

Age Group World Championship Team Canada 2026 Charity Entry Program

What is the Charity Entry Program?

The Charity Entry program provides a way for athletes to join Age Group Team Canada and compete in World Triathlon Championship events around the world. The Age Group World Championship Team is primarily selected via a qualification-only model. This means that athletes must race at designated qualification events across the country and place within a qualification spot or roll-down spot in order to secure a place on the team.

The Charity Entry Program consists of a limited number of spots made available for purchase that also include a fundraising component to give back to the sport of triathlon in Canada. Availability of spots is confirmed after the qualification season based on available space in each discipline, gender and age category. The Charity Entry Program is the **ONLY** mechanism to join Age Group Team Canada without qualification.

There will be a maximum of 20 spots available for each of the following events:

- » 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Championships – Pontevedra, Spain (*September 24- 27, 2026*)
- » 2026 World Triathlon Multisport Championships – Abu Dhabi, UAE (*November 13-22, 2026*)

Who is eligible to apply?

The following criteria is mandatory for ALL Athletes wishing to join Age Group Team Canada:

1. Must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada
2. Must be a valid annual member of a Triathlon Provincial Sport Organization and Triathlon Canada (*both are included in the Provincial annual memberships*)

Athletes must meet the criteria listed above in order to apply for a charity entry. Registration for these spots will be on a first-come, first-served basis upon confirmed availability of a spot in the requested age/gender category for a given event. Note that age categories are determined as of December 31st of the World Championship event year (2026), not the qualification year (2025). Charity entries will be restricted to a maximum of 30 per World Championship event, made up of unclaimed spots in available age/gender categories.

Charity Entry Fees & Fundraising Commitment:

Fundraising Commitment (minimum): \$2000

Other Fees:

Team Management Fee	\$235
Mandatory Team Uniform	~\$425
Mandatory Travel Insurance	~\$20
Event Entry Fee	See Below*

***Charitable Receipts will be available for outside donors*

The Charity Program has been set up so that the costs associated with the event are the same as athletes who qualified through the qualification process. The only addition is the fundraising component. Note that the mandatory team uniform and travel insurance are required by World Triathlon, and the Event Entry Fees* are set by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the World Championship event. These fees aren't published until closer to the event but can range anywhere from around \$200 to \$600 depending on the distance and discipline.

Proceeds:

Proceeds from charity entries will go towards supporting the following:

- » The National Development Series camp/event program (Next Gen)
- » Developing programming for coaches and officials
- » Ongoing development of the sport of Triathlon in Canada

How to Register for a Charity Entry:

1. Express your interest in a Charity Entry Sport to Community Programs Manager, Ella Calder (Ella.calder@triathloncanada.com), with your requested event and age category
2. Await confirmation of availability in the requested age category
3. Once confirmed, complete the registration form to claim the spot
 - a. Pay the Team Management Fee
 - b. Purchase the mandatory Team Uniform
4. Complete the fundraising requirement by no later than 6 weeks prior to the World Championship event
 - a. Personal funding page provided
5. Once fundraising is confirmed as completed, details will be provided for processing entry into the event, which will include payment of the event entry fee as set by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the World Championship event. The required travel insurance will also be paid at this time through Triathlon Canada.

[EMAIL ELLA.CALDER@TRIATHLONCANADA.COM TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN A CHARITY ENTRY](mailto:ELLA.CALDER@TRIATHLONCANADA.COM)