



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION

ITU World Triathlon Series QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1. ELITE:

1.1. ITU World Triathlon Series events:

- a.) The National Federations must enter the athletes into the wait list via the ITU online entry system no fewer than 33 days before the first competition day;
- b.) 32 days before the first competition day, the start list for both the men's and women's will be published on www.triathlon.org adding up to 60 athletes from the waitlist in the following order:
 - (i) The athletes with the most points from the current ITU Points List;
 - (ii) The rest of the athletes sorted according to the entry time;
 - (iii) The athletes exceeding 60 will remain on the wait list, in the same order indicated in (i) and (ii) above;
- c.) National Federation quota in each of the men's and women's event:
 - (i) Maximum per National Federation is 6 athletes;
 - (ii) Maximum per host National Federation is 8 athletes;
 - (iii) Maximum per National Federation and host National Federation may be increased by a maximum of 4 quota places if by step 1.1. c) (iii) the number of athletes on the start list is lower than 60.
- d.) Late Entries: Entries received 32 or fewer days before the first competition day will be placed at the bottom of the wait list at the time the National Federation entered the athlete into the ITU online entry system;
- e.) Substitutions: Each National Federation will be allowed to substitute 1 athlete per gender per event. The names of both athletes involved in the substitution must be emailed to entries@triathlon.org. Substitutions are only allowed up to 12 days prior to the first competition day. If the substitute athlete is ranked higher than the worse ranked athlete qualified for the start list, this substitution doesn't affect the quota of substitution;
- f.) Withdrawals: An athlete who is withdrawn from the start list will be replaced by the next athlete on the wait list. According to the rule 2.6.c) (iii) Athletes not attending the briefing, without informing the TD about their absence, will be removed from the start list. In this case, athletes from the wait list who attended the briefing will be called to fill the empty slots. Athletes present in the race briefing and still remaining on the wait list must stay nearby and in close contact in order to take the place of any upcoming withdrawals, until registration closes;
- g.) Invitations: 26 days before the first competition day, the ITU invitation panel will award a maximum of 5 invitations based on the requests, but not limited to, emailed by respective National Federations to entries@triathlon.org and they will be put on the start list. If the ITU invitation panel awards less than 5 invitations, the remaining spot will be filled by the next athlete on the wait list:



- (i) The ITU Invitation Panel is composed by:
 - The ITU Secretary General;
 - A representative of the ITU Sport Department;
 - A representative of ITU Development.
- h.) If a National Federation withdraws an athlete from the start list within 25 days of competition they must email entries@triathlon.org. If there is a second withdrawal within 25 days of the first day of competition by the same National Federation, the country will lose 1 quota spot for the following 2 ITU World Triathlon Series events and the maximum quota of the National Federations affected will be adjusted accordingly for those events. This penalty will carry over to the following year if occurs near to the end of the season;
- i.) National Federations withdrawing an athlete from the start list after the Monday at 13:00 UTC prior to the first event, the athlete will be removed from all start lists and wait lists of any ITU events for the next 30 days and will not be reinstated in any of the races on the same weekend as the race from which they were withdrawn. A number of unexpected withdrawals without being penalized because last minute issues are fixed. This number depends on the number of participations of each NF over the previous year, as follows:

Number of late withdrawals not penalized (*)	Nations for 2013 (*)
6	AUS, GBR, GER, JPN, RUS, USA
5	ESP, NZL
3	CAN, FRA, POR, RSA, SUI
2	All the others

() This includes men and women events in all WTS events, the Grand Final and World Cup events.*

- j.) An athlete not personally present at the Athletes' Briefing and who has not provided prior notification to the Technical Delegate by email or by phone will be removed from all start lists and wait lists of any ITU events for the next 30 days and will not be reinstated in any of the races on the same weekend as the race from which they were withdrawn;
- k.) Athletes present at the Athletes' Briefing but are forced to withdraw from the competition due to last minute illness or injury, as proven by a certificate from a medical doctor, will remain on future start lists and wait lists of all ITU events;

1.2. ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final:

- a.) The National Federations must enter the athletes into the wait list via the ITU online entry system no fewer than 26 days before the first competition day;
- b.) 25 days before the first competition day, the start list for both the men's and women's will be published on www.triathlon.org adding athletes from the waitlist in the following order:
 - (i) 50 athletes with the most points from the current ITU Points List;
 - (ii) The top 3 finishers of the last ITU Triathlon Continental Championships in elite category from all 5 continents. If the athlete is qualified by the first 3 ballots above, the spots will be allocated according to the ITU Points List;
 - (iii) The remaining athletes will be sorted according to the ITU Points list and those without points according to the first entry received;

- (iv) The athletes listed at positions 66 and above will remain in the wait list according to the ITU Points list as of 25 days before the first competition day.
- c.) 20 days before the first competition day, 5 more athletes from the waitlist will be added to both the men's and women's start list with the most points from the current ITU Points List;
- d.) National Federation quota in each of the men's and women's event:
- (i) Maximum per National Federation and host National Federation is 6 athletes;
- (ii) Maximum per National Federation and host National Federation may be increased by a maximum of 4 quota places if by step 1.2. c) the number of athletes on the start list is lower than 70.
- e.) Late Entries: Entries received 25 or fewer days before the first competition day will be placed at the bottom of the wait list at the time the National Federation entered the athlete into the ITU online entry system;
- f.) Substitutions: Each National Federation will be allowed to substitute 1 athlete per gender per event. The names of both athletes involved in the substitution must be emailed to entries@triathlon.org. 1 extra substitution is allowed if the substituted athlete is entered in the ITU Triathlon U23 World Championships instead of the elite events of the ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final. Substitutions are only allowed up to 12 days prior to the first competition day. If the substitute athlete is ranked higher than the worse ranked athlete qualified for the start list, this substitution doesn't affect the quota of the substitution;
- g.) Withdrawals: An athlete who is withdrawn from the start list will be replaced by the next athlete on the wait list. According to the rule 2.6.c) (iii) Athletes not attending the briefing, without informing the TD about their absence, will be removed from the start list. In this case, athletes from the wait list who attended the briefing will be called to fill the empty spots. Athletes present in the race briefing and still remaining on the wait list must stay nearby and in close contact in order to take the place of any upcoming withdrawals, until registration closes;
- h.) Invitations: 20 days before the first competition day, the ITU invitation panel will award a maximum of 5 invitations based on, but not limited to, the requests emailed by respective National Federations to entries@triathlon.org and they will be put on the start list. If the ITU invitation panel awards less than 5 invitations, the remaining spot will be filled by the next athlete on the wait list:
- (i) The ITU Invitation Panel is composed by:
- The ITU Secretary General;
 - A representative of the ITU Sport Department;
 - A representative of ITU Development.
- i.) The athletes' Briefing: will take place at 18:00, 2 days before the first day of competition;
- j.) If a National Federation withdraws an athlete from the start list within 20 days of the first day of competition they must email entries@triathlon.org. If there is a second withdrawal within 20 days of the first day of competition by the same National Federation, the country will lose 1 quota spot for the following 2 ITU World Triathlon Series events and the maximum quota of the National Federations affected will be adjusted accordingly for those events. This penalty will carry over to the following year if occurs near the end of the season;

- k.) National Federations withdrawing an athlete from the start list after the Monday at 13:00 GMT prior to the event, the athlete will be removed from all start lists and wait lists of any ITU events for the next 30 days and will not be reinstated in any of the races on the same weekend as the race from which they were withdrawn. A number of unexpected withdrawals without being penalized because last minute issues are fixed. This number depends on the number of participations of each NF the previous year, as follows:

Number of late withdrawals not penalized (*)	Nations for 2013 (*)
6	AUS, GBR, GER, JPN, RUS, USA
5	ESP, NZL
3	CAN, FRA, POR, RSA, SUI
2	All the others

(*) This includes men and women events in all WTS events, the Grand Final and World Cup events.

- l.) Athletes not personally present at the Athletes' Briefing and who have not provided prior notification to the Technical Delegate by email or by phone will be removed from all start lists and wait lists of any ITU events for the next 30 days and will not be reinstated in any of the races on the same weekend as the race from which they were withdrawn;
- m.) Athletes present at the Athletes' Briefing but are forced to withdraw from the competition due to last minute illness or injury, as proven by a certificate from a medical doctor, will remain on future start lists and wait lists of all ITU events.

2. UNDER23:

- a.) The National Federations must enter their athletes into the wait list via the ITU online entry system no fewer than 33 days before the first competition day;
- b.) 32 days before the first competition day the start lists will be done considering the following qualification principles:
- (i) Each National Federation in good standing with ITU has the right automatically to enter 2 athletes in the ITU Triathlon U23 World Championships;
 - (ii) Based on the number of athletes the National Federations had in the previous year's ITU Triathlon U23 World Championships results, they will be allowed 1 additional entry for a maximum of 3 in total per National Federation, if the NF had 2 or more athletes in the top 25 of the previous year's ITU Triathlon U23 World Championships.
- c.) Invitations places may be awarded to athlete by the ITU invitation panel upon request emailed by respective National Federations to entries@triathlon.org no later than 26 days prior to the ITU Triathlon U23 World Championships. Invitation places will be awarded 25 days prior to the ITU Triathlon U23 World Championships. The ITU invitation panel shall have the sole authority to award any or all of the invitation places:
- (i) The ITU Invitation Panel is composed by:
 - The ITU Secretary General;
 - A representative of the ITU Sport Department;
 - A representative of ITU Development.

- d.) If the number of athletes entered 32 days before the race is less than 70, National Federations can apply for maximum 2 more invitations exceeding their maximum quotas.

3. JUNIOR:

- a.) The National Federations must enter their athletes into the wait list via the ITU online entry system no fewer than 33 days before the first competition day;
- b.) 32 days before the first competition day the start lists will be done considering the following qualification principles:
- (i) The quota system for allocating the spots 1 to 70 is determined on the basis of the 5 continental confederations quotas;
 - (ii) The following were considered to create continental quotas:
 - The number of National Federations affiliated with ITU within the continent;
 - The number of National Federations that participated in the previous 2 ITU Triathlon Junior World Championships;
 - The number of National Federations that participated in the previous ITU Triathlon Junior Continental Championships.
 - (iii) Quotas per Continent (total: 70):
 - Africa: 4;
 - Americas: 15;
 - Asia: 9;
 - Europe: 36;
 - Oceania: 6;
 - National Federation Maximum quota: 3.
- c.) The Continental Championships considered as selection events have to take place a minimum of 45 days prior to the ITU Triathlon Junior World Championships. In case the ITU Triathlon Junior Continental Championships will take place after the 45 days term previously indicated, the Continental Confederation can apply to ITU to give the junior continental qualification status to another event. Spots will be awarded on a simple roll-down system through the results. As soon as a National Federation has 3 spots, additional spots will go to the next eligible National Federation on the results lists. Any place not claimed by a National Federation by entering the athlete through the ITU online entry system before 32 days of the ITU Triathlon Junior World Championships will be given to the Invitation places;
- d.) Host National Federation (spot 71 – if required): The host National Federation will get a minimum of 1 spot. If the host National Federation already has a spot from the ITU Triathlon Junior Continental Championships, the spot will go to the Invitation places;
- e.) Invitation: (spots 72 to 80): At the discretion of the ITU invitation panel, spots may be earned based on an athlete's past results and/or current rankings. This could include, but is not limited to, mechanical difficulties or illness at the ITU Triathlon Junior Continental Championships. National Federations must apply for an Invitational spot by email to entries@triathlon.org at least 26 days before the first competition day. Invitations will be awarded 25 days before the first competition day:
- (i) The ITU Invitation Panel is composed by:
 - The ITU Secretary General;
 - A representative of the ITU Sport Department;
 - A representative of ITU Development.

- f.) If the number of athletes entered 32 days before the race is less than 70, National Federations can apply for maximum 2 more invitations exceeding their maximum quotas.

4. AGE-GROUPS:

a.) Standard distance:

- (i) Qualification for the ITU Triathlon Age-Group World Championships standard distance will be:
- Every National Federation can enter 20 athletes in every age-group;
 - The host National Federation has a larger quota of 25 athletes in every age-group;
 - The quota for any National Federation in any age-group can be increased at the discretion of the ITU invitation panel.

b.) Sprint distance:

- (i) Qualification for the ITU Triathlon Age-Group World Championships Sprint distance will be:
- Every National Federation can enter 20 athletes in every age-group;
 - The host National Federation has a larger quota of 25 athletes in every age-group;
 - The quota for any National Federation in any age-group can be increased at the discretion of the ITU invitation panel.

c.) The ITU Invitation Panel is composed by:

- (i) ITU Secretary General;
- (ii) A representative of the ITU Sport Department;
- (iii) A representative of ITU Development;