

2023 TRIATHLON CANADA WORLD TRIATHLON PARATRIATHLON EVENT SELECTION POLICY

A. INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the eligibility and selection criteria for entry into all 2023 World Triathlon Paratriathlon Events.

****NOTE:** Triathlon Canada's **Major Games nomination policy** is independent from this document as selection is NOT determined by Triathlon Canada.

1. The 2023 World Triathlon Paratriathlon **events calendar is attached in Schedule 1**
2. Selection according to the terms of this Policy will not qualify an athlete for participation in any World Triathlon event if the athlete is not eligible according to the World Triathlon Eligibility Rules applicable to the aforementioned events.
3. World Triathlon determines the maximum number of quota positions, as per the World Triathlon Qualification Rules, for all the aforementioned events.
4. Neither this policy, nor World Triathlon's require Triathlon Canada to select any or all athletes to the maximum number of allotted quota positions.
5. This policy can be amended at any time by Triathlon Canada if Triathlon Canada is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary due to any change in World Triathlon guidelines, or to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of Triathlon Canada by Triathlon Canada. Triathlon Canada shall not be responsible or liable in any way to any one as a result of any such amendment.
6. The Schedules and Appendices and any other document referred to in this document form part of this Selection Policy.
7. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and understand this Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies).

In the first instance, for further clarification relating to this Policy, queries should be directed to the High-Performance Director.

If an athlete is still unclear about the Policy (and other supporting documents and/or policies) operation or effect, independent legal advice should be sought.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only athletes meeting the following terms will be eligible for selection.

1. *World Triathlon Eligibility Criteria*

An athlete must:

- Comply with all current WT Rules regarding citizenship, national representation and eligibility.
- Be a Canadian Citizen;
- Complete the World Triathlon medical Pre-Participation Evaluation (PPE) prior to competing in any World Triathlon event for each calendar year.
- Submit all required classification documents to the Director of Paralympic &

- Development Programs.
- Meet all classification requirements as required by the [World Triathlon Classification Rules](#)

If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Canada, athletes must contact the High-Performance Director (HPD) or designate of Triathlon Canada for clarification.

2. Triathlon Canada Specific Eligibility Criteria

An athlete must:

- Be a Canadian citizen;
- Be members in good standing with a Triathlon Provincial Sport Organization;
- Be in good standing with Triathlon Canada;
- Have a current Triathlon Canada International Competition Card (ICC);
- Have completed 80% of daily metrics in Smartabase/Training Peaks;
- Be deemed healthy to race as per Triathlon Canada's Competition Readiness policy ([Appendix A](#));
- Participate fully with Team Canada as per the Triathlon Canada Athlete Agreement
- If applicable, participate in the 2023 Triathlon Canada National Championships
- Have a coach of record that is in good standing with the Coaching Association of Canada and Triathlon Canada OR be in good standing with their respective National Sport Organization/Coaching Association

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

Subject to quota spots, eligible athletes will be selected in priority order as per the following criteria:

Note: All athletes selected for quota spots will be placed on the World Triathlon waitlist by Triathlon Canada. Final start list is governed by World Triathlon rules (including substitutions, see [Section F](#))

Note: Triathlon Canada will not place over quota athletes onto the waitlist till AFTER the start list has been generated by World Triathlon (*pending confirmation with World Triathlon)

Priority #1 - Athletes that have achieved two (2) podium finishes in World Triathlon Paratriathlon events (World Triathlon Para Series Event or World Triathlon Para Cup Event) in 2022/2023 will be placed on the World Triathlon waitlist

Priority #2 - Athletes that are approved for 2023 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program support.

Priority #3 - Identified Next Gen/Triathlon Canada National Development Team athletes that have met Triathlon Canada and World Triathlon eligibility requirements.

Priority #4 - At the discretion of the High-Performance Director, athletes may be placed on the World Triathlon waitlist to fill the quota spots. The High-Performance Director is not obligated to execute this selection.

Discretionary selection will be based on, but is not limited to, the following objective and subjective criteria (not in priority order):

- 2022/2023 World Triathlon Paratriathlon event results
- Additional Gold Medal Profile data

- Athlete potential as identified by Triathlon Canada's High-Performance Director
- Triathlon Canada strategic initiatives to qualify athletes for the Paralympic Games

Note: Entry by Triathlon Canada does not guarantee an athlete will be granted a starting position, as final acceptance of athletes is by World Triathlon.

D. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT (if applicable)

Triathlon Canada will announce after the World Triathlon Start List is officially confirmed.

E. EVENT COSTS

All event costs are the responsibility of the athlete unless otherwise communicated by Triathlon Canada. If Triathlon Canada, as the National Sport Federation, is managing an event's logistics and pre-paying expenses, all costs associated with the athletes' attendance and participation at the event will be invoiced to the athlete.

F. SUBSTITUTIONS

As per World Triathlon rules, after the provisional start list for a World Triathlon Paratriathlon event has been created, substitution (s) may be used.

Triathlon Canada may use substitutions to align with the priority selections as per **Section C**.

G. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF ENTRY

1. In accordance with World Triathlon rules all athlete entries into events are managed by Triathlon Canada;
2. All athletes may submit **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** for World Triathlon events as soon as they submit their proposed race calendar in Smartabase;
3. Any athlete wishing to compete in a World Triathlon event must submit their EOI via Smartabase no later than **45 days before race start**. Each EOI submitted will receive an automatic confirmation receipt. If an athlete does not receive a response, he/she should contact the Triathlon Canada office directly.
4. World Triathlon publishes the start list for both the men's and women's races on www.triathlon.org 32 days before the event in question. The athletes are put on the start list by the World Triathlon as per 2023 World Triathlon rules.
5. World Triathlon allows each country to make substitutions following the publication of the Start List as per Section F.
6. Athlete Guides must register their OWN EOI's

H. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF WITHDRAWALS

An athlete who receives a position on the start list for World Triathlon Event, or has a high probability of doing so, must notify Triathlon Canada **no later than 35 days** before start should they decide to withdraw from the race, unless an injury and/or unforeseen circumstance arises preventing him/her from honoring his/her commitment to race. Any athlete who fails to withdraw from an event within the stated time frame and who cannot provide sufficient justification for doing so will be penalized according to the following criteria:

Note: Late withdrawals now REDUCE Triathlon Canada's quota spots for subsequent events as per World Triathlon rules. The following penalties align with these new implications.

- **1st Offence:** Athlete will receive a formal warning from the HPD
- **2nd Offence:** Athlete is fined \$150 and will receive another warning from the HPD
- **3rd Offence:** Athlete is fined \$300 and will be required to attend a zoom meeting with the HPD.

I. CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF EVENT INVITATIONS

For an athlete who meets the entry requirements but does not make the start list; invitations will be requested on a case-by-case basis using the priorities outlined in Section C.

J. MODIFICATION OF POLICY

Triathlon Canada reserves the right, in extenuating circumstances, to modify this policy as it deems necessary in its sole discretion. In the event that this policy is modified, Triathlon Canada will promptly post an announcement on its website announcing the changes.

Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, World Triathlon rule changes, non-competitiveness at any selection event(s), or inappropriate timing of any selection event(s) as it relates to the overall Triathlon Canada High Performance program.

K. LANGUAGE

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English versions of this document, the English shall prevail.

L. APPEALS

Triathlon Canada is responsible for all Team decisions. As such, an athlete wishing to appeal a decision regarding the Team selection must follow the Triathlon Canada Appeals Policy (see Triathlon Canada website).

SCHEDULE 1
COMPETITION CALENDAR

The 2023 competition calendar can be found [here](#)

APPENDIX A

COMPETITION READINESS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to outline the eligibility procedures (the “competition readiness” determinant) that will be used by Triathlon Canada to select athletes who wish to be entered in any international competition.

The objective of the Triathlon Canada Competition Readiness Policy (TCCRP) is to identify and support Canadian athletes who have demonstrated the ability to consistently manage and monitor their health status, adopt a safe and effective training program, communicate clearly and honestly their current health status to Triathlon Canada, and target the appropriate levels of competition; all with the intent of continued progression towards achieving a podium result at the Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. Triathlon Canada will evaluate each athlete entry request on a case-by-case basis.

POLICY DETAILS

As per World Triathlon rules and regulations, Triathlon Canada is solely responsible for validating and submitting entry of Canadian athletes into international competition.

Demonstrated competition readiness is only one of many eligibility requirements outlined in Triathlon Canada’s individual event selection criteria documents. Valid and up to date athlete/coaching training logs, Triathlon Canada athlete monitoring programs, validated medical diagnosis/prognosis (through Triathlon Canada’s team physician), and athlete performance analysis will be used to evaluate and determine the competition readiness of an athlete. Triathlon Canada High Performance Director will have sole discretion to allow or deny entry into an event.

TRIATHLON CANADA’S AUTHORITY FOR DECISIONS

All matters relating to the nomination of athletes for international competition are the sole authority of Triathlon Canada. Competition readiness will be determined based on an athlete meeting all of the following criteria

Criteria 1: Current Athlete Health Status

To be considered competition ready by Triathlon Canada, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following to Triathlon Canada:

- 1.1 A medical report clearing the athlete for competition from Triathlon Canada’s team physician or from a sport science and sport medicine (SSSM) practitioner as approved by Triathlon Canada’s team physician;
- 1.2 Access to or an up-to-date Triathlon Canada approved training/monitoring log;

Criteria 2: Athlete Daily Monitoring and History

To be considered competition ready, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following:

- 2.1 80% completion of Triathlon Canada approved daily monitoring tools;
- 2.2 Not miss three (3) consecutive days of daily monitoring;
- 2.3 Full compliance with Triathlon Canada’s Competition Readiness Policy in previous event entry requests;

- 2.4 Adoption and adjustment of training/competition principles in line with best practices for reducing injury as advised by the Triathlon Canada approved SSSM practitioners;
- 2.5 Adherence to return to play protocols during previous injuries as defined and outlined by Triathlon Canada approved SSSM practitioners and as directed by Team Canada's team physician; and
- 2.6 Consistent, clear, and timely communication of athlete training logs and health status as requested by Triathlon Canada.

Criteria 3: Competition Level

To be considered competition ready, an athlete must provide or demonstrate the following:

- 3.1 A commitment to compete at Triathlon Canada National Championships if applicable;
- 3.2 Progression of results at each successive level of competition as defined by Triathlon Canada's Podium Pathway;
- 3.3 A potential to achieve a top 5 (5) result in the requested event based on performance metrics (previous performances, GMP run and swim times, quality of field); and
- 3.4 A commitment to compete at events in which Triathlon Canada selected an athlete to compete.