



## 2018 ITU FISU World University Triathlon Championships Selection Policy

### A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the Eligibility and Selection criteria for entry into the 2018 International Triathlon Union (ITU) FISU World University Triathlon Championships in Kalmar, Sweden, September 1-2, 2018.

A Canadian team of up to six (6) men and six (6) women will compete against university athletes from around the world in a draft legal standard distance triathlon (1.5 km swim, 40 km bike and 10 km run). The primary goal of the World University Triathlon Championships Selection Criteria is to field a team capable of placing two (2) or more athletes in the top 10 in each gender.

The ITU FISU World University Triathlon Championships award ITU World Ranking points equal to a Continental Cup (250 points).

The following criteria apply to both male and female athletes.

### B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. All athletes must be born between January 1st, 1990 and December 31st, 2000;
2. Hold a valid Triathlon Canada International Competition Card (ICC);
3. Be in good standing with Triathlon Canada; Meet the minimum FISU criteria for student eligibility
  - i) registered for and pursuing full-time studies at a CIS recognized post-secondary institution. Full-time status must be authorized by a document from the registrar of the institution. Post-secondary institutions recognized by CIS include community colleges, professional schools, technical schools, C.E.G.E.P., and universities, in Canada or outside of Canada; or
  - ii) who has graduated from a post-secondary institution as a student in good standing in the 12 months preceding the competition. Graduation must be authorized by a document from the registrar of the institution; or
  - iii) registered to attend a recognized post-secondary institution for September 2018 and who are within the required age range, are eligible for this event
4. Be deemed healthy to race as per Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness policy (see Appendix A); and
5. Participate fully with Team Canada at the World University Triathlon Championships, as
6. required.
7. Have submitted all required ratified run/swim times as communicated by Triathlon Canada;
8. Have completed 80% of daily metrics in Smartabase/Training Peaks;
9. Compete at Triathlon Canada's 2018 National Championships



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### C. SELECTION CRITERIA

Subject to quota spots, Triathlon Canada will select athletes in the following priority order.

#### Priority 1.

Up to one (1) discretionary selection per gender, to be determined by the High Performance Director of Triathlon Canada. The High Performance Director is not obligated to exercise this selection.

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

- Submitted ratified times as per 2018 Triathlon Canada's Ratified Times Policy
- 2017/2018 ITU draft legal race results in the sprint and super sprint
- Addition Gold Medal Profile Data

#### Priority 2.

Subject to availability of quota spots, athletes who achieve the following performance(s) in 2017/2018 will be named to the team based on their best performance amongst eligible athletes, until all available spots are filled.

- a. Top 25 in World Triathlon Series (WTS) event
- b. Top 10 in World Cup (WC) event
- c. Podium performance in ITU Continental Cup event (CAMTRI, ETU and OTU only)
- d. Podium of 2017 Triathlon Canada Individual University Championships in Ottawa, Ontario

#### Priority 3.

Subject to availability of quota spots, athletes who are ranked in the ITU top 250 on April 20, 2018, will be named to the team based on their ITU World Ranking

#### Priority 4.

Subject to availability of quota spots, all remaining team allocations will be made at the discretion of the High Performance Director.

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

- Submitted ratified times as per 2018 Triathlon Canada's Ratified Times Policy
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### D. NOTES

#### 1. Alternates and Athlete Replacement:

- a. One (1) male and one (1) female will be selected and named as Team Alternates by the High Performance Director who will consider (in no particular order): depth of field with qualifying event, the athlete's status relative to the Triathlon Canada GMP, swim and run split differentials at both domestic, and international competitions, past national and international race experience, coach input and future potential.
- b. Team Alternates will not travel with the team, but could be asked to replace a nominated athlete at any time until the final team is nominated to the ITU, prior to World Championships registration deadlines.
- c. Replacement of selected athletes by Team Alternates may be for any of the following reasons:
  - i) Injury or illness to a selected athlete, in which circumstances, certification by a medical professional may be requested by Triathlon Canada.
  - ii) Voluntary withdrawal by selected athlete. That athlete must submit a written request to the High Performance Director, Triathlon Canada no later than June 25, 2018
  - iii) Failure of selected athlete to maintain eligibility as noted in Section C: Eligibility Criteria.

#### 3. Triathlon Canada reserves the right, in extenuating circumstances, to modify the Team Selection Criteria as it deems necessary where a criteria for selection is no longer deemed appropriate.

- a. Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to 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.
- b. In the event that the Selection Criteria is modified, Triathlon Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.
- c. Modifications will not occur within 5 weeks of an event

#### 4. Being selected to the Triathlon Canada World University Triathlon Championships Team does not designate the athlete as a member of Triathlon Canada's National Team or Triathlon Canada's Development Team.

#### 5. FISU World University Championships is a **100% self-funded event**. Triathlon Canada will not be providing any financial support for this event.

- Costs accrued by selected athletes will include the following
  - i) USport Fees (entry and USport specific costs)
  - ii) Accommodations (as per USport rules)
  - iii) Triathlon Canada coach/lead (as required by USport)
- Total costs will be communicated upon confirmation of team

#### 6. Triathlon Canada is under no obligation to fill all available quota spots.



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### **D. DEADLINES**

Expression of Interest (EOI) and other deadlines as follows:

- 1) EOI for event– March 15, 2018
- 2) Withdrawals – April 2, 2018
- 3) Team notification – April 9, 2018
- 4) Non-refundable deposit (1000.00 CAD) – April 15, 2018
- 5) Remaining team fees – August 1, 2018

### **E. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

Triathlon Canada will announce the team on April 23, 2018

### **E. 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, ITU 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.

### **F. LANGUAGE**

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

### **G. 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



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## 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 (ITU) 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



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## 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:



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- 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.



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