



2019 WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE TRIATHLON SCORING AND INVITATION CRITERIA

Four draft-legal sprint races will make up the 2019 Women's Collegiate Triathlon's key event schedule. The goal of this race season is to provide high level draft-legal race opportunities for female triathletes.

The 2019 Women's Collegiate Triathlon Season will be invitation only and will support the following scoring and invitation criteria.

Eligible Athletes: Athletes must meet one of the following eligibility requirements:

- i. All participants must be able to provide proof of enrollment at an accredited higher learning institution.
 - a. If competing for an NCAA varsity program, all athletes must meet all NCAA and Institution minimum eligibility requirements.
 - b. If competing for a collegiate club program, all athletes must meet all USA Triathlon minimum eligibility requirements as outlined in Section 3.6 of the 2018-2019 Collegiate Competitive Rules and apply through the "Special Request" Process.
 - c. Collegiate club athletes who have an elite license are NOT eligible.

Participation:

- i. NCAA Varsity athletes may compete as part of a team or as an individual.
- ii. Collegiate Club athletes may only compete as individuals.
- iii. Maximum athletes will be seven (7) representing the same institution (see exceptions under regional qualifier invitation process and allocation of remaining national championships starting positions).

SCORING

Scoring will follow the cross-country scoring system, where the lowest score wins. The official results will be 4 (four) separate lists, one for DI NCAA varsity programs, one for DII NCAA varsity programs, one for DIII NCAA varsity programs, and one for collegiate club individual athletes.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

All NCAA Varsity and Collegiate Club triathletes who finish the race will be given an overall finish place starting with the first-place athlete receiving a score of "1", second place receiving a score of "2", third place receiving a score of "3", etc. Once again, the results will be broken

down by DI NCAA Varsity athletes, DII, NCAA Varsity athletes, DIII NCAA Varsity athletes, and Collegiate Club athletes.

NCAA VARSITY TEAM SCORING

NCAA Varsity Team scoring will adhere to the following process:

- i. NCAA Varsity Teams finishing at least three (3) athletes are eligible for team scoring.
- ii. Score will be determined by the total points of the first three finishing triathletes of each NCAA Varsity team. The additional athletes representing the same institution impact the other team's scores through displacement.
- iii. In case of a tie, the third highest finishing athletes from the tied institutions will determine the outcome.

Please note that collegiate clubs will not be eligible for team awards so there will be no collegiate club team scoring.

2019 REGIONAL QUALIFIER INVITATION PROCESS

Invitations to any of the three (3) Regional Qualifiers will be extended in the following order of priority until a full field of athletes has been reached.

1. Up to seven (7) athletes from institutions who are listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women's Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women's Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women's Emerging Sport Grant.
2. Up to seven (7) athletes of those institutions who are recipients of the USA Triathlon Women's Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant. The institution must also be listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women's Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women's Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women's Emerging Sport Grant.
3. Additional athletes of those institutions who are recipients of the USA Triathlon Women's Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant. The institution must also be listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women's Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women's Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women's Emerging Sport Grant. These additional athletes must be identified by their coach prior to the event as not being eligible for awards or scoring. Jessica Welk will contact the coaches regarding the opportunity to register additional athletes and the deadline for doing so.

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4. Additional athletes from institutions who are listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women's Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women's Triathlon Acknowledgment form. These additional athletes must be identified by their coach prior to the event as not being eligible for awards or scoring. Jessica Welk will contact the coaches regarding the opportunity to register additional athletes and the deadline for doing so.
5. Any triathlete who is part of an USA Triathlon recognized Collegiate Club may **only** compete as an individual. All Club athletes must complete the "Special Request" process (included on page 3). Collegiate Club athletes will not be granted an option to race until one month prior to the first Regional Qualifier. However, a waitlist will be created for each Regional Qualifier so that Collegiate Club athletes will know where they are positioned. No later than two weeks prior to the respective regional qualifier the Special Request Process waitlist (see page #3) will be reviewed. The waitlist will determine if the Collegiate Club athletes can participate in the noted race.

SPECIAL REQUEST PROCESS

Collegiate Club athletes who wish to attend a Regional Qualifier may request a starting position in the race. Requests will be assessed on an individual case basis and invitations will be distributed accordingly. The requests will be available once the corresponding registration is open. All will be processed by Jessica Welk USA Triathlon's High School, Collegiate Club and Women's NCAA Coordinator.

1. The Collegiate Club athlete must be able to provide proof of full-time enrollment, as defined by the institution, at an accredited higher learning institution and must be a member of a USAT current recognized Collegiate Club. The proof of enrollment must match the institution of the Collegiate Club.
2. The Collegiate Club athlete must include the following information as part of their submission:
 - a. Race results from any 2018 or 2019 USA Triathlon Sanctioned race, or international event. Must include race name, date, number of competing athletes in age group or competition category, location, and distances.
 - b. Splits for swim, bike, and run.
 - c. Note if this was a draft-legal race.
 - d. Note if the individual attended a 2018 Regional Qualifier.
3. Any additional information as to why the individual should be granted access into the race.

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2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATION PROCESS

Invitations to the National Championships will be extended first to those through the “Automatic Qualification Process,” and then to those who receive an invitation through the “Allocation of Remaining Start Positions” until a full field of athletes has been reached.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Athletes will automatically qualify for the 2019 Women’s Collegiate Triathlon National Championships by one of the following three automatic qualification processes, in priority order:

1. Institutions who are recipients of the USA Triathlon Women’s Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant that attend at least one Regional Qualifier will automatically qualify five (5) athletes per team. The institution must also be listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women’s Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women’s Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women’s Emerging Sport Grant.
2. The top two (2) NCAA Varsity teams in DI, DII, and DIII at each Regional Qualifier, based on the team scoring process described under the “Scoring” section will earn an automatic National Championships team qualification for a maximum of seven (7) athletes. The institution must also be listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women’s Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women’s Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women’s Emerging Sport Grant. These NCAA Varsity teams will be notified following the Regional Qualifier in which they participated. NCAA Varsity teams can only qualify athletes at one Regional Qualifier. In a case where an institution finishes in the top two (2) teams in a division at multiple Regional Qualifiers, the earliest Regional Qualifier will be used for the Automatic Team Qualification process. At the latter Regional Qualifier, the Automatic Team Qualification spot will roll down to the next highest finishing team in the respective division.
3. Individual Automatic Qualification (applies to NCAA Varsity and collegiate club athletes)
 - a. A minimum of five (5) athletes from each Regional Qualifier, who are not represented on a qualifying NCAA Varsity team, will receive pending qualification. Final individual spots will be allocated after the last Regional Qualifier to ensure no individuals competing in the National Championships are from an institution who has an NCAA Varsity team that qualified.
 - b. Individuals can only qualify at one Regional Qualifier. In a case where one individual finishes in an Individual Automatic Qualification position at multiple Regional Qualifiers, the earliest Regional Qualifier will be used for the Individual

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Automatic Qualification Process. At the latter Regional Qualifier(s), the Individual Automatic Qualification spot will roll down to the next highest finishing individual.

- c. Individual automatic qualification will follow the process outlined below:
 - i. An individual finish place will be assigned to each individual athlete from lowest to highest points, with the first-place individual athlete receiving a position of “1”, second place individual athlete receiving a position of “2”, etc.
 - ii. The athletes will be rank ordered based on percentage of time difference from the 1st place finisher in descending order to highest percentage for each regional qualifier. All individual pending qualifiers from each regional race will ranked in descending order to highest percentage and then be officially invited based on order of their rank until the race has reached capacity.

ALLOCATION OF REMAINING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS STARTING POSITIONS

If starting positions remain after the automatic qualification process, allocation of the remaining starting positions will be extended in the following order of priority until a full field of athletes has been reached.

1. Additional athletes from institutions who are listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women’s Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women’s Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women’s Emerging Sport Grant. These additional athletes must be identified by their coach prior to the event as not being eligible for awards or scoring. Jessica Welk will contact the coaches regarding the opportunity to register additional athletes and the deadline for doing so. Athletes will be added to a lottery for selection via a random list generator.
2. Additional athletes of those institutions who are recipients of the USA Triathlon Women’s Triathlon Emerging Sport Grant. The institution must also be listed on the official NCAA Sports Sponsorship List¹ under Women’s Triathlon no more than twelve (12) months after signing the NCAA Varsity Women’s Triathlon Acknowledgment form OR no more than twelve (12) months after receiving the first installment of the USA Triathlon Women’s Emerging Sport Grant. These additional athletes must be identified by their coach prior to the event as not being eligible for awards or scoring. Jessica Welk will contact the coaches regarding the opportunity to register additional athletes and the deadline for doing so. Athletes will be added to a lottery for selection via a random list generator.

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SEASON AWARDS

REGIONAL QUALIFIER AWARDS

- Top 2 individuals in each NCAA Varsity division (DI, DII, and DIII)
- Top 2 NCAA Varsity teams in each division (DI, DII, and DIII)
- Top 2 Collegiate Club individuals

POST REGIONAL QUALIFIER AWARDS

- All-Region Freshman (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)
- All-Region Team (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

- Top 3 individuals in each NCAA Varsity division (DI, DII, and DIII)
- Top 3 NCAA Varsity teams in each division (DI, DII, and DIII)
- Top 3 Collegiate Club individuals
- Freshman of the Year (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)
- Coach of the Year (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)

POST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

- Scholar All-American (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)
- Scholar All-American: Honorable Mention (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)
- Academic Team Honors (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)
- Athletic All-American (see CTCA Academic and Athletic Awards)

CHANGES IN ROSTER

All rosters must be finalized no less than one week prior to the race. Roster changes may be made by contacting Jessica Welk at jessica.welk@usatriathlon.org. Only in special cases will exceptions be made to this policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Jessica Welk, USA Triathlon's High School, Collegiate Club, and Women's NCAA Coordinator, with any inquiries or questions related to the rules and invitation criteria for the Women's Collegiate Triathlon Season.

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