

TRI NZ

ENTRY PROCESS & ELIGIBILITY FRAMEWORK

FOR WORLD TRIATHLON RACES



1. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide clear guidance for athletes who wish to enter World Triathlon races in individual events, representing New Zealand.

2. Context

Our High Performance Programme's focus is to create a robust athlete pathway that supports long-term development and success in international competition. Within our programme, we believe in fostering a **winning performance culture**. Therefore, we encourage our athletes to race and **learn to win** at a level appropriate for their age and development stage.

We encourage athletes to race both domestically and overseas to **earn World Triathlon ranking points and race experience**. Athletes are entered & prioritised on World Triathlon startlists based on their World Triathlon ranking. It is worth noting that there are often better ranking points available for top placings at lower level races than the back end of higher level races. For example, finishing in the Top 5 of a standard distance Asian or Oceania Continental Cup will offer more ranking points than placing outside the top25 at a standard distance Championship Series event. Additionally, to earn points, athletes must finish within the **cut-off time of 8%** behind the winner's finishing time (see [World Triathlon Ranking Criteria](#)).

We also acknowledge that racing overseas comes at a significant cost. **Prize money** is often a key part of the decision-making process of deciding which races to enter. A [break-down of the prize money](#) set by World Triathlon is available on their website. Continental Cups also often have a prize purse set by the organising committee.

Racing levels and categories are defined by World Triathlon as per Appendix J of the [World Triathlon Competition Rules](#). The performance standards specified in this document only relate to athletes that wish to race in one of the following levels:

- Championship Series
- World Cup
- U23 & U19 World Championships

Ultimately, entry to World Triathlon events is determined by the World Triathlon Competition Rules, Appendix E, Qualification Rules & Procedures.

If you have any questions regarding race entry, eligibility, or how to maximise your ranking points please get in touch with us at evententry@triathlon.kiwi

Alternatively, you can call **Peter Kadar, Performance Operations Manager on 027 687 5385**.

3. Eligibility

Athletes who wish to represent New Zealand through entering a World Triathlon event must be eligible at the time of race entry and on the date of the relevant event. To be an eligible athlete, you must:

- a) 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*.
- b) complete a **Pre-Participation Medical Evaluation Assessment** and meet the World Triathlon eligibility requirements for the relevant event.
- c) be a current member of Tri NZ (TRIBE) and be in good standing with Tri NZ.
- d) have completed an anti-doping education course via the [Sport Integrity Commission](#).
- e) have not used or administered any substance, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in the WADA Code, Tri NZ's, World Triathlon's or NZOC's Integrity Regulation.
- f) have the insurance which is compliant with the relevant World Triathlon rules and regulations relating to insurance.
- g) have not received a recommendation from the Tri NZ appointed Medical Director not to race
- h) agree to the Tri NZ Athlete Code of Conduct;
- i) If a TAPS athlete, or competing as an Athlete at a World Championships, have completed an Athlete Agreement.
- j) maintain an appropriate level of fitness, and training.
- k) comply with any reasonable instructions given by Tri NZ, including but not limited to travel, health & safety, and media.

**World Triathlon Constitutional rules apply to naturalised 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 Tri NZ for clarification.*

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

Progression is limited at World Triathlon Championship Series (WTCS), World Triathlon Cups (WC), U23 World Championship and U19 (Junior) World Championship level events.

	Championship Series	World Cups	U23 World Championships	U19 World Championships
Required performance standard	A single result within 3% of the winner's finishing time in a standard or sprint distance World Cup level event.	Multiple results within 3% of the winners finishing time in a standard or sprint distance Continental Cup level event.	A single result within 4% of the winner's finishing time in a standard or sprint distance World Cup level event. <i>Or</i> Multiple results within 3% of the winner's finishing time in a standard or sprint distance Continental Cup level event.	Within 3% of the winner's finishing time at the qualification event ¹ and pending selection as per the Elite Junior World Championships selection policy. ¹ Oceania Junior Triathlon Championships
Timeframe	11-month period immediately preceding the release of the start list of the intended event.			At the qualification event.
Entry to race	Entries need to be submitted no less than 6 weeks prior to the event, race results occurring after the production of a start-list cannot be considered.			
Qualification Criteria	World Triathlon Qualification Criteria			

Note: This criteria applies to individual racing only. Should an athlete be selected to a Mixed Relay event that also includes an individual race and has not met the required criteria, it is at the discretion of the General Manager of Performance whether that athlete is eligible to compete in the individual race.

4. Entry Process

- a) Email evententry@triathlon.kiwi with your requested race entries at least 6 weeks prior to the race.
- b) Upon recipient of entry request and meeting the relevant eligibility requirements, you will be added to the event wait-list. You will receive a wait-list confirmation email from us.
- c) Approximately 32 days before the event, the start-list is published by World Triathlon.
- d) If you made the start-list, you automatically receive a start-list confirmation email from World Triathlon, in which you have 48 hours to accept or decline your start-list spot.
- e) If you are not on the start-list at the time of release, you will remain on the wait-list and at that point we can confirm your wait-list ranking.

If Tri NZ has entered more athletes than available quotas spots, starts will be allocated based on the athletes' World Triathlon World Ranking at the time of race entry.

5. Withdrawing from the Start List or Wait List – Intent to Race

We understand plans change, so once the start list is released, you have 48 hours to accept or decline your start-list position. Any withdrawals must be sent to the Event Entry email address prior to the start list being finalised (or within 48 hours of the start list being released), unless an injury prevents you from racing.

From the Friday of the week that the start list is released, withdrawals may result in penalties to both you and Triathlon New Zealand, so it is critical that you consider your entries carefully.

In some instances, athletes may remain on the wait list for an extended period, creating a logistical and planning challenge. **Athletes that are still on the wait list two weeks out from a race will be requested to confirm their intent to race by the HP Operations Manager.** This is to avoid a situation where you make the start list last minute, but are no longer able to race, risking potential penalties from World Triathlon.

Late withdrawals without sufficient justification may result in penalties by World Triathlon, including the removal from subsequent start lists / wait lists and the reduction of quota spots for New Zealand in future events. In the event that an athlete has multiple instances of late withdrawal without sufficient justification, the GM Performance has the discretion to impose penalties on this athlete. Each instance will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

6. Races on the same weekend

You are allowed to be entered for two different events on the same weekend. However, World Triathlon uses a hierarchy system to prioritise events.

This prioritisation will decide which event you are removed from when you make the start-list for one of them (as per Qualification Rules, Appendix E):

- a) If you are on the start-list of a higher hierarchy level event, then you will be removed from the start or waiting list of the lower hierarchy level events.
- b) If you are on the waitlist of a higher hierarchy level event and on the start-list of a lower hierarchy level event, you will remain on the wait list of the higher hierarchy level event. In case of approval, the previous point will apply.
- c) If you are on the waitlist of both events, you will remain on both waiting lists, until you are approved for one of the start-lists, in which case previous points will apply.

Hierarchy of Events			
1.	World Triathlon Championship Finals	8.	Continental Championships U23
2.	World Triathlon Championship Series	9.	World Championships Junior
3.	World Championships Elite	10.	Continental Triathlon Cup
4.	World Championships U23	11.	Arena Games Championship Series
5.	World Triathlon Cup	12.	Continental Championships Junior
6.	Arena Games Championship Finals	13.	Regional Championships
7.	Continental Championships Elite	14.	Development Regional Cup

7. Substitution Spots

Substitutions are used by entering higher ranked athletes not racing a specific event and substituting these athletes for athletes with a lower ranking. The number of substitutions per gender per event are as follows (Qualification Rules, Appendix E):

Event Type	# of subs allowed
World Triathlon Championship Series, U23 World Championships	1
World Cups, Continental Championships	2
Conti Cups, Junior Conti Cups, Development Regional Cups	3
Para triathlon events	1

Triathlon NZ reserve the right to enter or not enter athletes on a substitution basis. Spots will be distributed to Eligible Athletes based on their World Ranking at the time of entry. The athlete with the higher World Ranking will be entered ahead of an athlete with a lower World Ranking.

8. World Triathlon Invitational Starts

Triathlon NZ have the ability to submit a request to World Triathlon for an Invitational Start in extraordinary circumstances. 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 a New Zealand athlete whose invitation was not requested by Tri NZ.

The decision whether to endorse an athlete's applications for an Invitational Start sits with the General Manager of Performance.

Before you submit a request to the General Manager of Performance for consideration, you should.

- a) Read Appendix E: World Triathlon General Qualification Rules and Procedures
- b) Enter the race and ensure you are on the event wait-list prior to the start-list being published.
- c) If you have not made the start-list, e-mail details of your extraordinary circumstances to evententry@triathlon.kiwi within 24 hours of the start-list being published (approx. 32 days before the event).

Note – rationales such as 'the athlete does not have enough points to get a start' should be avoided.

9. Maintaining a Standard

Once an athlete has achieved the requirement to race at WTCS or World Cup level they are required to (at a minimum) have 1x 3% performance at that relevant level within a year. E.g. Achieved 1x 3% performance in a WTCS event on April 10, you will be eligible for entry into WTCS events until April 10 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 relevant criteria.

Extenuating circumstance/s can be submitted for incidents such as injury, illness, accidents, or personal bereavement – discretion for race entry is the sole decision of the GM of Performance. Details of an extenuating circumstance/s must be with travis@triatlon.kiwi in writing 7 weeks before the date of the event/race.