



## USAT and CAF Paratriathlon Junior Development Program

USA Paratriathlon and Challenged Athletes Foundation have partnered to create a program that provides opportunities to aspiring youth and junior paratriathletes to further grow in their sport development. The purpose of this program is to identify talent, provide assistance, and encourage passion in the sport of paratriathlon. Athletes who are accepted will represent the program and all of its sponsors throughout the 2021 triathlon season.

Acceptance into this program will be based on an application process, and approved athletes will be expected to commit to training primarily for triathlons for the 2021 season. Tenure in this program is only through the 2021 triathlon season and applicants will need to reapply annually. More details about this program can be found below or by emailing [Mariah Rodriguez](mailto:mariah@usat.org), the USAT Paratriathlon Development Coordinator.

### Benefits:

Upon acceptance into the program, athletes will receive the following benefits.

- *Travel/Competition grant from CAF* – to be spent strictly on travel expenses for specific triathlon events/camps
- *CAF branded Nike apparel* – articles chosen upon discretion of CAF
- *USAT branded apparel & equipment* – articles chosen upon discretion of USAT
- *Coaching support & advice from USAT Certified Paratriathlon Coach* (on a very limited basis)
- *USAT & CAF website recognition via race photo and bio*

### Requirements:

- *For consideration applicants must:*
  - Be between 14-22 years of age as of 12/31/21
  - Able to or have already been classified in the USAT classification system
    - If not classified, USAT will work to determine what sport class applicant would fall into
  - o Physically capable to compete in at least 3 triathlon events (up to a sprint distance) in 2021
  - o Complete the program application and submit a race resume by March 15, 2021

### Required Events/Dates:

- *USAT & CAF Youth Triathlon Camp:*  
San Diego, CA | **TBD**
- *USA Triathlon Youth and Junior National Championship (now up to age 18):* West Chester, OH |  
**July 31 – August 1**
- One optional event of your choosing within the 2021 calendar year \*Exemptions based on injury or event cancellation will be handled on a case-by-case basis

**Additional Details:**

- The program will be capped at 7 athletes
- Acceptance into this program is based on the discretion of the USAT High Performance team and the CAF Programs Team
- Athletes accepted to the program will be required to sign a contract that details their involvement and additional requirements to the program (i.e. social media requirements, process for proof grant expenses, etc...).

**Application Process:**

- Fill out the full application provided on the USAT website or find it [here](#).
- Attach your most up to date race resume
- Include any additional running, cycling, or swimming events if you feel they are relevant
  - **Be sure to include distances of events, along with times and dates within your resume**
- **Submit all application and resume materials by March 15, 2021.**
- The selection for the USAT and CAF Paratriathlon Junior Development Program team will be on or before **April 1, 2021** and the team will officially be announced shortly after.