



USA Triathlon - International Competition Panel - Updated 6.22.2022

Most Athletes who compete in World Triathlon competitions earn their spot on a provisional start list objectively and then roll onto the final start list.

In some instances, however, USA Triathlon (USAT) may choose to replace an Athlete on the provisional start list for the following reasons: i) the Athlete is on the list as a placeholder; ii) the Athlete is unable to compete due to injury, illness or extenuating circumstance; or iii) to support USAT strategic performance and development initiatives that are aligned with published Guiding Principles. Also, if no ranking list or objective performance automatically selects an Athlete for an event, USAT may select an Athlete for an event via discretion.

In any of the above situations where an Athlete may be adversely affected, the International Competition Panel (ICP) will be consulted to ensure it meets the discretion principles published in the event criteria for that level of event. The following explains how this process works.

The International Competition Panel (“ICP”) will utilize discretion to select or substitute athletes to participate in international competitions when necessary. USAT will post a list of eligible people to comprise the ICP at the beginning of every calendar year on its website. The USAT High Performance General Manager, in consultation with the USA Triathlon Athlete Advisory Counsel (AAC), will constitute the ICP from the list of eligible people as needed and per the following composition requirements.

Elite Paratriathlon ICP:

- 1 Elite Paratriathlon Athlete Representative
- 1 Director of Elite Paratriathlon
- 1 USAT High Performance leadership representative

Elite Triathlon ICP:

- 1 Elite Triathlon Athlete Representative
- 1 Elite Triathlon Sr. Manager
- 1 USAT High Performance leadership representative

Events for which ICP may be utilized: World Triathlon Championships Series & Finals, World Triathlon Para Series, World Triathlon Para & Sprint World Championships, Olympic & Paralympic Test Events, World Triathlon Cups, World Triathlon Para Cups, Continental Cups, Continental Championships, Pan Am Games, FISU World University Games, Junior Pan Am Games, Junior Continental Championships, and Junior and U23 World Championships.

Definitions

Athlete Representatives: Athlete Representatives must meet the “Elite 10 Year Athlete” and will be selected and confirmed by the USA Triathlon Athlete Advisory Council (AAC).

USAT High Performance Leadership Representatives: Any USAT High Performance Manager, Director, or General Manager may be utilized.

Timeline: Expected International Competition Panel members for the year will be posted by February 1st annually on USAT’s High Performance website:

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-triathlon/elite/elite-athlete-qualification>

Objective Selection Procedures: The objective selection processes for all potential events are located here:

Elite Triathlon: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-triathlon/elite/elite-athlete-qualification>

Elite Paratriathlon: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/USAT-for-Me/Athlete-Resources/Paratriathletes/Events/World-Triathlon-Events>

Junior & U23 Triathlon: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/Elite/Development/Races>

Appeals Process. If an athlete would like to appeal a decision made by the ICP, please contact Nellie Viner, USA Triathlon Senior Counsel, at nellie.viner@usatriathlon.org, with a copy to elite@usatriathlon.org.

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete may contact the USOPC’s Athlete Ombuds office at www.usathlete.org, ombudsman@usathlete.org, or (716) 866-5000.

The Athlete Ombuds Office provides cost-free, independent, and confidential advice regarding athlete rights, grievance procedures and any other related guidance pertaining to selection procedures and can assist in mediating disputes between athletes and their NGB/PSO.

2022 Eligible ICP: *

Athlete Representatives:

Will Huffman – Elite Triathlon

Erin Storie – Elite Triathlon

Chelsea Burns – Elite Triathlon

Sarah True – Elite Triathlon

Greg Billington – Elite Paratriathlon & Triathlon

Ben Collins – Elite Paratriathlon

Patty Collins – Elite Paratriathlon

Liz Baker – Elite Paratriathlon

USAT HP Representatives:

Elite Paratriathlon Manager – Lindsey Jerdonek

Elite Triathlon Sr. Manager – Courtney Gardner

HP Operations Sr. Manager – Alec Hewett

Development Manager – Joe Maloy

Performance Manager – Ryan Bolton

General Manager – John Farra

**to be updated and reposted if new representatives are added throughout the year.*