

A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the Eligibility and Selection criteria for entry in to **ONLY** the 2018 ITU Multisport World Championship (MWC).

Triathlon Canada is committed to selecting the highest performing team using clear selection methods, and in accordance with International Triathlon Union (ITU) entry criteria. The primary goal is to achieve podium performances at ITU MWC.

This selection policy applies to all categories and events at the 2018 ITU MWC.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 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;
- e. Participate fully with Team Canada as per the Triathlon Canada Athlete Agreement
- f. Must have an ITU legal Triathlon Canada race suit

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

Subject to the six (6) quotas per gender, category and event, 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 ITU wait list by Triathlon Canada. Final start list is governed by ITU 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 ITU (*pending confirmation with ITU)
- **Note:** All performance criteria are based on Professional, Elite, U23 and/or Junior results. **Age Group results are not valid.**
- **Note:** The High Performance Director is responsible for the implementation of this policy and all team selections and alternates must be ratified by the Board of Directors of Triathlon Canada

1. At the discretion of the High Performance Director, up to one (1) athlete per gender, category and event may be placed on the ITU waitlist. 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).

- 2017/2018 ITU race results
- Athlete potential based on current and historical data
- Athlete status as Triathlon Canada's National Team or National Development Team.

2. Athletes who have achieved a podium performance at the **2017 ITU MWC (Penticton, CAN)**.

3. Athletes who have achieved a Top 10 performance at the **2017 Ironman World Championships (Kona, USA)**
4. Athletes who have achieved a Top 10 performance at the **2017 Ironman 70.3 World Championships**
5. Athletes who have achieved a podium performance in ANY **2017/2018 Ironman or Ironman 70.3 event.**
6. **Discretion Selection: All remaining quota spots will be filled at the full discretion of Triathlon Canada's High Performance Director. The High Performance Director is not obligated to execute any or all of these selections.**

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

- 2017/2018 race results
- Athlete performance based on current and historical data

D. MIXED DUATHLON RELAY SELECTION

As per ITU rules, the Mixed Duathlon Relay team will be selected prior to the event start. Final roster will be at the full discretion of Triathlon Canada's High Performance Director or his delegate at the 2018 ITU MWC. Triathlon Canada is not obligated to field a Mixed Duathlon Relay team and may not execute this selection.

E. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Triathlon Canada will announce the team on May 29, 2018

F. SUBSTITUTIONS

As per ITU rules, after the provisional start list for a ITU event has been created, athletes may be replaced on the start list.

G. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF ENTRY

1. In accordance with ITU rules all athlete entries into events are managed by Triathlon Canada;
2. All athletes may submit **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** for 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 ITU Events. The call for EOIs is emailed to all 2018 Triathlon Canada ICC holders as well as each Triathlon Canada Provincial Sport Organization.
4. Any athlete wishing to compete in an ITU 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 ITU publishes the start list for both the men's and women's races on www.triathlon.org 32 days before the event in question. The athletes are put on the start list by the ITU as per 2018 ITU rules.
6. The ITU allows each country to make substitutions following the publication of the Start List as per Section D.

H. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF WITHDRAWALS

An athlete who receives a position on the start list for an ITU 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:

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, 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.

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).

