



## USA Paratriathlon Junior and U23 Development Team Program

USA Paratriathlon has created a team that provides opportunities to aspiring youth, junior and U23 paratriathletes to further grow in their sport development. The purpose of this team program is to identify talent, provide assistance, and encourage passion in the sport of paratriathlon. Athletes who are accepted will represent the team and all of its sponsors throughout the 2022 triathlon season.

Acceptance into this team program will be based on an application process, and approved athletes will be expected to commit to training primarily for triathlon for the 2022 season. Tenure in this program is only through the 2022 triathlon season and applicants will need to reapply annually. More details about this program can be found below or by emailing [LindseyJerdonek](mailto:LindseyJerdonek), the USAT HP Development Coordinator.

### **Benefits:**

Upon acceptance onto the team, athletes will receive the following benefits.

- *Travel/Competition grant from USAT* – to be spent strictly on travel expenses for specific triathlon events/camps
- *USAT branded apparel & equipment* – articles chosen upon discretion of USAT
- *Coaching support & advice from USAT Certified Level II Paratriathlon Coach Chris Palmquist* (on a very limited basis)
- *USAT website recognition via race photo and bio*

### **Requirements:**

- *For consideration applicants must:*
  - Be between 14-22 years of age as of 12/31/22
  - Able to or have already been classified in the USAT classification system
    - If not classified, USAT will work to determine what sport class applicant would fall into
  - o Physically capable to compete in at least 3 triathlon events (up to a sprint distance) in 2022
  - o Complete the team program application, including a race resume by Saturday, May 7, 2022

### **Required Events/Dates:**

- **USAT Youth & Junior Triathlon Camp (under the age of 18)**

- Tentative: preceding Zone3 Youth & Junior Nationals:  
Location in Ohio | **Approximate dates: Sunday, July 24 – Friday, July 29**
- **USAT Zone3 Youth & Junior Nationals (up to age 18):**
  - West Chester, OH | **July 29 – 31**
- **One optional event of your choosing within the 2022 calendar year** \*Exemptions based on injury or event cancellation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**Additional Details:**

- The team will be capped at 7 athletes
- Acceptance onto the team is based on the discretion of the USAT High Performance team
- Athletes accepted to the team will be required to sign a contract that details their involvement and additional requirements to the team (i.e. social media requirements, process for proof grant expenses, etc.).

**Application Process:**

- Complete the application provided on the USAT website or find it [here](#).
- Attach your most up to date race resume in the application
- Include any additional running, cycling, or swimming events if they are relevant
  - Be sure to include distances of events, along with times and dates within your resume
- **Submit your application with resume materials by Saturday, May 7, 2022.**
- Selection for the USA Paratriathlon Junior and U23 Development Team Program team will be on or before **Thursday, May 12, 2022**. Athletes will be notified by then on their acceptance to the team.