

# 2019 Triathlon Canada

## ITU Elite Paratriathlon Events Selection Policy



### A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the eligibility and selection criteria for entry into all 2019 International Triathlon Union (ITU) Elite Paratriathlon Events.

**\*\*NOTE:** Triathlon Canada's **Major Games nomination policies** are independent from this document as selection is NOT determined by Triathlon Canada.

**\*\*Note:** Triathlon Canada's **Tokyo Test Event Selection Policy** is independent from this document.

Triathlon Canada (TC) 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 all tiers and levels of competition.

1. The 2019 ITU Elite Paratriathlon **events calendar is attached in Schedule 1**
2. Selection according to the terms of this Policy will not qualify an athlete for participation in any ITU event if the athlete is not eligible according to the ITU Eligibility Rules applicable to the aforementioned events.
3. The ITU determines the maximum number of quota positions, as per the ITU Qualification Rules, for all the aforementioned events.
4. Neither this policy, nor the ITU require Triathlon Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
5. This policy can be amended at any time by TC if TC is of the opinion, that such an amendment is necessary due to any change in ITU guidelines, or to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of TC by TC. TC shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.
6. The Schedules and Appendices and any other document referred to in this document form part of this Selection Policy.
7. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies).

In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Policy, queries should be directed to the High Performance Director.

If an athlete is still unclear about the Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, independent legal advice should be sought.

## B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only athletes meeting the following according terms will be eligible for selection.

### 1. ITU Eligibility Criteria

An athlete must:

- a. comply with all current ITU Rules regarding citizenship, national representation and eligibility.
- b. be a Canadian Citizen;
- c. complete the ITU medical Pre Participation Evaluation (PPE) prior to competing in any ITU event.
- d. meet all classification requirements as required by the [ITU Classification Rules](#)

If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Canada, athletes must contact the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TC for clarification.

### 2. TC Specific Eligibility Criteria

An athlete must:

- 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 (ICC);
- e. Have submitted all required ratified run/swim times as communicated by Triathlon Canada;
- f. Have completed 80% of daily metrics in Smartabase/Training Peaks;
- g. Be deemed healthy to race as per Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness policy (see Appendix A); and
- h. Participate fully with Team Canada as per the Triathlon Canada Athlete Agreement

## C. SELECTION CRITERIA

Subject to quota spots, 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:** Only 2019 results will be considered for the 2019 ITU World Grand Final Paratriathlon Event
1. Athletes that have achieved two (2) podium finishes in ITU Elite Paratriathlon events within the last 12 months will be placed on the ITU waitlist
  2. Identified Next Gen/Triathlon Canada National Development Team athletes that have met Triathlon Canada and ITU eligibility requirements.

3. At the discretion of the High Performance Director, athletes may be placed on the ITU waitlist to fill the quota spots. 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).

- 2018/2019 ITU Elite Paratriathlon event results
- Additional Gold Medal Profile data
- Athlete potential
- Triathlon Canada strategic initiatives to qualify athletes for the Paralympic Games

Note: Entry by Triathlon Canada does not guarantee an athlete will be granted a starting position, as final acceptance of athletes is by the International Triathlon Union (ITU).

#### **D. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT (if applicable)**

Triathlon Canada will announce after the ITU Start List is officially confirmed.

#### **E. EVENT COSTS**

All event costs are the responsibility of the athlete unless otherwise communicated by Triathlon Canada. If Triathlon Canada, as the National Sport Federation, is managing an event's logistics and pre-paying expenses, all costs associated with the athletes' attendance and participation at the event will be invoiced to the athlete.

#### **F. SUBSTITUTIONS**

As per ITU rules, after the provisional start list for an ITU Paratriathlon event has been created, substitution (s) may be used.

Triathlon Canada may use substitutions to align with the priority selections as per Section C.

#### **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 WTS and WC 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 2019 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](http://www.triathlon.org) 32 days before the event in question. The athletes are put on the start list by the ITU as per 2019 ITU rules.
6. The ITU allows each country to make substitutions following the publication of the Start List as per Section E.

## H. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF WITHDRAWALS

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

**Note: Late withdrawals now REDUCE Triathlon Canada's quota spots for subsequent events as per ITU rules. The following penalties align with these new implications.**

- **1st Offence:** Athlete is fined \$250. Once the fine is paid in full, the athlete is not eligible for the next two events AND is not eligible for automatic selection for their next entry.
- **2nd Offence:** Athlete is fined \$500. Once the fine is paid in full, the athlete is not eligible for the next two events AND is not eligible for automatic selection for their next entry.
- **3rd Offence:** Athlete is fined \$750. Once the fine is paid in full, the athlete is not eligible for the next two events AND is not eligible for automatic selection for their next entry.

## 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).

**SCHEDULE 1  
COMPETITION CALENDAR**

- If there are any discrepancies the [ITU Events Calendar](#) will take precedence.
- **RED TEXT** – Domestic events

<b>START</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Saturday, March 2, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Devonport ITU Paratriathlon World Cup
Saturday, March 9, 2019	Continental Championship	2019 Sarasota CAMTRI Paratriathlon American Championships
Saturday, May 18, 2019	World Paratriathlon Series	2019 Yokohama ITU World Paratriathlon Series
Saturday, June 15, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Besancon ITU Paratriathlon World Cup
Friday, June 28, 2019	World Paratriathlon Series	2019 Montreal ITU World Paratriathlon Series
Saturday, July 13, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Magog ITU Paratriathlon World Cup
Thursday, August 15, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Tokyo ITU Paratriathlon World Cup
Saturday, September 7, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Banyoles ITU Paratriathlon World Cup
Saturday, October 5, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Alanya ITU Paratriathlon World Cup
Saturday, October 19, 2019	Paratriathlon World Cup	2019 Funchal ITU Paratriathlon World Cup

## 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

#### 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:

- 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.