



## 2021 AMERICAS TRIATHLON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

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### 1. Introduction

This 2021 Americas Triathlon Junior Championship Team Selection Criteria (the “Criteria”) determines the athletes who will represent the United States at the 2021 Americas Triathlon Junior Championship (the “Americas Triathlon Championship”) in **Samana, Dominican Republic, date tbd** (the “Team”). These selection criteria aim to provide emerging athletes, ages 16 to 19 (as of December 31, 2021), the opportunity to continue their athletic development at the highest levels of international triathlon competition.

Per Americas Triathlon Championship eligibility guidelines (see [www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org)), USA Triathlon (“USAT”) may typically nominate four (4) men and four (4) women to compete in the 2021 Americas Triathlon Championship. World Triathlon typically awards entry spots based on its quota system.

The first priority of the USAT Team at the Americas Triathlon Championship is to earn a full quota for USA for the Junior World Championships.

USAT will make selections to the Junior/U23 Mixed Relay event in accordance with the USAT Mixed Relay Event Selection Criteria.

### 2. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the team:

- a. Athlete must be eligible under all applicable rules of World Triathlon ([www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org)), the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ([www.usada.org](http://www.usada.org)), and USA Triathlon.
- b. Athlete must be an annual member in good standing of USA Triathlon.
- c. Age 16 to 19 as of December 31, 2021.

### 3. Discretionary Selection Events

- a. All USAT sanctioned Junior Elite races, World Triathlon, and PATCO sanctioned events in the 2019, 2020, 2021 seasons.

### 4. Selection Procedure

- a. Per World Triathlon entry criteria, USAT may nominate up to four (4) athletes per gender for the Americas Triathlon Championship. If World Triathlon awards additional entries beyond four (4), such additional spots will be filled by Discretionary Selection. USAT will submit nominations for the Americas Triathlon Championship to World Triathlon no later than 35 days prior (the “Nomination Deadline”).
- b. Automatic Selection: In 2021 there will be no Automatic Selection eligible events.
- c. Discretionary Selection: USAT will fill all spots per the Discretionary Selection process described below.
- d. Cancellation, Postponement, or Modification: In 2021 there will be no Automatic Selection eligible events to be affected by cancellation, postponement, or modification.

### 5. Discretionary Selection

- a. Discretionary Process: Any athlete who meets the minimum eligibility requirements in Section 2 may be considered for nomination. The Discretionary Selection Committee will prioritize athletes for nomination to World Triathlon per the discretionary criteria outlined below.
- b. Discretionary criteria: The following criteria shall be used for assessing athletes for discretionary selection. The criteria are listed in no particular order and are not inclusive of all possible factors warranting consideration:

- i. Performance and results in 2019, 2020, and 2021 Junior Elite and Elite World Triathlon draft-legal events;
  - ii. Present and former USAT Junior Elite Ranking, Americas Triathlon or World Triathlon rankings (if any);
  - iii. Performance measures and assessments at the Discretion Selection Committee's sole discretion.
- c. The Discretionary Selection Committee will be comprised of two (2) members of the USAT High Performance Staff and one (1) Elite Athlete Representative.

## 6. Removal from the Team

- a. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Triathlon may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Triathlon:
  - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Triathlon High Performance General Manager.
  - ii. Injury or illness as certified by an USA Triathlon-approved physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a USA Triathlon-approved physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
  - iii. Violation of the USA Triathlon Code of Conduct, USAT rules, Safe Sport or team travel policies. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Triathlon Bylaws Article XV or the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9.

## 7. Replacements to the Team

- a. If for any reason a position on the Team shall become vacant after all spots have been claimed and nominated to World Triathlon, such vacancy shall be filled by discretionary selection. The replacement athlete must meet all applicable eligibility requirements. In the event that no athlete meets all of these criteria, or World Triathlon does not allow replacement, the vacancy shall not be filled.

## 8. Additional Requirements for Selection

- a. All athletes selected to the Team will be required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of World Triathlon, WADA, USADA, and USAT, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. Sign and abide by the USAT's Code of Conduct, team travel policies, any USAT or World Triathlon Waiver or Release, and conform to all USAT policies and protocol regarding Team preparation and participation.
  - ii. Agree not to race any event **longer** than the Olympic triathlon distance (1.5km/40km/10km) between the period beginning six (6) weeks prior to the date of the Americas Triathlon Junior Championship, unless waived by the USAT High Performance General Manager.
  - iii. Agree to stay in lodging as a team for Americas Triathlon Junior Championship, if so requested. In which case, accommodations will be coordinated by the USAT High Performance staff.
  - iv. Junior athletes must comply with World Triathlon Competition Rule 2.4(c), requiring an electrocardiogram (ECG) and pre-participation evaluation (PPE) in order to participate in certain World Triathlon officiated events. Satisfaction of these requirements will be a condition of nomination to participate in this championship.
  - v. Athletes who wish to compete in Junior, U23, Elite, and Paratriathlon categories at World Triathlon events are required to complete and pass the USAT Safe Sport tutorial as well as any follow up refresher courses. More information about how to access the tutorial can be found [here](#). This tutorial or refresher course needs to be completed once every year. Once you have completed the tutorial, please email the completed .pdf certificate to: [juniors@usatriathlon.org](mailto:juniors@usatriathlon.org) and retain a copy for your records.

## 9. Team Support

Athletes selected will receive the following benefits:

- a. USAT will cover the race registration fee.
- b. USAT will provide staff and/or experienced contractors to serve as Team Leader for this event.
- c. USAT will not be offering funding for selected athletes in 2021.
- d. USAT will provide a team uniform. Sponsor logos are permitted on uniform but must comply with World Triathlon specifications and are the responsibility of the athlete.

## 10. Withdrawal Penalties

- a. *Withdrawal deadlines:* the World Triathlon withdrawal deadline is 30 days prior to the first competition day in the event program; **the USAT withdrawal deadline is 31 days prior to the first competition day in the event program (this is the day after the start list is produced)**. If an athlete fails to remove himself or herself from an event by the USAT withdrawal deadline a penalty will apply.
- b. *Penalties:* If a withdrawal is requested within 31 days of the event (the day after the start list is produced), USAT will impose the penalties outlined below. In exceptional circumstances (e.g., a new and verified medical impairment or verified extenuating circumstance) penalties may be waived. For this to occur, an athlete must submit a written explanation of their situation with relevant supporting documentation to [ituentries@usatriathlon.org](mailto:ituentries@usatriathlon.org). A discretionary panel, with at least 20% athlete representation, will be formed to review the materials and determine if the situation warrants a waiver of the penalty.
  - a. **1<sup>st</sup> offense:** \$250 fine
  - b. **2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** \$500 fine
  - c. **3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** \$1000 fine and ineligible for any World Triathlon event starts for 3 months from the corresponding event date

## 11. International Disclaimer

- a. These Selection Criteria are based on the latest information available to USAT, and on World Triathlon and USAT rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in World Triathlon or USAT rules and regulations, or other unforeseen circumstances, will be distributed to the affected athletes promptly, and USAT reserves the right to revise these Selection criteria in such event.