



Paratriathlon Elite Membership License Qualification Criteria

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY

You MUST present proof of your USAT membership at all USAT-sanctioned events. You must carry your license to all events. If license is misplaced, you may print a temporary card from the USAT website.

Key Information about Paratriathlon Elite Licenses

- Paratriathlon elite annual membership is available to qualified, highly competitive, and experienced athletes.
- A paratriathlon elite license expires on December 31st, regardless of when the license was purchased.
- Athletes have 1 year from the date of meeting any of the described elite qualification criteria below to apply for an elite license.
- In addition to renewing your paratriathlon elite membership license annually, elite paratriathletes must extend their eligibility to compete as an elite athlete. See the criteria on page 2. By submitting one result, the athlete extends the eligibility expiration date for two years from December 31st of the year of the submission of results.

Example: Athlete X is approved for a first time paratriathlon elite license in March 2019 and therefore has an eligibility expiration date of December 31, 2021. That athlete then has all of 2020 and 2021 to submit ONE additional result to extend their eligibility for an additional two years.

- Athletes who hold a paratriathlon elite license will earn USAT paratriathlon rankings points throughout the year; however, before the rankings are finalized, the elite paratriathletes will be removed. Elite paratriathletes may view their ITU World Rankings on www.triathlon.org.
- Athletes must submit proper documentation to the USA Triathlon National Office along with the appropriate license application.
 - *Applying for a paratriathlon elite membership:*
 - (1) You must provide proof that you have qualified for the paratriathlon elite membership by providing a link to the specific race result that qualifies.
 - (2) You must first obtain a paratriathlete membership type in order to be eligible for a paratriathlon elite membership.
- Once the application and paperwork has been submitted, it is the athlete's responsibility to contact USAT for proof of elite status. This could take up to fourteen (14) days.



Qualification for a Paratriathlon Elite License

Athletes who wish to race in the ITU Elite Paratriathlon World Championships or ITU World Paratriathlon Series Events must hold a current paratriathlon elite license.

Qualification criteria:

- (1) Have a current USAT paratriathlete annual membership
- (2) Have a 'C' or 'R' international class OR a national class of 'NN', 'NR', or 'NC'
- (3) meet at least one (1) of the five criteria listed below

U.S. Paratriathlon Development Race Series: Finish within 5% of the category winner's time in approved sport class at any of the U.S. Paratriathlon Development Race Series events.

National Championship: Finish within 8% of the medal event winner's time in approved sport class at the U.S. Paratriathlon National Championships

ITU Paratriathlon World Cup Event/PATCO Championships: Finish within 8% of the medal event winner's time in approved sport class at an ITU Paratriathlon World Cup or PATCO Championships.

ITU World Paratriathlon Series/ ITU Elite Paratriathlon World Championships: Finish within 8% of the medal event winner's time in approved sport class at the ITU World Paratriathlon Series Event or the ITU Elite Paratriathlon World Championships.

Special Consideration: Special consideration for exceptions to all elite membership rules will be granted by a committee of at least three (3) USAT staff members from the High Performance and Membership departments, and at least one (1) member of the AAC, who will consider exceptions for athletes who meet one of the following criteria:

- Applying athlete has been on a U.S. Para Swimming, U.S. Para Cycling, or U.S. Para Track and Field Paralympic or Para Pan Am Games Team or National Elite Team (recognized by that NGB)
Applying athlete has finished within 3% of the current ITU World Champion's medal event time in approved sport class at a USAT sanctioned sprint distance triathlon event that has the exact distances of 750m swim, 20k bike, and a 5k run. To view the current ITU World Champion times visit www.triathlon.org.