

**2018 BC Summer Games Zone Qualification**

**Background Information:**

As per the BC Summer Games technical package, the following parameters regarding Zone Selection apply to Triathlon:

- *BC Summer Games Information*
  - July 19-22 in the Cowichan Valley
  - Triathlon’s venue is Brentwood College
- *Age Description*
  - 14 – 15 years of age as of December 31, 2018.
- *Zone Team Composition*
  - 4 competitors (no more than 3 of one gender) per zone. Through the identified selection process Triathlon BC will select 2 males and 2 females from each zone. If, due to low participation, 2 males and 2 females cannot be selected, three of one gender may be selected.
  - All spots are zone specific and cannot go towards another zone.
- *Wildcards*
  - 20 wildcard spots (no more than 11 of one gender)
  - Wildcard spots are not zone specific. Triathlon BC has created a policy to allocate these spots to each zone to ensure fairness. Please refer to the policy below.
  - Province wide wildcard spots will not be allocated until all zone qualifications have been completed.

*Zone Qualification Events*

- All qualifying must occur before Monday, June 11, 2018 to allow for the registration deadline of June 18, 2018

For the 2018 BC Summer Games, Triathlon BC will follow the Qualification procedure outlined below. The aim of this document is to add objectivity for team and wildcard selection.

**Target Races & Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Zones/Regions</b>	<b>Race Director</b>
March 10, 2018	UBC Triathlon	Qualification Race	Lower Mainland (Zone 3,4,5)	Jason McManus
May 21, 2018	North Shore Triathlon	Wildcard Race (Zone + Province Wide)	Lower Mainland (Zone 3,4,5)	Mick Maguire
May 27, 2018	Vernon Mad Moto	Qualification Event	Okanagan Region (Zone 2)	Laura Medcalf
May 27, 2018	Comox Valley Tri-K	Qualification Race	Island (Zone 6)	Nathan Blaylock
May 2018	Kermode Kids Triathlon	Qualification Race	North West (Zone 7)	Crystal Thomas
May 2018	PG Kids Triathlon	Qualification Race	North East (Zone 8)	Clayton Wilkinson
June 10, 2018	Victoria Youth Triathlon	Wildcard Race (Zone + Province Wide)	Island (Zone 6)	Rob Dibden
June 10, 2018	To Be Determined	Qualification Event	Kootenays (Zone 1)	Emily Vickery

**Qualifying Events:** The events identified above will act as the selection event for each Zone (pending approval from race director & zone representatives). Out of these events, the initial Zone team, consisting of the first and second male athletes and the first and second female athletes, will be selected.

Zone 1 Selection: A Kootenays Mad Moto event will be planned and delivered by Triathlon BC. At this event the first and second placed male and the first and second placed female, will be selected to create the initial zone team of four.

Zone 2 Selection: The Vernon Mad Moto will act as the Okanagan region zone qualification event. At this event the first and second placed male and the first and second placed female, will be selected to create the initial zone team of four.

Zones 3, 4, 5 Selection: The Lower Mainland consists of three zones; Fraser Valley (Zone 3), Fraser River (Zone 4), and Vancouver Coastal (Zone 5). Due to the geographic proximity of this region there will be ONE qualification race to select teams for each zone. The UBC Triathlon will act as the Zone Qualification race for the three lower mainland zones. The fastest two male & two female athletes from each zone will be selected for their respective zone team of four.

Zone 6 Selection: The Comox Valley Triathlon will act as the zone qualification race for the Island region. At this event the first and second placed male and the first and second placed female, will be selected to create the initial zone team of four.

Zone 7 Selection: The Kermode Kids Triathlon (TBC) will act as the North-West region zone qualification event. At this event the first and second placed male and the first and second placed female, will be selected to create the initial zone team of four.

Zone 8 Selection: The Prince George Kids Triathlon will act as the North-East region zone qualification event. At this event the first and second placed male and the first and second placed female, will be selected to create the initial zone team of four.

**Wildcards:** For the 2018 BC Summer Games, there are twenty (20) wildcards available. Two wildcards per zone will be allocated totalling sixteen (16) wildcards. Four (4) *province wide* wildcards will be awarded by Triathlon BC at Triathlon BC Super Series Events. Two (2) wildcards will be awarded at the North Shore Triathlon (Super Series Event #1) and two (2) wildcards will be awarded at the Victoria Youth Triathlon (Super Series Event #2). These wildcards will be awarded once all the zone qualification races have been completed.

*Wildcards will be allocated as follows:*

Zone 1 (Kootenays): Two (2) wildcards will be given to the next fastest male & next fastest female at the Zone Qualification event.

Zone 2 (Okanagan): Two (2) wildcards will be given to the next fastest male & next fastest female at the Zone Qualification event.

Zones 3, 4, 5 (Lower Mainland): A total of six (6) wildcard cards will be awarded to the Lower Mainland Zones at the wildcard designated race. The wildcard cards will be given to the fastest female & fastest male (who have not already qualified for BC Summer Games) from Zone 3, 4 and 5.

Zone 6 (Island): Two (2) wildcard cards will be awarded at this race. They will be given to the fastest female & fastest male from the wildcard designated race.

Zone 7 (North West): Two (2) wildcard cards will be given to the next fastest male & next fastest female at the Zone Qualification race.

Zone 8 (North East): Two (2) wildcard cards will be given to the next fastest male & next fastest female at the Zone Qualification race.

Province Wide Wildcards: Four (4) wildcard cards have not been allocated to a specific zone. These wildcard cards have been allocated to the Triathlon BC Youth & Junior Super Series Races. Two (2) wildcard cards will be awarded at the North Shore Triathlon and two (2) wildcard cards will be awarded at the Victoria Youth Triathlon. These wildcard cards will be awarded after all of the Zone qualification races have taken place.

Wildcard Re-allocation: If wildcard cards are not allocated in their designated zone, due to low participation, Triathlon BC will re-allocate these spots. Wildcard cards that are re-allocated will be done through evaluation and the race deemed to be the most competitive will receive extra wildcard cards. Wildcard re-allocation will be assessed and given to races based on the level of "Competitiveness". Competitiveness will be evaluated on the time differential between the top 5 finishers. Faster races that have a close time differential will be deemed more competitive than others.

*EXAMPLE OF "COMPETITIVENESS"*: The top finishing time of race #1 is 00:58:51 and the average time differential between finishers 1-5 is 00:1:04. The top finishing race time of race #2 is 1:01:00 and the time differential between finishers 1-5 is 0:00:40. Even though race #1 was completed slightly faster, the time differential between competitors 1-5 was closer in race #2 and therefore race #2 is deemed to be the more "competitive" race.

*EXAMPLE OF WILDCARD RE-ALLOCATION*: At the Zone 1 (Kootenay) race only 3 youth complete the qualification race and are named to the Zone team. This leaves 2 wildcard cards that will need to be re-allocated. The remaining races are assessed on their level of competitiveness and the race deemed most competitive received the extra 2 wildcard cards from Zone 1. These wildcard cards will go to the next fastest male and next fastest female.

### **Eligibility for Athletes:**

1. Athletes must be annual members of Triathlon BC for the 2018 season to qualify as BC Summer Games Athletes. Athletes must be active members prior to competing in the selection event.
2. In order to qualify for the BC Summer Games athletes must be between the ages of 14 & 15. Ages are calculated as of December 31, 2018.

**Questions:** Please contact Emily at [programs@tribc.org](mailto:programs@tribc.org) if you have any questions regarding this document and the BC Summer Games Selection process.