

Eligibility to compete

Triathlon Ireland

1. Athletes will be required to hold an Irish passport.
2. Athletes should not have raced for another Triathlon Federation in the last year.
3. Triathlon Ireland membership is compulsory when applying for a place and during the year of the event.
4. All decisions for selection races will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
5. Athletes must have completed relevant anti-doping course e.g. The Real Winner.
6. Elite Senior Squad are required to have signed and agreed to all aspects of the Triathlon Ireland Mutual Athlete and NGB Agreement 2017 to be considered.

British Triathlon

1. Athletes must be eligible to represent Great Britain under ITU rules and must be members in good standing with a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (British Triathlon Federation);
2. Athletes must be compliant with British Triathlon's anti-doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. If required to do so by UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system;
3. Athletes must have completed the required ITU pre-participation examination and sent the British Triathlon Federation Fit to Compete form by the nomination deadline.

To be eligible for support from the British Triathlon World Class Performance Programme and a UK Sport Athlete Performance Award (APA), athletes must:

1. **Be eligible to compete for Great Britain at the Olympic Games** and must therefore satisfy the eligibility requirements of the IOC, the BOA and the ITU.
2. Hold a current British **passport**.
3. **Be a member** of Triathlon England, Welsh Triathlon or Triathlon Scotland.
4. **Not be serving a ban** from competition as a result of being found guilty of a doping offence or other breach of ethical conduct.
5. **Sign an athlete agreement** with British Triathlon Federation.


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Triathlon Ireland is an all-island organisation, with a substantial number of members in Northern Ireland.

Triathlon Ireland believes in the promotion of sport for all people regardless of identity and has a robust code of ethics which respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person; and treats everyone equally within the context of the sport.

The Belfast Agreement and the Northern Ireland Act (1998) provide the people of Northern Ireland with the right to hold Irish citizenship, or British citizenship, or if desired, citizenship of both countries.

Eligibility criteria for the sport of triathlon stem from these citizenship rights.

In brief, an athlete from Northern Ireland can put themselves forward for selection for Ireland or for Great Britain, providing they meet the eligibility criteria set out by each country's national governing body (Triathlon Ireland for Ireland and British Triathlon for Great Britain).

A Northern Irish athlete can represent both Ireland and Great Britain at different stages in their career – but cannot represent both countries within the same 12 month period (please read the Eligibility to Compete section).

Selection Policies

Championship events

Both Triathlon Ireland and British Triathlon produce selection policies for major championships as required annually for European Championships and every four years for Commonwealth and Olympic Games. Both NGBs follow a similar process with automatic criteria for nomination and discretionary criteria. See respective NGB websites for latest information.

International events

Triathlon has a well developed competition structure and pathway. Athletes who have progressed through domestic competition move on to Continental Cup races and from there progress to World Cup and then World Triathlon Series which is the highest level of regular competition in the sport.

For each level in the sport British Triathlon uses the following process

- 1. Qualification** – the athlete through their performance(s) has met the specific performance criteria and automatically qualifies for nomination to the ITU wait list; their performance(s) are not evaluated by the selection committee.
- 2. Gateway** – The first British athlete on the podium at the specific Gateway event listed will be automatically nominated to the ITU for the corresponding WTS event. NOTE: It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure he or she has enough ranking points to gain access to the WTS or WC event that they have met the standards for under either Qualification or Gateway. The athlete should not rely on substitution. Qualification or Gateway does not mean the athlete has a right to substitution, should it even be possible to make one.
- 3. Selection** – the athlete has met the minimum criteria or has raced at the listed events that allows the committee to consider them against a variety of factors and therefore make a decision whether or not to select the athlete and nominate to the waitlist.

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Triathlon Ireland uses a similar process in assessing an athlete's capacity to move through the sports competition levels. In normal circumstances athletes are expected to demonstrate they are competitive at each level prior to moving to a higher level of race. Finishing within 3% men and 5% women of the winners time and in the top 30% of the field consistently, subject to quality of field. Quality of field is assessed by Triathlon Ireland by looking at the rankings of participants and the athlete level required to accrue ITU ranking points. Discretionary exceptions are made where Triathlon Ireland wishes to expose targeted athletes to a higher level for development purposes, to provide support to other athletes or for specific needs of program.

Elite Development Programs

British Triathlon has a number of programs at different levels including nationally, then by country within Great Britain and by region. There are specific and discretionary policies in place for selection to these squads. The British Triathlon website provides links to regional academies and country programs within England, Scotland and Wales.

Triathlon Ireland has a junior development program

and supports high potential athletes in conjunction with sports institutes and funding partners with coaching, service provision, logistic and management programs. Information is available on Triathlon Ireland website

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