



2014 PATCO North American Junior Championships U.S. Athlete Entry Criteria

1. Introduction

This protocol will be used to determine the order by which USA Triathlon (“USAT”) will nominate eligible U.S. athletes (“Eligible Athletes”) for starting positions allocated to USAT at the 2014 PATCO North American Junior Championships. The 2014 event is scheduled to take place in Sarasota, Florida, on March 8, 2014. USAT expects an initial allocation of fifty (50) entries per gender, with the possibility that additional spots may be made available based on the number of entries claimed by participating National Federations.

2. Nomination Timeline

Athletes identified by nomination priority 1 and 2 below have until **December 15, 2013**, to accept their spots by contacting USAT High Performance at ituentries@usatriathlon.org. Failure to contact USAT by this date and complete the event’s registration process will result in a roll-down to the next Eligible Athlete on a first-come, first-served basis until all spots available to USAT are filled. All athletes must meet the age requirement of this event (age 16 to 19 as of December 31, 2014).

3. 2014 PATCO North American Championship Nomination Priorities

1. The top thirty (30) age-eligible athletes from the 2013 USAT Junior Elite National Rankings.
2. The top twenty (20) age-eligible athletes from the 2013 USAT Youth Elite National Rankings.
3. All remaining age-eligible athletes with a 2013 USAT Junior Elite National Ranking.
4. All remaining age-eligible athletes with a 2013 USAT Youth Elite National Ranking.
5. Any athlete receiving the written endorsement of a Regional Athlete Development Coordinator, USAT Junior Select Camp Director, or High Performance Team leader.

4. Expenses

Athletes are responsible for all expenses associated with their participation in this event. USAT may, at its discretion, provide an expense reimbursement opportunity based on performance per the USAT Junior Performance Plan. Athletes are required to adhere to all ITU uniform and equipment rules for this event.