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The purpose of this document is to provide criteria for athletes' entry into International Triathlon Union (ITU) racing. The purpose of these criteria is to ensure that athletes of the appropriate standard or potential represent New Zealand in ITU racing.

All applications for entry (including discretionary entries) into ITU races must be emailed to the High Performance Administrator, hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi at least **6 weeks** in advance of the race. Any withdrawals (including injury related), the applicant must notify the High Performance Administrator prior to the start list release or **within 48 hours of the start list being released**.

All athletes who wish to be entered into ITU races and/or who wish to represent New Zealand in triathlon must be **"Eligible Athletes"** at the time of race entry and on the date of the relevant event.

To be an Eligible Athlete, each applicant must;

- *be a citizen of New Zealand, be a permanent resident of New Zealand or have been residing in New Zealand for a minimum of 12 months**
- *complete a Pre Participation Medical Evaluation assessment and meet the ITU eligibility requirements for the relevant event*
- *be a current member of Tri NZ (TRIBE) and be in good standing with Tri NZ*
- *have completed Drug Free Sport NZ education*
- *have not used or administered any substance which, if had been detected as being present in the applicant's body, tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping.*
- *have the compulsory AON travel insurance which is compliant with the relevant ITU rules and regulations relating to insurance*
- *have not received a recommendation from the Tri NZ appointed medical director not to race*
- *agree to the Tri NZ athlete code of conduct*

**ITU Constitutional rules apply to naturalised persons and those with dual citizenship. If an athlete has represented another nation at an ITU World Championships or if there is any doubt regarding an athlete's eligibility to compete for New Zealand the athlete should contact the Tri NZ for clarification.*

The Tri NZ General Manager of Performance (**GMP**) has limited discretion to override the selection criteria for ITU racing set out below to allow for fast emerging athletes and athletes with a proven track record who are returning from injury. Any athlete applying for a discretionary start at an ITU event must be an Eligible Athlete, must complete the Tri NZ discretionary start/waiver application form (available from hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi and on the Tri NZ website) in full and must provide all information requested in the form together with all other relevant information necessary to demonstrate the applicant is of the requisite standard for the relevant level of ITU racing. Please note that in the case of athletes returning from injury, the injured athlete must, at a minimum, have performed (as set out below) at an ITU race for the level for which they are applying within [24 months] of the application to be eligible to be considered for a discretionary start. The GMP may (but is not obliged to) attach additional conditions to any discretionary start that is awarded.

Progression is strictly through all levels



Skipping a level/levels is not permitted
(subject to discretion referred to above)

Continental Cups and Oceania Championships:

To compete in a Continental Cup race or the Oceania Championships, an athlete must have competed in at least one draft legal event and must be cleared by the GMP as being of the requisite standard to represent New Zealand at international level.

If Tri NZ has approved more athletes (in principle) than available starts, starts will be allocated based on the athletes' ITU World Rankings at the time of race entry.

World Cups:

SPECIAL NOTICE: Until further notice, in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on ITU racing, travel and the availability of insurance, all additional criteria for World Cup entries are suspended. To compete in a World Cup event the only requirements are that an athlete must have competed in at least one draft legal event and must be cleared by the GMP as being of the requisite standard to represent New Zealand at international level.

If Tri NZ has approved more athletes (in principle) than available starts, starts will be allocated based on the athletes' ITU World Rankings at the time of race entry.

[NOTE: The following criteria are suspended until further notice, but will apply once Tri NZ is satisfied that circumstances have changed sufficiently to justify a return to normal criteria. If and when this happens, all athletes will be notified by the GMP.

Entries for World Cup events will be allocated to athletes who have maintained the relevant standards for World Cup racing (as set out below) or who have met the required performance level at Continental Cups and / or Elite and U23 Oceania Champs within the last 12 months*. This is a rolling 12month period with results counting back from the race date you request entry. Entries must be submitted no less than 6 weeks prior to the event. Race results occurring after the production of a start-list and the race date cannot be considered.

Level required:

Athletes who either:

- meet the 'Maintaining a Standard' criteria for World Cup racing (as set out below); or
- have finished twice in a Continental Cup (or Oceania Champs) with a race time that is within 3% of the winning race time.

The above level is to be achieved **before** entry into the intended World Cup race is made.

If more athletes meet the above criteria than available starts, starts will be allocated based on an athletes' current ITU World Rankings at the time of race entry.

**note that for the purposes of the calculation of the relevant 12 month period, no account will be taken of the period between 16th March 2020 and the date of the first Continental Cup held after the date of this policy that is attended by a Tri NZ sanctioned athlete]*

World Triathlon Series (WTS):

Entries for WTS events will be given to athletes who have maintained the relevant standards for WTS racing (as set out below) or who have met the required performance level at World Cups within the last 12months*. This is a rolling 12month period with results counting back from the race date you request entry. Entries must be submitted no less than 6 weeks prior to the event. Race results occurring after the production of a start-list and the race date cannot be considered.

Level required:

Athletes who either:

- meet the 'Maintaining a Standard' criteria for WTS racing (as set out below); or
- Athletes who have finished twice in a World Cup with a race time that is within 3% of the winning race time.

The above level is to be achieved **before** entry into the intended WTS race is made.

If more athletes meet the above criteria than available starts, starts will be allocated based on an athletes' current ITU World Rankings at the time of race entry.

**note that for the purposes of the calculation of the relevant 12 month period, no account will be taken of the period between 16th March 2020 and the date of the first World Cup race held after the date of this policy that is attended by a Tri NZ sanctioned athlete]*

Substitution Spots:

At its discretion, Tri NZ can use up to two substitution spots at Continental Cups and World Cups, and one substitution spot at WTS events. These are used by entering a highly ranked athlete not racing that specific event and substituting this athlete for one with a lower ranking.

If Tri NZ exercises this right, the spots will be distributed to Eligible Athletes in the following order:

- a) Tier 1 athletes
- b) Tier 2 Athletes
- c) Athletes with the higher ITU World Ranking at the time of race entry

If 2 or more Tier 1 Athletes are vying for a start at the same event, then the higher ITU World Ranked Athlete will get the start. If 2 or more Tier 2 Athletes are vying for a start, then the higher ITU World Ranked Athlete will get the start.

ITU Invitational Starts

Tri NZ (along with all other federations) has the ability to submit a request to the ITU for an Invitational Start in 'extraordinary circumstances'. The criteria the ITU use can be found in the ITU Memorandum; Invitational Background document, available on the Tri NZ website.

Please note that the ITU has complete discretion to offer Invitational Starts to any athlete(s). This includes the right to offer Invitational Starts to an NZ athlete that has not been requested by Tri NZ. This is even the case in a situation where Tri NZ has asked for an Invitational Start for a different athlete.

Although the ITU determines which athlete(s) it will offer Invitational Starts to, on a case by case basis, the GMP will determine if Tri NZ will support an athlete's request to have their application considered by the ITU.

To request Tri NZ endorsement of an Invitational Start, please ensure the following actions have been taken **before** submitting a request to the GMP hamish.carter@triathlon.kiwi for consideration:

1. Read the 'ITU Memorandum; Invitational Background'.
2. Enter the race and ensure you are on the event wait-list **prior** to the start-list being published.
3. If you have not made the start-list, e-mail details of your extraordinary circumstances for not doing so to hamish.carter@triathlon.kiwi for consideration.

Applications to the GMP must be received within 48 hours of the applicable start-list being published.

Important Note – As per the 'ITU Memorandum; Invitational Background' guidelines, rationales such as 'the athlete does not have enough points to get a start' are not accepted by the ITU.

Maintaining a Standard:

SPECIAL NOTICE: Until further notice, in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on ITU racing, travel and the availability of insurance, the 'Maintaining a Standard' criteria set out below are suspended in the case of World Cup racing. The Maintaining a Standard criteria for World Cup racing will be reinstated once Tri NZ is satisfied that circumstances have changed sufficiently to justify a return to normal criteria. If and when this happens, all athletes will be notified by the GMP.

Once an athlete has met the criteria to race at either World Cup or WTS level they are required to (at a minimum) meet the following performance criteria at least once in every 12 month* rolling period starting from the date of entry into the first race at that level:

Level required:

- finish at least once with a race time that is within 3% of the winning race time.

For example:

If you achieve 1x 3% performance in a World Cup event on 10th April, you are eligible for entry into World Cups until 10th April the following year. (This must include entry time/before start-list is produced).

If these standards are not maintained, athletes must drop back to the lower level of racing and achieve the World Cup or WTS criteria set out above.

If certain limited circumstances (injury, illness, accidents or personal bereavement), failure to maintain the required standard may be waived at the discretion of the GMP for a specified period of time. Any athlete applying for a discretionary waiver of the requirement to maintain a standard must be an Eligible Athlete and must complete the Tri NZ discretionary start/waiver application form (available on the Tri NZ website) in full and provide all information requested in the form together with all other relevant information necessary to demonstrate that the applicant is of the requisite standard for the relevant level of ITU racing. The GMP may (but is not obliged to) attach additional conditions to any discretionary waiver given. Any waiver given must specify the period to which it relates.

**note that for the purposes of the calculation of the relevant 12 month period, no account will be taken of the period between 16th March 2020 and the date of the first World Cup or WTS race (as relevant) held after the date of this policy that is attended by a Tri NZ sanctioned athlete*

This document can be reviewed at any time