



USA Triathlon - International Competition Panel

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 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 will constitute the ICP from the list of eligible people as needed and per the following composition requirements.

Elite Paratriathlon ICP:

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

Elite Triathlon ICP:

- 1 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, Junior Pan Am Games, and Junior and U23 World Championships.

Definitions

Athlete Representatives: Athlete Representatives must meet the “Elite 10 Year Athlete” definition contained in Section 6.8(a) of the USAT Bylaws. Athlete Representatives will be confirmed by the USAT Athlete Advisory

Committee. If the decision at issue regards a para event, the Athlete Representative(s) shall have met the definition of “Elite 10 Year Athlete” by competing in a para event identified in Section 6.8(a) of the USAT Bylaws.

Section 6.8(a) of USAT Bylaws:

- a. any individual who qualifies for membership and satisfies the following criteria will be an “Elite 10 Year Athlete”:
 - i. within the preceding ten (10) years, represented the United States in the Olympic, Pan American Games, Operation Gold event, or at a World Championship recognized by World Triathlon in any of the disciplines held in the foregoing for which a competitive selection process was administered by USA Triathlon; or
 - ii. within the preceding twenty-four (24) months, demonstrated active engagement in elite athletic competition by finishing in the top half of USA Triathlon’s national championships or team selection competition for the events outlined in subparagraph (i); or
 - iii. within the preceding ten (10) years, represented the United States in the Paralympic, Parapan American Games, Operation Gold event or at a World Championship recognized by World Triathlon in any of the disciplines held in the foregoing for which a competitive selection process was administered by USA Triathlon;
 - iv. Athlete representatives may not be drawn from events that categorize entrants in age-restricted classifications commonly known as “age-group athletes.”

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>

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, and visit <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-triathlon/elite/elite-athlete-qualification> to review the published Athlete Appeals Process.

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman at ombudsman@usathlete.org