



2022 WORLD TRIATHLON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. Introduction

This 2022 World Triathlon Junior Championship Team Selection Criteria (the “Criteria”) determines the athletes that will represent the United States at the 2022 World Triathlon Junior Championships (the “Team”) in **Montreal, Canada, June 24-26, 2022** (the “World Championship”). The selection criteria are designed to provide emerging athletes aged 16 to 19 (as of December 31, 2022) the opportunity to continue their athletic development at the highest levels of international triathlon competition.

Under World Triathlon Championship eligibility guidelines (see www.triathlon.org) the USA may send up to three (3) men and three (3) women to compete in the Junior division of the World Championship. However, such entries are not guaranteed. Entry spots are typically awarded to USA Triathlon (“USAT”) by World Triathlon based on: 1) a quota system; and 2) USA team results at the Americas Triathlon Junior Continental Championship.

If there is a Junior Mixed Relay event in 2022, selection will be 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;

3. Selection Events

- a. **Selection Event #1:** 2022 Americas Triathlon Junior North Americas Championships Sarasota-Bradenton, Sprint distance, March 12, 2021.
- b. **Selection Event #2:** 2022 USAT Junior Development Race, Richmond, VA, Sprint distance, May 1, 2022. (*to be used quota permitted*)

4. 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 Championship (“Nomination Deadline”).
- b. **Automatic Selection:** (selection will be completed in order below depending on how many spots become available)
 - i. At **Selection Event #1**, one (1) spot will be awarded to the highest placing USA athlete provided they earn a podium at the event.
 - ii. At **Selection Event #2**, one (1) spot will be awarded to the highest placing USA athlete not already selected.
 - iii. If no athlete earned automatic selection at Selection Event #1, then the next spot (1) will be awarded at **Selection Event #2**, to the second highest placing USA athlete not already selected.
- c. **Discretionary Selection:** USAT will fill all spots not earned by achieving Automatic Selection per the Discretionary Selection process described below.
- d. **Cancellation or Modification:** In the event of cancellation of any portion of the Automatic Selection events (swim, 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 May 15, 2022, spots will be filled via the Discretionary Selection process described below.

5. 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.
- 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 2020, 2021, & 2022 World Triathlon draft-legal events;
 - ii. Performance and results in 2020, 2021, & 2022 USAT Junior Development Series & other USAT Sanction events,
 - iii. Present and former USAT Junior Development Ranking, PATCO, or World Triathlon rankings (if any);
 - iv. Performance measures and assessments at the Discretionary Selection Committee's sole discretion.
- c. The USAT International Competition Panel will be responsible for discretionary selection, and will be comprised of two (2) members of the High Performance Staff and one (1) elite athlete representative.

6. 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 Development Coordinator.
 - 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.

7. 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.

8. 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. 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. Agree to stay in lodging as a team for World Championship. Accommodation arrangements will be coordinated by USAT High Performance staff.
 - iv. **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.**
 - v. 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 annually. Once you have completed the tutorial, please email the completed .pdf certificate to: juniors@usatriathlon.org and retain a copy for your records.
- vi. Athlete must be eligible to enter and compete in the country at which the event is held. This includes, but is not limited to having an acceptable visa, passport and meeting all country health evidentiary requirements.

9. Team Support

- a. USAT will provide staff and/or experienced contractors to serve as Team Leader (s) for this event.
- b. USAT will look for opportunities to decrease the total cost of the trip to World Championships for those attending, by subsidizing lodging, transport, and/or competition fees as possible.
- c. USAT will inform qualified athletes their expected costs involved with this competition trip upon selection.

10. 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.

Concerns or questions related to discretionary decisions should be communicated to the USA Triathlon High Performance General Manager (hpgm@usatriathlon.org or 719-744-2842). In addition, athletes are encouraged to contact the Athlete Ombuds Office as a resource for confidential, independent advice and assistance with resolving disputes (contact information below). After the previous steps have occurred, athletes may contact USA Triathlon Senior Counsel (legal@usatriathlon.org or 720-800-6622) to administer an executive review to ensure published criteria and process was followed.

Athletes have the right to file a grievance and have a hearing per the [USAT Grievance and Disciplinary Policy](#). Athletes also have the right to report any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest and will not be retaliated against for raising concerns or asking questions of USA Triathlon or the Athlete Ombuds Office. For more information, please see [USA Triathlon's Whistleblower Policy](#).

Athlete Ombuds - The Office of the Athlete Ombuds offers independent, confidential advice to elite athletes regarding their rights and responsibilities in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, and assists athletes with a broad range of questions, disputes, complaints and concerns.

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