

## 2026 TRIATHLON CANADA OLYMPIC STREAM NATIONAL TEAM NOMINATION POLICY

### A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the eligibility and nomination criteria to Triathlon Canada's 2026 National Team. Nominations for this program, in 2026, are based on results achieved in the previous competitive season. The support provided through this program is reviewed annually and is subject to change at any time based on Triathlon Canada funding capacity. The nomination criteria applies to both male and female athletes.

*The nomination criteria for the 2027 National Team will be the same as the criteria listed below. However, the support and services provided to each tier of the program will be updated/revised in January of 2027 based on Triathlon Canada's available budget for the season.*

### B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In addition to the qualification criteria listed below, all athletes must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status.
- Be members in good standing with a Triathlon Provincial Sport Organization and Triathlon Canada
- Have a current Triathlon Canada International Competition Card (ICC);
- Participate fully with Team Canada as per the Triathlon Canada Athlete Agreement
- If eligible, participate in the 2026 Triathlon Canada National Championships unless an exemption is approved by Triathlon Canada's High Performance Director.
- Have a coach of record that is in good standing with the Coaching Association of Canada and Triathlon Canada OR be in good standing with their respective National Sport Organization/Coaching Association

### C. NOMINATION CRITERIA

Nomination Date: January 26, 2026

Nomination to Triathlon Canada's Olympic Stream National Team is for the period of April 1, 2026 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and will be based on a 4 Tier system. All results must be achieved in individual races (not relays) unless otherwise specified.

#### Tier 1

Athletes will be nominated to Tier 1 if they achieve one of the criteria below (listed in priority order):

1. 2026 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program – Senior Card
2. 1 (one) Top 8 finish at a 2025 World Triathlon Championship Series Event (sprint or standard) or the 2025 World Triathlon Championship Finals
3. 2 (two) Top 12 individual finishes in a combination of events at the World Triathlon Championship Series or World Triathlon Championship Series Final
4. Top 30 World Ranking as of December 31, 2025

#### Tier 2

Athletes will be nominated to Tier 2 if they achieve one of the criteria below (listed in priority order):

1. 1 (one) Top 20 finish at a 2025 World Triathlon Championship Series Event (sprint or standard) or the 2025 World Triathlon Championship Finals
2. 1 (one) top 8 finish at a 2025 World Triathlon Cup event with a starting field of 30 or more
3. A top 10 finish at the 2025 U23 World Triathlon Championships

#### 4. Top 50 World Ranking as of December 31, 2025

### **Tier 3**

Athletes will be nominated to Tier 3 if they achieve one of the criteria below (listed in priority order):

1. 2026 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program – Development Card

### **Tier 4**

Athletes will be nominated to Tier 4 if they achieve one of the criteria below (listed in priority order):

1. Competed at the 2025 World Championships/WTCS-Final in the Junior, U23 or Elite category and are not already nominated through Tier 1 -3 of this policy.

## **D. SUPPORT**

The support provided through this program is reviewed annually and is subject to change at any time based on Triathlon Canada funding capacity.

### **Projected 2026 Support Levels:**

In addition to any AAP support provided, athletes are eligible for the following support based on Triathlon Canada funding capacity:

#### Tier 1:

- Fully supported when selected to a Triathlon Canada National Team project. (ex. flight, ground transport, hotel, entry fee). Specific details and amounts are described in the official invitation for each event.
- Eligible for training and competition support reimbursement to a maximum of \$6000.00 for the following activities as approved by the HPD:
  - Competitions where Triathlon Canada does not send a National Team project as approved by HPD.
  - Other activities and IST support as approved by the HPD.
- 1 Sailfish Wetsuit
- Free access to Training Peaks premium account.
- Athletes must provide the HPD with a 2026 Yearly Training Plan (YTP) by March 1, 2026 to be eligible for this support.

#### Tier 2:

- Partially supported when selected to a Triathlon Canada National Team project (ex. ground transport and hotel). Typically, athletes in Tier 2 are responsible for the cost of air travel to each event. Specific details and amounts are described in the official invitation for each event.
- Eligible for training and competition support reimbursement to a maximum of \$3000.00 for the following activities as approved by the HPD:
  - Competitions where Triathlon Canada does not send a National Team project as approved by HPD.
  - Other activities and IST support as approved by the HPD.
- 1 Sailfish Wetsuit
- Free access to Training Peaks premium account.
- Athletes must provide the HPD with a 2026 Yearly Training Plan (YTP) by March 1, 2026 to be eligible for this support.

#### Tier 3:

- Partially supported when selected to a Triathlon Canada National Team project (ex. ground transport and hotel). Typically, athletes in Tier 3 are responsible for the cost of air travel to each event. Specific details and amounts are described in the official invitation for each event.
- Eligible for training and competition support reimbursement to a maximum of \$2400.00 for the following activities as approved by the HPD:
  - Competitions where Triathlon Canada does not send a National Team project as approved by HPD.
  - Other activities and IST support as approved by the HPD.
- 50% discount on Sailfish Wetsuit
- Free access to Training Peaks premium account
- Athletes must provide the HPD with a 2026 Yearly Training Plan (YTP) by March 1, 2026 in order to be eligible for this support.

#### Tier 4:

- This Tier has been added to the program for 2026 and is provided for the purpose of recognition only. While not supported with funding or services, this recognition can help the athlete to secure other grants, bursaries and other funding opportunities at the local, regional and provincial level.

### **E. TEAM SELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Announcement of Triathlon Canada's National and National Development Team will be made by March 1, 2026

### **F. 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.

### **G. LANGUAGE**

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

### **H. 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 which can be found on the Triathlon Canada website.