



BRITISH TRIATHLON
2011 STANDARD DISTANCE TRIATHLON
SENIOR ELITE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION POLICY

Preface

British Triathlon aims to maximise its potential to win senior international medals on the World and Olympic stage using a combination of individual and team strategies.

The European Championships is the single standalone Championship event each year for which National Federations are able to select a team which is not dependent on individual athlete world rankings.

British Triathlon intends to take advantage of this opportunity and to select a team of athletes whose primary collective objective is to win medals for Great Britain.

Both the 2011 and 2012 European Championships carry Olympic Qualification List ranking points and the winner of the 2012 Championships will secure an Olympic starting slot for their country. Therefore a second objective of the 2011 Championships is to score Olympic Qualification list ranking points and ensure that Great Britain qualifies the maximum number of quota places for the 2012 European Championships.

As selection to the Team is not dependent on individual athletes' world rankings British triathlon may also use this event to enable developing athletes to gain senior international championship experience and score ITU ranking points.

The Team will be selected using the following guiding principles:

- Athletes must be members in good standing with a Home Nation Triathlon Association, which is a member of the British Triathlon Federation (BTF);
- Athletes must be eligible to represent Great Britain in International Championships under the rules of the International Triathlon Union (ITU) from the time of selection until the completion of the competition;
- 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



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UKAD or the ITU, they must maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMs system;

- The primary objective if the Team is to win medals for Great Britain and all athlete selections will be conditional on the athlete agreeing that this objective will take precedent over other objectives, such as a conflict in Team members' race strategies during the race;
- Selected athletes must be given medical clearance from British Triathlon's Chief Medical Officer, and performance clearance from the Performance Director to confirm they are able to compete to the standard that earned them selection two weeks prior to the respective Championship;
- Athletes must not race in the 15 days prior to the respective Championship, unless otherwise approved by the Performance Director;
- Athletes will be required to sign a Team Members' Agreement to accept their place on each team. The Agreement will include a code of conduct and a commitment to attend Team camps and activities prior to the Championship, to adhere to specified travel dates, to adhere to the BTF sponsorship guidelines and to wear appropriate apparel.

A selection committee will be established comprising a minimum of three and a maximum of five members, including the BTF Board Director of Performance who will chair it, the BTF Performance Director and others who have expert knowledge of Elite international drafting triathlon. The composition of the selection committee will be reviewed and agreed by the BTF Board.

Additional experts may be asked to provide advice to the committee at the request of the Chair.

Athletes have the right to appeal selection decisions through British Triathlon's Selection Review Process. A copy of the policy outlining this process is available on the BTF website.



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<http://www.britishtriathlon.org/about/page.php?article=&category=/about/&folder=policydocuments/>

Selection Process

A male and female team will be selected up to the number of places allocated to Great Britain (five male, five female) using the process detailed below:

1. Athletes who, based on their performances in 2010 and 2011 World Championship Series races, have demonstrated they are genuine medal contenders in their respective Championship;
2. Athletes, who have demonstrated they are able to support one or more of the athletes already selected at point 1 to improve that athlete's medal winning potential;
3. Athletes who are ranked in the top 50 in the ITU Olympic Qualification List rankings at the time of their selection;
4. If after applying points 1-3 above, there are still Great Britain quota places available, the Selection Committee may select developing athletes in order for them to gain senior international championship experience and to score ITU ranking points;
5. When assessing an athlete's ability under point 2 and point 4 the selection committee will consider performances in 2010 and 2011 ITU World Championship Series races, 2010 and 2011 ITU World Cups races, the 2010 European Senior Championships and 2011 ITU Points races;
6. Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must inform the BTF Performance Director via email by March 18th 2011 (heatherwilliams@britishtriathlon.org);



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7. Except in unforeseen circumstances a Team of up to four male and four female athletes will be notified by May 2nd 2011;
8. Further athletes up to a maximum overall Team size of five male and five female athletes will be notified by May 28th 2010.

All athletes selected to the Team will be required to arrive at the Championships by 22nd June and to stay in the Team accommodation in Pontevedra from the 22nd to 26^h June. Half board accommodation will be provided and funded by British Triathlon.

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