



2022 Paratriathlon National Championships Qualification Procedures

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1. Introduction

The qualification procedures will explain how USA paratriathletes can enter to compete in the USA Paratriathlon National Championship Event. Any athlete that wishes to compete in the National Championship division at the 2022 USA Paratriathlon National Championship must be officially classified and placed in a USA Paratriathlon Category as outlined in USA Triathlon's Competitive Rules. If an athlete does not classify or does not qualify via the time standards, they may race in the PC Open division.

2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Consideration

- 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 be an annual Paratriathlete member in good standing of USA Triathlon.
- c. Paratriathlon Category Classification: Each athlete must be Officially Classified and placed in a USA Paratriathlon Category as outlined in USA Triathlon's Competitive Rules. USA Paratriathlon categories shall be instituted and maintained as follows:

PTWC - Wheelchair users. Athletes must use a recumbent handcycle on the bike course and a racing wheelchair on the run segment;

PTS2 - Severe Impairments. In both bike and run segments, amputee athletes may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices.

PTS3 – Significant Impairments. In both bike and run segments, the athlete may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices.

PTS4 – Moderate Impairments. In both bike and run segments, the athlete may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices.

PTS5 – Mild Impairments. In both bike and run segments, the athlete may use approved prosthesis or other supportive device.

PTVI - Total or Partial visual Impairment (IBSA/IPC defined sub-classes B1, B2, and B3): Includes athletes who are totally blind, from no light perception in either eye, to some light perception (B1) and partially sighted athletes (B2, B3). One guide is mandatory throughout the race. Must ride a tandem during the bike segment.

3. National Championship Division

The athlete must choose between option A or B, below, in order to be eligible to compete in the National Championship division:

- A. Successful completion of a USAT-Sanctioned or World Triathlon Para sprint distance triathlon between the following distances between the time frame May 1, 2020 and July 5, 2022:

Swim	Bike	Run
400m - 1000 m	15 km - 30 km	3 km - 6 km

Within the minimum finishing time noted below:

Sport Class	2022 Qualification
Women PTWC	1:25:02
Women PTS2	1:40:16
Women PTS3	1:37:11
Women PTS4	1:35:14
Women PTS5	1:26:07
Women PTVI	1:26:36
Men PTWC	1:13:12
Men PTS2	1:29:33
Men PTS3	1:28:55
Men PTS4	1:16:57
Men PTS5	1:16:14
Men PTVI	1:16:03

B. Successful completion of a 2022 USA Paratriathlon Development Race Series event as outlined below

Ron Jon Cocoa Beach Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave)	Cocoa Beach, FL	April 10
Sylvan Beach Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave)	La Porte, TX	May 15
Leon's Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave)	Hammond, IN	June 5
Pleasant Prairie Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave)	Pleasant Prairie, WI	June 26
U.S. Paratriathlon National Championships (National Championship wave) at Legacy Triathlon	Long Beach, California	July 18

Within the minimum finishing times noted below:

Sport Class	2022 Qualification
Women PTWC	1:28:29
Women PTS2	1:43:50
Women PTS3	1:41:25
Women PTS4	1:38:39
Women PTS5	1:29:36
Women PTVI	1:30:09
Men PTWC	1:16:34
Men PTS2	1:33:17
Men PTS3	1:32:36
Men PTS4	1:19:52
Men PTS5	1:19:07
Men PTVI	1:19:35

*If an athlete has not been classified and unsure what sport class they fit into, please email Paratriathlon@usatriathlon.org with the medical diagnosis form and we will do our best educated guess as to where the athlete fits until a classification assessment can take place

**All final determinations on sport class and qualification will be determined at the national classification opportunity in the days leading into the event. Please note there is a chance that if an athlete changes sport classes from the educated guess they will need to show proof of a qualification race in the new sport class within the specified qualification time.

*** *Please note that the Option A qualification times are derived by adding 30% to the 2021 World Triathlon Para World Champion finishing time and Option B is by adding 35%. This is done to showcase which athletes will, or could soon, score points at World Triathlon Para races and be able to enter the elite pipeline. In order to score points at World Triathlon para races, the finishing time needs to be 25% or less behind the winner in each sport class.*

Registration for the National Championship will close on July 5, 2022.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: Special consideration for entry exceptions may be consider for athletes with a proven racing history in World Paratriathlon events, for Talent Transfer athletes with National Team status from Para endurance based sports (such as Cycling, Swimming, Track & Field, & Nordic Skiing), and in the case of exceptional circumstances. Requests must be sent to paratriathlon@usatriathlon.org and will be reviewed by a panel including at least two (2) USA Triathlon staff, and one (1) member of the Athlete Advisory Council. The Panel may utilize its full discretion to grant entry and may require submission of performance related data including video evidence of swimming, cycling, and running skills.