

The purpose of this document is to provide criteria for athletes entry into ITU racing.

All entries to ITU races are to be emailed to Maree Kaati at hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi 6 weeks in advance to the race. Any withdrawals (including injury related), must be made **within 48 hours of start list release**

Athletes requesting entries must be a current Triathlon New Zealand (TriNZ) member, eligible to represent New Zealand (NZ), complete Drug Free Sport NZ education, a Pre Participation Medical Evaluation assessment and also have the compulsory travel insurance compliant with the ITU rules/regulations.

The Tri NZ General Manager and/or Technical Director holds discretion to override the selection criteria below to allow for fast emerging athletes, and athletes with a proven track record returning from injury.

*Progression is strictly through all levels



Continental Cups and Oceania Champs:

All athletes who have competed in draft legal events, and received clearance from Triathlon New Zealand.

Upon entry from Tri NZ, starts will be distributed based on the ITU points system at the year of competition.

World Cups:

Entries for World Cup events will be allocated to athletes whom have met a required performance level at Continental Cups and / or Elite and U23 Oceania Champs within the last 9 months. The required level is:

- Athletes who have finished twice in a Conti Cup within 3% of the winner

Upon entry from TriNZ, starts will be distributed based on the ITU points system at the year of competition.

World Triathlon Series (WTS):

Entries for WTS events will be given to athletes whom have met the required performance level at World Cups. That required level is:

- Athletes who have finished twice in a World Cup within 3% of the winner

Upon entry from Triathlon New Zealand starts will be distributed based on the ITU WTS and ITU points systems at the year of competition.

Substitution Spots:

At their discretion Triathlon New Zealand can use up to two substitution spots at Continental Cups and World Cups, and one substitution spot at World Triathlon Series events. These are used by entering a highly ranked athlete not racing that specific event, and substituting this athlete with one of lower rank.

These spots will be distributed to eligible athletes in the following order.

- a) High Performance Squad athletes based on Tier, then Elite ITU points ranking.
- b) U23 athletes, ranked based on their Elite ITU points ranking.
- c) An athletes Elite ITU points ranking.

Maintaining a Standard:

To continue to race at World Cups and WTS races athletes must maintain the below performance standards

World Cup performance standard: Over three races athletes must have finished once within 3% of the winner

WTS performance standard: Over three races athletes must have finished once within 3% of the winner

Failure to maintain the above standard at World Cup or WTS will mean dropping back to the level below and performing (3%) twice at that level before going up.

Extenuating circumstances may be applied for within the week following the event.

This document can be reviewed at any time