

## Triathlon New Zealand (Tri NZ) Eligibility Document for World Triathlon race entry.

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**The purpose of this document is to provide criteria for athletes' entry into World Triathlon racing to ensure that athletes are of the appropriate standard or potential to represent at World Triathlon events.**

All applications for entry (including discretionary entries) into World Triathlon races must be emailed to the High-Performance Administrator, [hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi](mailto:hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi) at least **6 weeks** in advance of the race (or such other date as Tri NZ may notify). Any withdrawals (including injury related) must be notified by the applicant to the High Performance Operations Manager [hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi](mailto:hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi) prior to the start list release (or **within 48 hours of the withdrawal if it occurs after that**).

### Eligible Athletes

All athletes who wish to be entered into World Triathlon 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 World Triathlon eligibility requirements for the relevant event*
- *be a current member of Tri NZ (TRIBE) and be in good standing with Tri NZ*
- *have completed the most current 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 insurance which is compliant with the relevant World Triathlon rules and regulations relating to insurance and which has been mandated by Tri NZ*
- *have not received a recommendation from the Tri NZ appointed medical director not to race*
- *agree to the Tri NZ Athlete Code of Conduct*
- *If a carded athlete, or competing as an Athlete at the World Championships have completed an Athlete Agreement*

*\*World Triathlon Constitutional rules apply to naturalized persons and those with dual citizenship. If an athlete has represented another nation at a World Triathlon event 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.*

### Entered Athlete Requirements

In addition to any detail outlined in the Tri NZ Athlete Code of Conduct or Athlete Agreement, all entered athletes must adhere to the following requirements:

- *maintain an appropriate level of fitness, and training*
- *keep the Tri NZ GM Performance (**GMP**) appraised of their fitness, and immediately inform the Tri NZ GM of Performance of any illness or injury that could impact on the Athlete's capability to compete to the best of their ability*
- *comply with any reasonable instructions given by Tri NZ, including but not limited to, travel, health and safety and media*

### World Triathlon racing have three levels



*\*Individual World Championships are also noted in this eligibility document*

### World Triathlon- race entry:

To be entered into World Triathlon events, an athlete must have competed in draft legal Triathlon events including a World Triathlon Continental Cup or Oceania Championships event and 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' World Triathlon World Rankings at the time of race entry.

### **World Triathlon World Championships U23**

To be entered into the World Championships Individual U23 event, an athlete must have secured a start from World Triathlon for the event.

#### **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 (better) ranked athlete not racing that specific event and substituting this athlete for one with a lower ranking.

Tri NZ reserves the right to enter or not enter athletes on a substitution basis. If it decides to exercise this right, spots will be distributed to Eligible Athletes based on their World Ranking at the time of entry. The athlete with the higher (better) World Ranking will be entered ahead of an athlete with a lower World Ranking.

#### **World Triathlon Invitational Starts**

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

Please note that World Triathlon 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. World Triathlon can also provide this start when Tri NZ has asked for an Invitational Start for a different athlete.

Although World Triathlon 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 World Triathlon.

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](mailto:hamish.carter@triathlon.kiwi) for consideration:

1. Read the 'World Triathlon 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](mailto: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 'World Triathlon Memorandum; Invitational Background' guidelines, rationales such as 'the athlete does not have enough points to get a start' are not accepted by World Triathlon.***