



2022 Americas Triathlon Junior North Americas Championships
Sarasota-Bradenton
USAT Nomination Criteria

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1. Introduction

This protocol determines the order by which USA Triathlon (“USAT”) nominates eligible USAT athletes (“Eligible Athletes”) for starting positions in Americas Triathlon Junior North Americas Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida on March 12, 2022 (“event”).

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

- a. Athlete must be eligible under all applicable rules of World Triathlon (www.triathlon.org), the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (www.usada.org), and USA Triathlon.
- b. Athlete must meet the age requirement of event (age 16 to 19 as of December 31, 2022).
- c. Must comply with World Triathlon Competition Rule 2.4(c) and have physician signed certification form (PPE) on file with USAT;
- d. Current with SafeSport Training by completing the SafeSport tutorial and updating the tutorial as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

Pre-Participation Exam (PPE)

Athletes who wish to compete in Junior, U23, Elite and Elite Paratriathlon categories at World Triathlon events are required to undergo a Pre-Participation Exam (“**PPE**”) by their personal health care provider. The details of this are outlined in Rule 2.4 and Appendix Q of the World Triathlon Competition Rules. The PPE includes completion of a World Triathlon-provided Medical Questionnaire reviewed by the athlete's doctor, an examination, and a 12-lead resting electrocardiogram (“**ECG**”) with results reviewed by the athlete's doctor.

Once athletes have completed the screening and the questionnaire, athletes are instructed to email only the signed completed PPE certification form to juniors@usatriathlon.org. Athletes should retain their original completed, dated and signed questionnaire and PPE certification for their own records. [Click here](#) for more information on this screening and the PPE documents.

SafeSport Training

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 tutorial as well as any follow-up refresher courses. More information, including how to access the tutorial, can be found at www.usatriathlon.org. This tutorial or refresher course needs to be completed once every year. After the tutorial has been completed successfully, athletes are instructed to email the completed .pdf certificate to: juniors@usatriathlon.org and retain a copy for their own records. [Click here](#) for more information on SafeSport.

3. Nomination Timeline

Athlete must submit his or her name for nomination to wtenries@usatriathlon.org prior to the nomination deadline for the event (typically 35 days before the event). Athletes are encouraged to cc juniors@usatriathlon.org on their nomination e-mail. World Triathlon publishes the start list on or about 32 days prior to the event.

4. Nomination Priorities

- a. Top-6 eligible athletes ranked on the 2021 Junior Triathlon Development Race Series Rankings.
- b. USAT reserves the right to select the next 2 athletes (per gender) utilizing discretionary selection. Discretionary factors may include, but are not limited to, race results from the 2021 season and other past performances at similar level World Triathlon events in the previous 24 months. Athletes invited in this manner will be prioritized ahead of self-nominated athletes holding higher Junior Triathlon Development Race Series Rankings.
- c. Additional entries, including those earned in addition to our national quota, will be filled by nominated athlete(s) ranked highest on the 2021 Junior Triathlon Development Race Series Rankings.

5. Responsibility for Expenses

Athletes are responsible for ALL expenses associated with their participation in the event, including the cost of a World Triathlon-compliant race uniform. Athletes are required to adhere to all World Triathlon uniform and equipment rules for this event.

6. Compliance

Athletes are required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of World Triathlon, WADA, USADA, and USAT, including, but not limited to signing USAT's Code of Conduct, Safe Sport agreements, and any USAT or World Triathlon Waiver or Release. **Junior 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 is a condition of nomination to participate in the event. (see above)**

8. Withdrawal Penalties

- a. *Withdrawal deadlines*: the World Triathlon withdrawal deadline is 30 days prior to the first competition day in the event program; **the USAT withdrawal deadline is 31 days prior to the first competition day in the event program (this is the day after the start list is produced)**. If an athlete fails to remove himself or herself from an event before the USAT withdrawal deadline, then a penalty will apply.
- b. *Penalties*: If a withdrawal is requested within 31 days of the event (the day after the start list is produced), then USAT may impose the penalties outlined below. Penalties may be waived in exceptional circumstances (e.g., a new and verified medical impairment or verified extenuating circumstance). In order for a penalty to be waived, an athlete must submit a written explanation of their situation, including relevant supporting documentation, to wtenries@usatriathlon.org.

A discretionary panel, with at least 20% athlete representation, will review the materials and determine if the situation warrants a waiver of the penalty.

- a. **1st offense:** \$250 fine
- b. **2nd offense:** \$500 fine
- c. **3rd offense:** \$1000 fine and ineligible for any World Triathlon event starts for 3 months from the corresponding event date

10. Links

2021 USAT Junior Development Series Rankings:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jqD67D4Z82ltT2blVPwPjkYIAb7ramHqJeAvohC4w2g/edit?usp=sharing>