



## 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Nomination Policy

### A. INTRODUCTION

Triathlon is one of 32 sports at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Buenos Aires (Argentina) from October 6-18, 2018 with participants ranging in age between 16-17 years old. The YOG triathlon competition will consist of an individual sprint on day one and a mixed team relay on day two.

This document outlines the qualification and nomination process of Triathlon Canada for determining those athletes who will be nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for selection to represent Canada at the 2018 YOG as members of the Canadian YOG team.

The objective of this nomination process to identify and nominate athletes capable of a podium finish in the individual at the 2018 YOG. **Nomination by Triathlon Canada does NOT guarantee selection. Selection is subject to COC approval.**

Triathlon Canada's nomination process may include the nomination of alternates for the Team.

Canadian YOG qualification spots are earned by Canadian athletes at the Americas YOG Qualifying event in Salinas ECU on June 30, 2018.

This document outlines the eligibility, qualifying and selection criteria to;

1. the YOG qualifying event in Salinas, Ecuador; and
2. the YOG in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The Triathlon Canada High Performance program is charged with fostering and developing podium performances at the Olympic Games.

### B. TEAM STRUCTURE

Team Canada is eligible to qualify up to one (1) male and up to one (1) female, with one (1) alternate named per gender. The selection process will include the selection of Alternates for the Team. The team will be led by a coach appointed by Triathlon Canada.

### C. ELIGIBILITY

For athletes to be considered for selection to the Canadian Youth Olympic Games Team, they must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Athletes must be born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002;
2. **Eligible athletes must have a Triathlon Canada International Competition Card as proof of their eligibility to compete for Canada at ITU events. This includes an ITU compliant pre-participation medical exam (PPE);**
3. **Eligible athletes must meet all applicable citizenship requirements of the** Canadian Olympic Committee and the International Triathlon Union at the time of selection and must maintain these requirements until the completion of the Games;
4. Athletes must have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before April 18, 2019;



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5. Athletes must follow all COC, CCES, and WADA anti-doping policies and procedures. This may include participation in both 'in-competition' and 'out-of-competition' testing as required by CCES and WADA.;
6. Athletes must commit to the full YOG calendar October 6-18, 2018 or dates as determined by ITU and IOC.
7. If selected, compete in the 2018 Junior National Championships in Kelowna BC;
8. Be deemed healthy to race as per Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness policy (see Appendix A); and
9. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organizing Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation Form no later than August 28, 2018.

### D. ELIGIBILITY EVENTS

There are two events in which athletes must participate to ensure nomination to the YOG:

1. The 2018 Triathlon Canada YOG Qualifier Event in [Gatineau, Quebec July 7-8, 2018].
2. The 2018 Triathlon Canada National Championships (Kelowna, BC, Aug 17-18)

### E. SELECTION CRITERIA TO THE 2018 YOG CANADIAN TEAM

**IMPORTANT:** If Canada does not secure YOG quota spots in Salinas, ECU Canada cannot nominate athletes to the YOG Team.

- Triathlon Canada athletes are selected to compete at the YOG Americas Qualifier in Salinas ECU to earn YOG entry spots for Canada; then
- Triathlon Canada selects athletes (as per events identified in Section D.2) for nomination to the COC for selection to compete at the 2018 YOG in Buenos Aires ARG.

#### 1. Selection for YOG Americas Qualifier June 30, 2018 (Salinas ECU)

Triathlon Canada will select up to four (4) participants in each gender using the criteria listed below in priority order until all spots are filled. Expenses to participate in this event are the responsibility of the athlete.

- PRIORITY 1.** Highest placed eligible Canadians from the 2017 ITU Junior World Championship (Rotterdam NLD) in order of finish;
- PRIORITY 2.** Highest placed eligible Canadians from the 2017 CAMTRI Junior Championships (Magog QC) in order of finish
- PRIORITY 3.** Highest placed eligible athletes from the 2017 Triathlon Canada Junior Championships (Ottawa ONT) in order of finish;
- PRIORITY 4.** Discretionary selection based on the following but not limited to:
  - Draft legal triathlon results
  - Triathlon Canada Gold Medal Profile (GMP)

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### 2. Nomination Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires ARG

The first overall eligible male and first overall eligible female at the 2018 Triathlon Canada YOG Qualifier Event in Gatineau, QC ( July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018) is nominated to COC for selection to the 2018 Canadian YOG Team.

Selection to the YOG Mixed Team Relay is performed by the ITU. *Please refer to the attached ITU Qualification system for more information on the relay team composition. In the event of changes by the ITU to the selection and eligibility criteria, Triathlon Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.*

#### F. DEADLINES

Subject to change, to adjust for changes in ITU, CAMTRI and/or COC Timelines here is a list of key deadlines:

Expressions of Interest (EOI) deadlines:

- 1) YOG Buenos Aires, ARG – Feb 28, 2018 (via Smartabase)
- 2) Salinas, ECU – Feb 28, 2018 (via Smartabase)
- 3) EOI Gatineau, QC – as per LOC <https://triathlongatineau.ca/>

#### G. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

Triathlon Canada will announce the YOG Qualifying Team (as per Section E.1) on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Triathlon Canada will announce the YOG nominees on Friday July 13, 2018

Triathlon Canada will announce the YOG team upon approval from the COC.

#### H. ALTERNATES AND ATHLETE REPLACEMENT:

1. One (1) male and one (1) female alternate will be selected from the next highest placed eligible athletes at the 2018 Triathlon Canada YOG Qualifier Event.
2. 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.
3. Replacement of nominated athletes may be for any of the following reasons:
  - i. Injury or illness to a nominated athlete, in which circumstances certification by a medical professional may be requested by Triathlon Canada.
  - ii. Voluntary withdrawal by a nominated athlete. That athlete must submit a written request to the High Performance Director via the Online Event Withdrawal Form, Triathlon Canada no later than 48 hours post team announcement.
  - iii. Failure of a nominated athlete to maintain eligibility as noted in Section B: Eligibility Criteria.
4. Substitutions after August 31, 2018 are subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.



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### **I. MODIFICATION OF POLICY**

Triathlon Canada reserves the right, in extenuating circumstances, to modify the Youth Olympic Games Nomination Policy as it deems necessary in its sole discretion where criteria are no longer appropriate. In the event that the Youth Olympic Games Nomination 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).



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