

Age Group World Championships Selection Policy and Criteria

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A. OBJECTIVE

To promote the growth of triathlon and its related disciplines by selecting athletes to represent Iceland.

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Selections will be made by the Icelandic Triathlon Federation based on the criteria outlined in this policy.

2. It is the athlete's responsibility to enter the nominated selection event through the event website.

3. Selection nomination forms **MUST** be received by the Icelandic Triathlon Federation no later than **7 days** following the nominated selection race. **The cut off is 18:00 on Sunday, 25 June, 2017.** This rule will be strictly enforced.

4. To be eligible for selection in the Icelandic Age Group Triathlon World Championship Team, you **MUST** on selection race day:

- 4.1. Be a citizen or permanent resident of Iceland, or have lived in Iceland continuously for two years, hold an Icelandic kennitala, and not have represented another country in the last 12 months
- 4.2 Have a good relationship with the Icelandic Triathlon Federation
- 4.3 Be a current member of an Icelandic affiliated triathlon club

If you are not a resident in Iceland refer to "F (ii) Athletes Living Overseas" below. International Triathlon Union (ITU) Constitutional rules apply to naturalised persons and those with dual citizenship. If you have any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Iceland, please contact the Icelandic Triathlon Federation for clarification.

5. Age group categorisation will be based on an athlete's age as at 31 December on the year of the World Championship event.

Age groups for male and females will be: 18-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, older age group competitors will also be considered.

The nominated selection event will use your age as at 31 December 2017 for selection into the appropriate age group category. Note that ITU age groups are applied for selection, even though the nominated selection race may have different age groups.

6. Age-Group Teams are self-financed. By submitting a selection nomination form and accepting selection to a National Age-Group Team you acknowledge that you will be responsible for funding your own travel, accommodation, race entry, uniform and administrative costs.

Due to the desire to create a great team culture and to enhance team management, selected athletes are encouraged to stay at the nominated team accommodation. A breakdown of costs will be provided to you by the Icelandic Triathlon Federation at the time of selection announcement.

7. It is the responsibility of you, the athlete to ensure your selection nomination form and/or special circumstance form has been received by the Icelandic Triathlon Federation within the set out deadlines: 18:00 on Sunday, 25 June, 2017.

8. On announcement of the Icelandic team, each athlete is required to provide the Icelandic Triathlon Federation physical evidence of 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 as of selection race day; to pay a Team Administration Fee of ISK 3,500; and complete an athlete agreement to confirm their position in the team.

9. ITU competition rules state that athletes must attain insurance in order to compete at ITU World Championship events. Upon accepting a position on an Age Group team, you agree to abide by the rules set out by the ITU and the Icelandic Triathlon Federation regarding insurance.

C. MAXIMUM NATIONAL AGE GROUP TEAM SIZE

The maximum National Age Group Team size is determined by the International Triathlon Union (ITU) Competition Rules. These rules allow Triathlon Iceland to select up to 20 males and 20 females per age group.

D. SELECTION COMMISSION

The role of assessing athletes against the selection criteria is the responsibility of the Age Group Team Manager and the Icelandic Triathlon Federation Board.

E. SELECTION CRITERIA ITU

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The nominated selection event is: The Iceland Olympic Distance National Championship Laugarvatn, Sunday 18 June 2017.

Eligible athletes in each ITU age-group who cross the line at the above nominated selection race will gain automatic selection, as long as their finishing time is within

20% of first place in their respective age-group. Example: first placed person in female 30 - 34 completes Laugarvatn triathlon in 2.20 hrs. The qualifying cut off is then 2.48 hrs.

If people are outside the 20% time restriction and wish to represent Iceland, they are encouraged to apply for selection. Selection is subject to selector discretion.

Any remaining available slots will be determined by selector discretion following special circumstance procedures – refer to “F. Special Circumstance Applications” below.

Athletes that podium (1st, 2nd or 3rd) at an official ITU World Championship event (while representing Iceland) will be granted special circumstance entry into the same team the following year. This is provided they are able to prove on-going dedication and maintained physical fitness.

F. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE APPLICATIONS

Athletes who claim special circumstances will be required to provide race results; these must be the distances/discipline the application is being made for. All race results must show the applicants finishing within 20% of first place in their respective age-group of the event (e.g. 35-39) and be no more than 6 months old. The form must be fully completed and provide all of the detail required in the first instance as incomplete applications will be declined.

Special circumstance applications will be open to athletes in the following instances:

i. Athletes who have entered a selection event and their performance was adversely affected by illness/injury/mechanical problems.

The athlete must complete and submit their special circumstance form online within 7 days of the selection race for which their performance was affected.

ii. Athletes based overseas

The Icelandic Triathlon Federation encourages all athletes based overseas to compete in the nominated selection event/s as the primary selection method, but if circumstances prevent the athlete travelling to Iceland to attend the selection event they may still be considered for special circumstance selection.

Athletes based overseas:

- Must be a citizen of Iceland
- Must complete the online application within 7 days of the nominated selection race
- Must provide written evidence of their overseas address during the Iceland selection season upon request from the Icelandic Triathlon Federation
- Membership with an affiliated Icelandic triathlon club is strongly encouraged but is not compulsory

iii. Inability to compete at any selection event due to health/surgery/other extenuating circumstances.

The athlete must complete and submit their special circumstance form online within 7 days of the nominated selection race.

iv. Junior / U23 athletes

Athletes who have raced in Junior Elites or Under 23 selection races but not age group selection races will not receive automatic selection into age group teams. For such athletes, a special circumstance form must be completed within 7 days of the nominated age group selection event of that discipline. A Special Circumstance Application does not guarantee selection; selection is subject to selector discretion.

G. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Icelandic Triathlon Federation will endeavor to notify the automatic age group selection athletes of their place in the team within 15 days of the selection event. If a team place is not taken by one of the automatic qualifiers, a roll down process will occur for eligible athletes outside the automatic selection slot allowance but within the 20% time limit of the first place getter in their respective age group.

If practicable, the Icelandic Triathlon Federation will announce the full provisional Age Group Team (including Special Circumstance Application announcements) within 30 days of the Selection race. By this time, the athlete will have been required to formally accept their position on the team and have paid their Team Admin Fee of ISK 3,500. The provisional team list will be posted on the Icelandic Triathlon federation website (www.triathlon.is), but official confirmation will be sent by email to each individual member.

H. APPEALS

If an athlete feels they have been erroneously excluded from selection, they should contact the Age Group Team Manager within 7 days of the public announcement of the team in question to request a review of their selection status.

Any aggrieved person may appeal against a decision of the selectors on the grounds that the selection policy was not properly followed or implemented. Any appeal against a decision of the selectors must be lodged within 7 days of the Age Group Team Manager's review.

To lodge an appeal, the aggrieved athlete must write an application to the Chairperson of the Icelandic Triathlon Federation.

The application for appeal must set out:

1. The decision of the selectors in which you believe the selection policy was not followed or implemented;
2. The grounds upon which the appeal is made; and
3. The reasons or circumstances supporting the alleged grounds of appeal.