



2022 WORLD GAMES USA TRIATHLON TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. Introduction

- a. This 2022 World Games Team Selection Criteria (the “Criteria”) determines the athletes that will represent the United States in the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama on July 9 and 10, 2022.

According to the World Games qualification criteria, USA Triathlon (“USAT”) may nominate up to three (3) men and three (3) women to compete in the Duathlon of this World Games event.

Quota places obtained are for the country not for the athlete, and the same athlete cannot qualify for more than one spot per country. Since the U.S. is the host country, the U.S. is automatically guaranteed two (2) quotas for both men and women.

The Mixed Relay selection will be via discretion and in accordance with the most current USAT Mixed Relay Event Selection Criteria.

2. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

- a. Athletes must be a citizen of the United States or be eligible to race for the United States under the applicable World Triathlon rules;
- b. Must be a USA Triathlon member in good standing;
- c. Must abide by all USAT, United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”), SafeSport, World Triathlon, US Anti-Doping Agency and World Anti-Doping Agency anti-doping policies and procedures and be in good standing with these organizations;
- d. Must comply with World Triathlon Competition Rule 2.4(c) and have physician signed certification form (PPE) on file with USA Triathlon;
- e. Current with SafeSport Training by completing the SafeSport tutorial and updating the tutorial as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport;
- f. Must complete all registration requirements on-time (deadlines TBD). Those not completing the process completely by the deadline may be considered ineligible.
- g. Additional Eligibility Requirements
 - h. In addition to the requirements above, athlete eligibility will be based on earning at least one of the following by March 15, 2022.
 - i. Being among the top 50 of the 2021 or 2022 Continental Duathlon Championships Event (elite standard distance);
 - ii. Being among the top 50 of the 2021 World Triathlon Duathlon Championships (elite standard distance)
 - iii. Being among the top 200 of the World Triathlon World Duathlon Rankings.

3. Selection Procedure

- a. **Team Quota:** The maximum team size for the Team is three (3) athletes per gender. If World Triathlon rules allow for additional nominations, then USAT High Performance may request special invitations from World Triathlon. Additional nominations over the three-athletes-per-gender maximum will be made by discretionary selection. USAT will submit all entries to World Triathlon 35 days prior to the World Games (“Nomination Deadline”).
- b. **Automatic Selection:**
 - i. There will be no automatic selection events for the 2022 World Games. Selections will be discretionary based off of the criteria listed in Section 4b.

- c. **Cancellation or Modification:** In the event of cancellation of any portion of the Automatic Selection event (bike or run), spots will be filled at USAT's discretion. If the distance of any leg of the event or the entire event is shortened by more than 50%, the spots will be filled at USAT's discretion. If the event is cancelled entirely or postponed until after March 15, 2022, spots will be filled via the Discretionary Selection process described below.

4. Discretionary Selection

- a. Discretionary Process: Any athlete who meets the minimum eligibility requirements in Section 2 may be considered for nomination. The Selection Committee will prioritize athletes for nomination to World Triathlon per the discretionary criteria outlined below. Athletes must fully understand and agree to their individual strategic roles within the Team before being selected by discretion.
- b. Discretionary criteria: The following criteria shall be used for assessing athletes for discretionary selection. The criteria are listed in no particular order and are not inclusive of all possible factors warranting consideration:
 - i. Performance and results in 2019, 2020, & 2021 Elite World Triathlon Duathlon events;
 - ii. Performance and results in 2019, 2020, & 2021 Elite World Triathlon events;
 - iii. Performance and results in 2019, 2020, & 2021 Duathlon and other USAT Sanction events,
 - iv. Present and former USAT Duathlon or World Triathlon rankings (if any);
 - v. Performance measures and assessments at the Discretionary Selection Committee's sole discretion.
- c. The Discretionary Selection Committee will be comprised of one (1) member of the USAT High Performance Staff, one (1) member of the USAT Multiport Committee, and one (1) elite athlete representative. This panel will also select members for the 2x2 Mixed Relay event as primary starters and alternates (if slot allocation permits).

5. Removal from the Team

- a. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USAT may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAT:
 - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USAT High Performance General Manager.
 - ii. Injury or illness as certified by an USAT-approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an USAT-approved physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - iii. Violation of the USA Triathlon Code of Conduct, USAT rules, Safe Sport, or team travel policies. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USAT Bylaws Article XV or the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

6. Replacements to the Team

- a. If for any reason a position on the Team shall become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled according to the discretionary criteria, provided that the replacement athlete meets all applicable eligibility criteria, and a replacement is allowed by World Triathlon. In the event that no athlete meets all of the eligibility and discretion selection criteria, or World Triathlon does not allow replacement, the vacancy shall not be filled.

7. Additional Requirements for Selection

- a. All athletes selected to the Team will be required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of World Triathlon, WADA, USADA, and USAT, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Sign and abide by the USAT's Code of Conduct, team travel policies, any USAT or World Triathlon Waiver or Release, and conform to all USAT policies and protocol regarding Team preparation and participation.
 - ii. Agree not to race any event **longer** than the Olympic triathlon distance (1.5km/40km/10km) up to six (6) weeks prior to the date of the World Championship.
 - iii. **All athletes must comply with World Triathlon Competition Rule 2.4(c), requiring an electrocardiogram (ECG) and pre-participation evaluation (PPE) in order to participate in certain World Triathlon officiated events. Satisfaction of these requirements will be a condition of nomination to participate in this championship.**
 - iv. Athletes who wish to compete in Junior, U23, Elite, and Paratriathlon categories at World Triathlon events are required to complete and pass the USAT Safe Sport tutorials well as any follow up refresher courses. More information about how to access the tutorial can be found [here](#). This tutorial or refresher course needs to be completed once every year. Once you have completed the tutorial, please email the completed .pdf certificate to elite@usatriathlon.org and retain a copy for your records.

8. Team Support

- a. There should be no expectation of direct funding or staff support available at this event unless otherwise announced at the time of nomination/selection.

9. International Disclaimer

- a. These Selection Criteria are based on the latest information available to USAT, and on World Triathlon and USAT rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in World Triathlon or USAT rules and regulations, or other unforeseen circumstances, will be distributed to the affected athletes promptly, and USAT reserves the right to revise these Selection criteria in such event.