



2011 ITU SPRINT DISTANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 16-19 AGE GROUP SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This 2011 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships 16-19 Age Group Selection Criteria (this "Criteria") will be used to determine the athletes who will represent the United States at the 2011 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships in Beijing, China, in September 2011 (the "Sprint World Championships"). This Criteria is designed to provide emerging athletes between the ages of 16 to 19 (as of December 31, 2011) the opportunity to continue their development by demonstrating ability at the highest level of international, non-drafting triathlon competition.

USA Triathlon ("USAT"), as the national governing body for the sport of triathlon, has elected to nominate up to eighteen (18) 16-19 year old athletes per gender for the Sprint World Championships. However, if not enough men or women, or both, satisfy the requirements set forth in this Criteria, USAT is not obligated to nominate a complete team.

The Sprint World Championships is an age-group, non-drafting, sprint distance triathlon for athletes 16 to 80+ years old. A separate draft-legal, ITU Junior Men's / Junior Women's World Championship will take place in September 2011 (referred to internationally as the ITU Junior World Championships). USAT will not nominate an athlete who intends to compete in the Sprint World Championships for the ITU Junior World Championship or vice versa.

2. Automatic Nominations

2.1. 2010 USAT Sprint National Championships

Subject to the eligibility requirements set forth in this Criteria, the first ten (10) 16 to 19 year old finishers representing the United States at the **2010 USAT Sprint National Championships**, scheduled to take place in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on September 26, 2010, will be awarded an automatic nomination to compete at the 2011 Sprint World Championships, provided each finishes within 8% of the first finisher's time in the 16-19 age group. Roll-downs will be to fifteenth (15th) place, so long as the fifteenth (15th) place finisher is within 8% of the first finisher's time in the 16-19 age group and meets all other eligibility requirements. Any spots not claimed in accordance with this Section 2.1 will be added to the discretionary pool and awarded per Section 3.

2.2. 2010 USAT Junior Elite National Rankings

Subject to the eligibility requirements set forth in this Criteria, the top eight (8) ranked athletes in the **USAT Junior Elite Nationals Rankings** as of December 31, 2010, will earn an automatic nomination to compete at the 2011 Sprint World Championships, provided they are age-eligible in 2011. Unclaimed spots will roll-down to the fifteenth (15th) ranked athlete. Any spots not claimed in accordance with this Section 2.2 will be added to the discretionary pool and awarded per Section 3.

3. Discretionary Nominations

Any spots left unallocated per Sections 2.1 and 2.2 above may be awarded at the discretion of a selection panel including the Sport Performance Manager, Athlete Development Coordinator, and the Team USA Coordinator. Discretionary nominations are subjective in nature and may be utilized to enhance an athlete's development by providing international racing experience. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised. The panel will vote on the athlete(s) subject to the eligibility requirements set forth herein and dependent upon the availability of positions. Athletes interested in a discretionary nomination must submit an athletic resume to the Athlete Development Coordinator. The panel will review applications on a rolling basis until all spots have been allocated.

4. Acceptance of Slots and Financial Obligations

Athletes earning an automatic or discretionary nomination will be notified at their email of record in the USAT membership database by the Team USA Coordinator. A non-refundable deposit ("Deposit") will be due to USAT via its online Team USA registration portal to secure one's spot.

Athletes are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and are solely responsible for all expenses associated with their participation in the 2011 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships, including the purchase of an USAT/ITU-approved official Team USA uniform. USAT does not provide supervision of minor athletes in conjunction with this team or event. Parents and/or coaches are encouraged to travel with their athletes.

5. Selection Eligibility

To be eligible for Team USA, each athlete must be eligible under all applicable rules of ITU, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), and USAT. In addition, each athlete must be a member of USAT in good standing.

6. Additional Requirements for Selection

All athletes selected to Team USA will be required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of ITU, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), USADA, and USAT; namely, and without limitation, each athlete selected to Team USA shall sign and abide by the USAT Code of Conduct, any USAT or ITU Waiver or Release, and

conform to all USAT policies and protocol regarding Team USA preparation and participation.

7. Team USA Final Selection

USAT may withhold a nomination if an athlete has not satisfied all requirements stated herein.

8. Submission of Entries

USAT will submit all entries for the competition to ITU no later than thirty (30) days prior to the 2011 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships.

9. Replacements to Sprint World Championships

If, for any reason, a position on Team USA shall become vacant, such vacancy shall roll down to the next qualified athlete, provided that the replacement athlete meets all applicable requirements set forth in this Selection Criteria, agrees to the Additional Requirements for Selection, and such 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.

10. International Disclaimer

This Selection Criteria is 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 this Selection Criteria in such event.

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