



## 2021 World Triathlon Junior Cup & Junior Continental Championships USAT Nomination Criteria

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### 1. Introduction

This protocol determines the order by which USA Triathlon (“USAT”) nominates eligible USAT athletes (“Eligible Athletes”) for starting positions in World Triathlon Junior Cups, which includes all World Triathlon Junior Cup and Junior Championships events, such as Americas Triathlon Junior North American Championships, Americas Triathlon Junior Cups, and Europe Triathlon Junior Cups (“event”).

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

- 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 hold a current USAT Elite License.
- c. Athlete must meet the age requirement of event (age 16 to 19 as of December 31, 2021).
- d. Must comply with World Triathlon Competition Rule 2.4(c) and have physician signed certification form (PPE) on file with USAT;
- e. Current with SafeSport Training by completing the SafeSport tutorial and updating the tutorial as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

#### Pre Participation Exam (PPE)

Athletes who wish to compete in Junior, U23, Elite and Elite Paratriathlon categories at World Triathlon events are required to undergo a Pre-Participation Exam (“**PPE**”) by their personal health care provider. The details of this are outlined in Rule 2.4 and Appendix Q of the World Triathlon Competition Rules. The PPE includes completion of a World Triathlon-provided Medical Questionnaire reviewed by the athlete’s doctor, an examination, and a 12 lead resting electrocardiogram (“**ECG**”) with results reviewed by the athlete’s doctor.

Once athletes have completed the screening and the questionnaire, athletes are instructed to email only the signed completed PPE certification form to [juniors@usatriathlon.org](mailto:juniors@usatriathlon.org). Athletes should retain their original completed, dated and signed questionnaire and PPE certification for their own records. [Click here](#) for more information on this screening and the PPE documents.

#### SafeSport Training

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 at [www.usatriathlon.org](http://www.usatriathlon.org). This tutorial or refresher course needs to be completed once every year. After the tutorial has been completed successfully, athletes are instructed to email the completed .pdf certificate to: [juniors@usatriathlon.org](mailto:juniors@usatriathlon.org) and retain a copy for their own records.

### 3. Nomination Timeline

Athlete must submit his or her name for nomination to [ituentries@usatriathlon.org](mailto:ituentries@usatriathlon.org) prior to the nomination deadline for the event (typically 35 days). Athletes are encouraged to cc [juniors@usatriathlon.org](mailto:juniors@usatriathlon.org). World Triathlon publishes the start list on or about 32 days prior to the event.

### 4. Nomination Priorities

- a. Most current World Triathlon Ranking at the nomination deadline; then,
- b. Most current USAT Junior Elite (JE) National Ranking at the nomination deadline (2020 results were not used due to COVID-19 impacts, so end of 2019 is the most current JE National Ranking).
- c. Notwithstanding 4 (a) and (b) above, for the Sarasota Americas Triathlon Junior North Americas Championship, USAT will invite up to 15 age-eligible Junior Elites (per gender) utilizing discretionary evaluation. Discretionary factors may include, but are not limited to, races results from the 2019 and 2020 seasons, 2019 ranking, officially submitted benchmarking testing results, subjective and objective performance observations regarding any aspects of swim, bike, run, T1 and T2 that would suggest future World Triathlon success. Athletes invited in this manner will be prioritized ahead of self-nominated athletes holding lower 2019 rankings. Invited athletes must nominate by **January 25, 2021** at 11:59pm to receive priority.

USAT High Performance may, at its discretion, opt not to prioritize its nominations to World Triathlon, whereby the creation of the start list will be per World Triathlon's rules.

### 5. Responsibility for Expenses

Athletes are responsible for ALL expenses associated with their participation in the event, including the cost of a World Triathlon-compliant race uniform. Athletes are required to adhere to all World Triathlon uniform and equipment rules for this event.

### 6. Compliance

Athletes are required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of World Triathlon, WADA, USADA, and USAT, including, but not limited to signing USAT's Code of Conduct, Safe Sport agreements, and any USAT or World Triathlon Waiver or Release. **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 is a condition of nomination to participate in the event. (see above)**

### 7. Declared Competition-Training Trips

USAT High Performance may declare an event for use as a competition-training trip. In this instance, athletes selected by USAT High Performance will be prioritized for nomination to World Triathlon before those listed under section 4 above. Declared events for 2021 are TBD, and if selected will be announced on the website.

### 8. 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 may 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 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

## 10. Links

USAT Junior Elite Rankings:

[www.usatjuniors.org](http://www.usatjuniors.org)

World Triathlon Rankings:

<http://www.triathlon.org/rankings>