



Triathlon NZ Para- Triathlon Process for ITU Race Entry

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Purpose: To provide criteria for para-triathletes entry into **ITU racing**.

Application: Athletes wishing to race in International Triathlon Union (ITU) races, including but not limited to; Continental cups, World Cups and World Paratriathlon Series.

NB: Athletes wishing to race in the Paralympic or Commonwealth Games should refer to the respective policy.

Steps: Consideration to represent New Zealand in men's and women's Para triathlon at ITU races is a two-step process:

1. Eligibility and Start requirements
2. Classification

Self- Funded: Paratriathlon racing at ITU events is self- funded. By requesting race entry (as stated in Clause 2) the Athlete acknowledges that they will be responsible for funding their own travel, accommodation, race entry, uniform and any other administrative costs.

1. ELIGIBILITY AND START REQUIREMENTS

ITU RACES- ALL

- 1.1. All athletes requesting entry to ITU races are to be emailed to Maree Kaati at hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi no later than 60 days prior to the race date.
- 1.2. Entry requests include all required documents outlined in 'Pre- event Entry' Requirements shown in appendix 1.

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- 1.3. Any withdrawals (including injury related), must be made within 48 hours of start list release.
- 1.4. Athletes requesting entries must be a registered Triathlon NZ (TriNZ) member, and eligible to represent New Zealand (NZ).
 - 1.4.1. A current member in Good Standing of Tri NZ.
 - 1.4.2. Meets the eligibility requirements of the ITU Rules for the Event.
 - 1.4.3. In the view of Tri NZ not acted in such a manner to bring the Athlete, the Sport, Tri NZ or the ITU into public disrepute.
- 1.5. All Athletes must have a classification OR allocation of an eligible sports class (outlined below under 'classification').
- 1.6. It is the Athlete's responsibility to ensure he or she has enough ranking points to receive a race start from the ITU.
- 1.7. Paratriathlon ranking is determined by points distribution from ITU recognised events. Refer to the below links for more information
 - 1.7.1. [Paratriathlon Ranking Criteria](#) and points distribution information.
 - 1.7.2. [Para triathlon ITU Events](#)
- 1.8. Upon entry from TriNZ, starts will be distributed based on the ITU points system at the year of competition.

2. CLASSIFICATION

Athletes competing at any ITU event require classification.

The process for classification is outlined below however is subject to changes made by the ITU.

- 2.1. **Provisional Classification:** - only valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

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- 2.1.1. Provisional Classifications can be administered in New Zealand and should be done by contacting technical@triathlon.kiwi.
- 2.1.2. The Athlete seeking provisional classification shall initiate the process no later than 90 days prior to the race which they require classification.
- 2.2. An athlete with a provisional classification can compete for the 12 months that their provisional classification is valid for and accumulate ranking points.
- 2.3. If the athlete does not have their classification confirmed, and a sport class allocated in the set-out deadline they risk losing the points they have earned from racing.
- 2.4. **Allocation of Sports Class/ Confirming Classification:** - when an athlete has their provisional classification 'confirmed' it is referred to as **Allocation of Sports Class**.
- 2.4.1. ITU will provide opportunities for Athletes to be allocated a Sport Class and designated with a Sport Class Status in accordance with the ITU Classification Rules at Recognised Competitions (or other such locations as defined by ITU). ITU will advise its membership in advance as to such Recognised Competitions (or other such locations).
- 2.4.2. **NB:** Allocation of a sport class/ confirming a provisional classification cannot be administered within New Zealand. Each year the ITU releases a list of international classification events. It is the Athletes responsibility to ensure they enrol at these classification events.
- 2.4.3. An athlete will only be permitted to undergo international classification if he or she is registered according to ITU Competition Rules and has been entered in an ITU event or competition recognized by ITU where international classification is taking place or has entered a recognized classification opportunity by ITU.
- 2.5. Athletes can attend classification without competing in the respective ITU event however this is managed on a case by case basis depending on the athlete's provisional sports class.

Classification process for registering at a classification event.

The ITU has specified in the [ITU Classification Rules](#) the process, assessment criteria and methodology whereby Athletes will be allocated a Sport Class and designated a Sport Class Status. This process is referred to as Athlete Evaluation.

Athlete Evaluation encompasses a number of steps and these Classification Rules therefore include provisions regarding:

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- 2.5.1. an assessment of whether an Athlete has an **Eligible Impairment** for the sport;
- 2.5.2. an assessment of whether an Athlete complies with **Minimum Impairment Criteria** for the sport; and
- 2.5.3. the **allocation of a Sport Class** (and designation of a Sport Class Status) depending on the extent to which an Athlete can execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport.

ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENT

So that ITU can determine that an athlete has an Eligible Impairment, the ITU have assigned the following criteria:

- 2.5.4. Triathlon NZ must submit the Medical Diagnostics Form on behalf of the athlete, for either Visual or Physical Impairment, to the ITU upon completing, or before registration for the respective event, and **no later than 8 weeks prior** to the event where classification will be conducted.
 - 2.5.5. Information on the what is required in the Medical Diagnostics can be found in the [ITU Classification Rules](#)- Section 7.
 - 2.5.6. If no Medical Diagnostic Form is submitted for an athlete, the athlete runs the risk of not being classified at the nominated classification event.
 - 2.5.7. If the Eligibility Assessment Panel concludes that the Athlete has an **Eligible** Impairment the Athlete will be permitted to complete Athlete Evaluation with a Classification Panel.
 - 2.5.8. If the Eligibility Assessment Panel determine that the athlete **an ineligible** impairment the ITU, will inform the Triathlon NZ and provide a decision to this effect in writing. There is an opportunity to provide more information and response to the ITU's decision in writing for review.
 - 2.5.9. If the decision is not changed, the ITU will issue a final decision letter to Triathlon NZ informing them that the athlete is Not Eligible with a Confirmed Status and the athlete will not be permitted to complete Athlete evaluation with a classification panel.
- 2.6. The Athlete should refer to the ITU Paratriathlon Classification Rules found on the ITU Website for any more information on Classification www.triathlon.org

3. RECOGNISED ITU RACES- TIERED

- 3.1. The progression of Elite Para triathlon racing is as follows:
 - 3.1.1. Triathlon New Zealand National Championship Event(s)

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- 3.1.2. ITU Continental Cups
 - 3.1.3. ITU World Cups
 - 3.1.4. ITU World Paratriathlon Series
 - 3.1.5. ITU World Championships
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PARATRIATHLON COMMONWEALTH GAMES AND/OLYMPIC GAMES

The Athlete must meet the qualification and selection criteria outlined in the respective Policy available on the Tri NZ Website. Contact hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi for more information.

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APPENDIX 1 – PRE- EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to compete in ITU races all Athletes will need to complete the below Pre- Event Entry Requirements.

1. PRE-PARTICIPATION EVALUATION (PPE)

The Athlete will upon contacting hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi:

- Receive a questionnaire which must be taken to a Doctor for completion.
- Be provided with information on an Electrocardiograph (ECG) which must be completed by a Doctor/ person who completes the ECG.
- Receive a doctor's declaration letter which must be completed and returned.

The Athlete must return the completed/signed questionnaire, doctors declaration form & ECG to hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi no later than 6 weeks prior to the respective race which they wish to enter.

2. Travel Insurance

All athletes racing in an Elite category (including paratriathlon) in an ITU race must also have comprehensive travel insurance that covers them for training (pre-event familiarisations) and racing in triathlons (swimming, biking & running). The NZ company that meets the ITU insurance requirements is AON, contact:

Jane Kubicki | Account Executive

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Level 1, 3 - 4 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna, Auckland 0632

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Proof of insurance with Aon will be required by The Athlete before they will be entered the respective race.

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3. TRIBE membership number (Tri NZ membership)

The Athlete must send their Tri NZ membership number to HPadmin@triathlon.kiwi or join [Triathlon NZ](http://Triathlon.NZ).

4. Drug Free Sport NZ

The Athlete must complete **LEVEL 1** of the Drug Free Sport NZ learning programme OR complete **LEVEL 2** if **Level 1** has previously been attained.

<https://e-learning.dfsnz.org.nz/login/index.php>

Once complete the Athlete must send hpadmin@triathlon.kiwi a screen shot of their completion certificate.

5. Uniform:

All athletes competing in ITU races need the approved ITU uniform.

This is organised through HP Admin upon the completion of the above PRE- EVENT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS (Appendix 1-4), as well as the Athlete meeting all criteria for Eligibility and Classification for the respective race.

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