

2026 TRIATHLON CANADA PARALYMPIC NATIONAL TEAM NOMINATION POLICY

A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the eligibility and nomination criteria to Triathlon Canada's 2026 National Team - Paralympic. 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.
- Paralympic athletes must be internationally classified by World Triathlon.

C. NOMINATION CRITERIA

Nomination Date: February 9, 2026

Nomination to Triathlon Canada's National Team – Paralympic is for the period of April 1, 2026 to December 31st, 2026 and will be based on a 2 Tier system.

Tier 1:

Athletes may achieve Tier 1 status by achieving one of the following criteria:

- 2026 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program - Senior International or Senior National

Tier 2:

Athletes may achieve Tier 2 status by achieving one of the following criteria:

- 2026 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program – Development Card

D. FUNDING

Projected 2026 Support Levels – Paralympic Stream:

In addition to any AAP support provided, athletes are eligible for the following support, subject to change at any time 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 \$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.

E. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement of Triathlon Canada's National 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.