that will be used by Triathlon Canada to select athletes who wish to be entered in any international competition.

The objective of the Triathlon Canada Competition Readiness Policy (TCCRP) is to identify and support Canadian athletes who have demonstrated the ability to consistently manage and monitor their health status, adopt a safe and effective training program, communicate clearly and honestly their current health status to Triathlon Canada, and target the appropriate levels of competition; all with the intent of continued progression towards achieving a podium result at the Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. Triathlon Canada will evaluate each athlete entry request on a case by case basis.

### POLICY DETAILS

As per International Triathlon Union (WT) rules and regulations, Triathlon Canada is solely responsible for validating and submitting entry of Canadian athletes into international competition.

Demonstrated competition readiness is only one of many eligibility requirements outlined in Triathlon Canada’s individual event selection criteria documents. Valid and up to date athlete/coaching training logs, Triathlon Canada athlete monitoring programs, validated medical diagnosis/prognosis (through Triathlon Canada’s team physician), and athlete performance analysis will be used to evaluate and determine the competition readiness of an athlete. Triathlon Canada High Performance Director will have sole discretion to allow or deny entry into an event.

### TRIATHLON CANADA’S AUTHORITY FOR DECISIONS

All matters relating to the nomination of athletes for international competition are the sole authority of Triathlon Canada. Competition readiness will be determined based on an athlete meeting all of the following criteria

#### Criteria 1: Current Athlete Health Status

To be considered competition ready by Triathlon Canada, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following to Triathlon Canada:

- 1.1 A medical report clearing the athlete for competition from Triathlon Canada’s team physician or from a sport science and sport medicine (SSSM) practitioner as approved by Triathlon Canada’s team physician;
- 1.2 Access to or an up-to-date Triathlon Canada approved training/monitoring log; and.

## **Criteria 2: Athlete Daily Monitoring and History**

To be considered competition ready, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following:

- 2.1 80% completion of Triathlon Canada approved daily monitoring tools;
- 2.2 Not miss three (3) consecutive days of daily monitoring;
- 2.3 Full compliance with Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness Policy in previous event entry requests;
- 2.4 Adoption and adjustment of training/competition principles in line with best practices for reducing injury as advised by the Triathlon Canada approved SSSM practitioners;
- 2.5 Adherence to return to play protocols during previous injuries as defined and outlined by Triathlon Canada approved SSSM practitioners and as directed by Team Canada's team physician; and
- 2.6 Consistent, clear, and timely communication of athlete training logs and health status as requested by Triathlon Canada.

## **Criteria 3: Competition Level**

To be considered competition ready, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following:

- 3.1 A commitment to compete at Triathlon Canada National Championships;
- 3.2 Progression of results at each successive level of competition as defined by Triathlon Canada's Podium Pathway;
- 3.3 A potential to achieve a top ten (10) result in the requested event based on performance metrics (previous performances, GMP run and swim times, quality of field); and
- 3.4 A commitment to compete at events in which Triathlon Canada selected an athlete to compete.