



2013 JUNIOR WORLD DUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This 2013 ITU Duathlon World Championships Junior Team Selection Criteria (the "Criteria") will be used to determine the athletes that will represent the United States at the 2013 ITU Junior Duathlon World Championships in Ottawa, Canada, on August 9-11, 2013 (the "World Championship"). The selection criteria are designed to provide emerging athletes aged 16 to 19 (as of December 31, 2013) the opportunity to continue their athletic development by demonstrating their abilities at the highest levels of international duathlon competition.

Under ITU World Championships eligibility guidelines (posted on the ITU web site www.competitions.com), the USA may send up to a total of six (6) men and six (6) women to compete in the Junior division of the 2013 ITU Duathlon World Championships.

2. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

- a. Athlete must be eligible under all applicable rules of ITU (www.competitions.com), the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (www.usada.org), and USAT Triathlon.
- b. Athlete must be an annual member in good standing of USA Triathlon.

3. Selection Procedure

- a. The maximum team size for the Team is six (6) athletes per gender. USAT will submit all entries for the competition to the ITU 35 days prior to the World Championship.
- b. All slots on the Team will be filled by discretionary selection.

4. Discretionary Selection

- a. USA Triathlon may select athletes who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, can win a medal, or who can contribute to winning a medal through specific team tactics during the event.
- b. Discretionary Process: Any athlete who meets the minimum eligibility requirements in Section 2 may be considered for nomination. Athletes must submit an application (see Attachment A) to the High Performance Department via email at ituentries@usatriathlon.org, no later than May 1, 2013. Athletes must fully understand and agree to their individual strategic roles within the team before being nominated to the Team by discretionary selection. The Selection Committee shall rank athletes for nomination to the ITU. USAT will submit all approved entries for the competition to ITU 35 days prior to the 2013 ITU Junior World Championships. Athletes will be notified of their nomination on or before that date.
- c. Discretionary criteria:
 - i. For discretionary selection the following three criteria shall be used. Criteria are listed in no particular order.
 1. Official running marks established in 2013.
 2. A record of cycling ability in non-drafting events, or draft-legal events, including cycling-only events; and demonstrated knowledge of cycling team tactics.
- d. The Selection Committee will be comprised of two (2) members of the High Performance staff and one (1) member of the Athlete Advisory Council.

5. Removal from the Team

- a. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Triathlon may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Triathlon:
 - i. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the USA Triathlon High Performance National Team Manager.
 - ii. Injury or illness as certified by an approved USA Triathlon physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved USA Triathlon physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
 - iii. Violation of the USA Triathlon Code of Conduct. An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the USA Triathlon Bylaws Article XV or the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9.

6. Replacements to the Team

- a. If for any reason a position on the Team shall become vacant, such vacancy shall roll down to the next qualified athlete, provided that the replacement athlete meets all applicable Selection Criteria requirements, and a replacement is allowed by the ITU. In the event that there is no athlete that meets all of these criteria, or the ITU does not allow replacement, the vacancy shall not be filled.

7. Additional Requirements for Selection

- a. All athletes selected to the Team will be required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of ITU, WADA, USADA, and USAT, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Sign and abide by the USAT's Code of Conduct, any USAT or ITU Waiver or Release, and conform to all USAT policies and protocol regarding Team preparation and participation.
 - ii. Agree not to race any event **longer** than the Olympic triathlon distance (1.5km/40km/10km) and standard ITU duathlon distance (5k/40k/10k) between the period beginning six (6) weeks prior to the date of the World Championship.

8. Team Athlete Benefits

- a. Athletes selected for the World Championship Team will receive the following benefits:
 - i. USA Triathlon will cover the World Championship race registration fee.
 - ii. USA Triathlon will provide a team uniform. Sponsor logos are permitted on the uniform, but must comply with ITU specifications and are the responsibility of the athlete.
 - iii. A USAT resource will be available on race day to assist with limited coaching and administrative duties.
 - iv. Athletes recording a top 10 finish and within 5% of the winners time will be eligible for reimbursement of their flight expense; provided it was booked at a reasonable market rate upon qualification and original receipt is provided with USAT expense report within 30 days of the event.
 - v. Athletes finishing in the top-3 (*first, second, or third Place*) and within 5% of the winners time will be eligible for reimbursement of their race-related expenses (flight, hotel, bike transport), provided rates are reasonable and original receipts are provided with USAT expense report within 30 days of the race.

9. International Disclaimer

- a. These Selection Criteria are based on the latest information available to USAT, and on ITU and USAT rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in ITU or USAT rules and regulations, or other unforeseen circumstances, will be distributed to the affected athletes promptly, and USAT reserves the right to revise these Selection Criteria in such event.



**2013 Junior World Duathlon Championships
USA Junior Team Member Application**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:					
Mailing Address:					
City, State, ZIP:					
Phone:			Email:		
Date of Birth:		Age:			
Gender	M	F	Height:		Weight:

COACH INFORMATION

Name:					
Mailing Address:					
City, State, ZIP:					
Phone:			Email:		

Feel free to use additional space (back or blank page) to answer the following should you need it:

Duathlon performances: _____

Cycling performances: _____

Running performances: _____

Previous Junior ITU Worlds Duathlon team member? Y - N

If Yes, year(s) and place(s) _____

Athletic Background

Applicants must complete a profile at www.usatdevelopment.org. More information on the Athlete Profiler can be found under the Youth / Junior / U23 pages of the USAT website. Be sure to record all relevant information regarding your athletic background including Teams and Coaches, Run Times, Cycling and Duathlon Performances.

By checking this box, I confirm that I have an **up-to-date** Athlete Profile on the USAT website.

Application Process

Applications for the 2013 Junior World Duathlon Championship Team must be **received** by May 1, 2013 and should be sent via or email to: ituentries@usatriathlon.org.