

Triathlon Canada Ratified Swim and Run Times Policy

A. Introduction

This document establishes the submission protocol and deadlines for Triathlon Canada ratified swim and run times. All **Elite, U23 and Junior** athletes with the intent to be selected for Olympic pathway ITU events (World Triathlon Series, Mixed Team Relay Series, World Cups, Continental Cups) and all major games are required to submit ratified times as per this document.

Ratified times will be one of the criteria that Triathlon Canada will use to determine selections and nominations. Additionally, submission of ratified times is a determinant of eligibility.

B. Submission Deadlines

To be eligible for selection to any Olympic pathway ITU events in 2018 during the ITU Olympic Qualification period (May 11, 2018-May 11, 2020), all athletes are required to submit two (2) ratified times.

The deadlines are as follows:

- First Submission: **between January 1, 2018 and March 31, 2018 2100 PST**
 - One (1) 200 m swim time AND;
 - One (1) 1500 m run time

- Second Submission: **between April 1, 2018 and August 1, 2018 2100 PST**
 - One (1) 200 m swim time AND;
 - One (1) 1500 m run time

C. Submission Procedure

Athletes are required to submit their ratified times via their Smartabase account. Use the Gold Medal Profile (GMP) module.

Triathlon Canada will ONLY accept the following submissions

- Time achieved at a 2018 provincially or nationally sanctioned swim event
- Time achieved at a 2018 provincially or nationally sanctioned athletics event.
- Time achieved as a FIRST split of a longer distance in the above events will be accepted (ie 200m split in a 400 m event)
- Time achieved through the Triathlon Canada Ratified Time Format (see below)

D. Triathlon Canada Ratified Time Format

If an athlete does not have a provincially or nationally sanctioned track and field or swim time to submit, they may submit times in the following format.

- Digital video recording

- Video must be stable and established from one vantage point capturing the entire 400m track or 25m/50m pool (length wise) and the start/finish.
- Video must capture >10 seconds prior to start and >10 seconds after finish
- Starter (electronic or verbal) must be audible in video
- Final time must be shown on the video (capture timing board or stopwatch)
- Video must be uploaded to Dropbox, Youtube or linkable shared media format.
- Location (pool or track) must be submitted with video

Section 1: Run Submission Protocol

- 1500 meters
- Achieved on a verified 400m track (3.75 laps) OR a verified indoor track (verified distance must be communicated in the submission).
- Flats or spikes allowed
- Time must be in MM:SS.00

Section 2: Swim Submission Protocol

- 200 meters
- Achieved in a verified 25m or 50 m pool (yards will NOT be accepted)
- Short course conversions will be performed by Triathlon Canada using Colorado Timing conversion tools <https://swimswam.com/swimming-times-conversion-tool/>
- Freestyle
- Dive start allowed
- FINA rules apply (i.e. one swimmer per lane, no drafting, etc.)
- No wetsuits or swimming aids allowed (ie pull buoys, fins or paddles)
- Only FINA approved pool race suits or ITU approved trisuits are allowed
- Time must be in MM:SS.00

E. Medical Exemptions

In the event that an athlete is injured and cannot provide a ratified time by the deadline, Triathlon Canada High Performance Director may, at his sole discretion, allow for a submission at a predetermined date. This is only if an athlete provides the following

- A physician (as recognized by the Canadian College of Physicians) diagnosis or prognosis of the injury
- Written approval of the diagnosis or prognosis from Triathlon Canada's Team Physician
- A date at which the ratified times will be submitted

Note: Medical exemption will only be allowed for one submission deadline. Request for medical exemption beyond one submission deadline can negatively impact an athletes nomination or selection chances.