



SELECTION CRITERIA AND UNIFORM RULES

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INTRODUCTION

Triathlon South Africa will select teams/athletes to compete in the World Championships in Triathlon, Multisport events and other events. Teams/Athletes will be selected on merit but the TSA Transformation Policy will be applied. The selection criteria must be considered in conjunction with the TSA Elite Status; Criteria and Procedure.

ITU slot qualification at the S A Championships, Continental Championships (or other designated event), is allocated to TSA and not to the athlete.

The teams/athletes will be selected by the following Selection Committees:

TRIATHLON

Olympic Games	SASCOC Selection Committee upon the recommendation of TSA (subject to ITU criteria)
Commonwealth Games	Commonwealth Selection Committee upon the recommendation of TSA
Major Games	SASCOC Selection Committee upon the recommendation of TSA (subject to ITU criteria)
Elite, U/23 and Junior	High Performance Committee/TSA (subject to ITU criteria)
Age Group	Triathlon Selection committee

MULTISPORT

Major Games	SASCOC Selection Committee upon the recommendation of TSA (subject to ITU criteria)
Elite, U/23 and Junior	High Performance Committee/ TSA (subject to ITU criteria)

Age Group

TSA Multisport Selection committees

TSA SELECTION POLICY

A ELIGIBILITY

Applicable to selection at all times, including selection for Major Games, Commonwealth- and Olympic teams.

1. Athletes must be registered with Triathlon South Africa through one of the Member provinces/regions.
2. Athletes must be a South African citizen and if travelling abroad, be in possession of a valid South African passport.
3. Elite and U/23 athletes must have qualified for an Elite license.
4. To compete in ITU World Championships, the athlete must qualify according to the ITU's Eligibility Rules (ITU Competition Rules) and the criteria of SASCOC.
5. Prior to selection, the athlete must have competed at the immediate past South African Championships; unless the athlete is exempted from competing by the TSA Excom.
6. After selection and should the selection race precede the South African Championships, the athlete must compete at the South African Championships, failing which such athlete will forfeit selection, unless the athlete is exempted from competing by the TSA Excom.
7. This policy is also applicable to athletes competing in the Paratriathlon categories.

AGE OF COMPETITOR

The age of an athlete will be taken as at 31 December in the year of competition.

Elite athletes may not be younger than 18 years of age.

B. TRIATHLON

B1. ELITE ATHLETES

Continental Championships

- All eligible athletes may participate.

World Championships

- Subject to ITU qualification criteria.

B2. U/ 23 ELITE ATHLETES

Continental Championships

- All eligible athletes may participate.

World Championships

- Based on the South African performance of athletes at the immediate past World Championships, the ITU will allocate a quota of slots to South Africa.
- Primarily performance at the SA Championships will be considered. (At the discretion of the High Performance Manager/TSA performance at other international competitions may also be considered.) Performance must be competitive on a World Championship level to be eligible for selection.

B3. JUNIOR ATHLETES

Continental Championships

- All athletes may participate.

World Championships

- Subject to ITU qualification/slot allocation criteria.
- Primarily performance at the SA Championships will be considered. (At the discretion of the High Performance Manager/TSA, performance at other international competitions may also be considered.) Performance must be competitive on a World Championship level to be eligible for selection.

C. MULTISPORT (LD TRIATHLON, DUATHLON, LD DUATAHLON, CROSS TRIATHLON AND AQUATHLON)

ELITE, U/23 ELITE AND JUNIOR ATHLETES

Continental Championships

- All eligible athletes may participate.

World Championships

- Subject to ITU slot allocation criteria.
- Primarily performance at the SA Championships will be considered. (At the discretion of the High Performance Manager/TSA, performance at other international competitions may also be considered.) Performance must be competitive on a World Championship level to be eligible for selection.

D. AGE GROUP ATHLETES (ALL DISCIPLINES AND DISTANCES)

Continental Championships

- Any athlete may participate

World Championships

The S A Championships will be the sole selection race (or such other designated selection race(s)).

- The selectors (as a guideline) will select the first 8 finishers in each age group but will nevertheless have a broad discretion to increase or reduce that number, while at all times ensuring a competitive standard.
- In exercising their discretion, the selectors will also consider athletes who were unable to compete, or to complete the selection race due to bona fide illness or mechanical failure.
- Two previously disadvantaged athletes (in addition to any other previously disadvantaged athlete selected on merit) may be selected in each category;
- No wild cards will be available. South African athletes living abroad will not be considered for selection, unless such athletes comply with the Eligibility rules and compete at the SA Championships (or selection race);
- An athlete holding International Elite status, if not selected in the Elite category for the World Championships, will automatically qualify for a slot to compete at the ITU World Championships (Age Group) in addition to the above selected athletes;
- An athlete holding Continental Elite status, if not selected in the Elite category for the World Triathlon Championships, will automatically qualify for a slot to compete at the ITU World Triathlon Championships (Age Group) in addition to the above selected athletes.
- The selectors' decision will be final.

Selection for the competing in the Aquabike category at the World Championships will be subject to;

- competing in the home provincial/regional triathlon championships by the athlete, in the season of selection, and
- a recommendation of selection by such province/region to TSA.

To be considered for selection in the Sprint distance category for World Championships, an athlete must compete in the SA National Sprint Triathlon Championships. In addition, all athletes selected for the TSA team to compete at the World Triathlon Championships (standard distance) will also be regarded as selected to compete in the World Sprint Triathlon Championships.

E. EQUALITY AND TRANSFORMATION POLICY

- Subject to a competitive performance standard of athletes considered for selection, teams will comprise equal team sizes for men and women;
- Two slots in each age group category will be available for previously disadvantaged athletes.

F. UNIFORM

The team uniform and/or race suit provided or designated by TSA may be branded by the manufacturer of the uniform/suit or sponsor of TSA. Such branding is in accordance with an agreement with TSA. The selected athlete making him/her available for selection will accept and abide by such branding on the uniform/suit.

F.1 ELITE, U/23 ELITE AND JUNIOR ATHLETES

Continental Championships

- The ITU Competition Rules and ITU Uniform Rules apply. An athlete must compete in the ITU registered SA race suit, alternatively an unbranded black race suit.
- For the medal presentation, a podium finisher must wear his/her SA tracksuit or SA race suit or black race suit.

World Championships

- The ITU Competition Rules and ITU Uniform Rules apply.

F.2 AGE GROUP ATHLETES

Continental Championships

- The ITU Uniform Rules apply. In the alternative an athlete may compete in his/her provincial race suit or an unbranded black race suit.
- For the medal presentation, a podium finisher must wear his/her TSA tracksuit or competition race suit.

World Championships

- The ITU Competition Rules and ITU Uniform Rules apply. TSA will designate an official TSA race suit.
- For the medal presentation, a podium finisher must wear his/her TSA tracksuit.