



## The British Triathlon Multisport Squads Selection Policy

The British Triathlon Federation Elite Multisport Programme aims to support athletes who demonstrate genuine potential to win medals at ITU World Championship level in the non Olympic multisport events. For the foreseeable future the programme will concentrate on standard distance duathlon and long distance triathlon although athletes who compete in other multisport events will be considered on a case by case basis. In parallel with the multisport squad, British Triathlon will also send teams to named ITU multisport events. The level of support provided for each Championship will be found along with criteria to race in the selection policy for the event. These are published on the British Triathlon website. Although it is expected that squad athletes will be attempting to qualify for their particular World Championships, they will have to obtain selection standard and will not be automatically selected for any specific race. In the same way, non squad members can apply and be accepted onto championship teams if they meet the required selection standard.

The multisport squad and championship programme is financed by membership income from the Home Nations Associations and BTF commercial income and is not part of the UK Sport World Class Programme or Home Nation government funded talent programme.

British Triathlon would like to recognise existing World Class athletes and provide others, who demonstrate genuine medal potential, greater opportunities to become World Class Multisport athletes. There will be three squads: a professional duathlon squad, a world class long distance squad and a development duathlon squad.

Professional duathlon squad athletes will receive support for their health insurance (or equivalent) as well as opportunities to utilise the support services available at the World Class Performance Centre in Loughborough. They will also be offered the chance to join the Duathlon development squad training camps. They will be required to sign a simple athlete agreement but the commitments required from these athletes will be minimal.

Professional long distance squad athletes will receive support for their health insurance (or equivalent) as well as opportunities to utilise the support services available at the World Class Performance Centre in Loughborough. They will also be offered the chance to join the Duathlon development squad training camps but at their own cost. They will be required to sign a simple athlete agreement but the commitments required from these athletes will also be minimal.

Development duathlon squad members will be expected to attend one funded European training camp and may be offered the opportunity to attend other national camps or testing at Loughborough at their own cost. There will be opportunities for them to visit the Performance centre at Loughborough and to access agreed support services at designated times. Development squad athletes will sign an athlete agreement agreeing to these terms.

British Triathlon will also provide a small bonus pool to the winners of the World Long Distance and World Duathlon Championships in recognition of their success and the benefit they bring to the Federation and to the sport of triathlon.



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To be considered for the Professional Duathlon Squad athletes will have to fulfil the following criteria:

- 1) be a GB passport holder and be eligible to compete for Great Britain;
- 2) be a member in good standing with of one of the British Home Nation Associations;
- 3) have won medals at the Elite Senior ITU World or ETU European Championships in the past two years;
- 4) be competing in Drafting Duathlon races , or have committed to competing in these events during the current/ coming season;
- 5) show commitment to both the sport and to the aims of the British Triathlon Federation
- 6) show an ability and desire to continue to improve their performance.
- 7) be compliant with British Triathlon's anti doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. Athletes will be registered with UK Sport and, if required to do so by UK Sport or the ITU, maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system;

To be considered for the Professional Long Distance Squad athletes will have to fulfil the following criteria:

- 1) be a GB passport holder and be eligible to compete for Great Britain;
- 2) be a member in good standing with of one of the British Home Nation Associations;
- 3) either
  - a. the capacity & commitment to improve to win medals at major International Long Distance (ITU/ETU) Competitions in the next 18 months\* or;
  - b. have represented Great Britain a elite junior or Under level 23 level in triathlons or duathlon and have demonstrated a commitment to the multisport programme or;
  - c. have been a member of the BTF World Class Programme;
  - d. have won medals at the Elite Senior ITU World or ETU European Championships in the past two years;
- 4) be competing in ITU/ET LD races , and have committed to competing in these events during the current/ coming season;
- 5) show commitment to both the sport and to the aims of the British Triathlon Federation
- 6) show an ability and desire to continue to improve their performance.
- 7) be compliant with British Triathlon's anti doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. Athletes will be registered with UK Sport and, if required to do so by UK Sport or the ITU, maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system;

To be considered for the Development Duathlon Squad athletes will have to fulfil the following criteria:

- 1) be a GB passport holder and be eligible to compete for Great Britain;



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- 2) be a member in good standing of one of the British Home Nation Federations;
- 3) either
  - a. the capacity & commitment to improve to win medals at major International Duathlon Competitions in the next 18 months\* or;
  - b. have represented Great Britain a elite junior or Under level 23 level in triathlons or duathlon and have demonstrated a commitment to the multisport programme or;
  - c. have been a member of the BTF World Class Programme;
- 4) show commitment to both the sport and to the aims of the British Triathlon Federation;
- 5) be competing in Drafting Duathlon races , or have committed to competing in these events during the current/ coming season;
- 6) show an ability and desire to continue to improve their performance;
- 7) be compliant with British Triathlon's anti doping policy and hence be available for out-of-competition testing at all times. Athletes will be registered with UK Sport and, if required to do so by UK Sport or the ITU, maintain a record of their whereabouts using the ADAMS system.

\* In assessing capacity and commitment the selection committee will consider a combination of race results, training and coaching history and the emphasis on Multisport events in their overall competition programme

It is anticipated that 10-12 athletes will be selected across all squads, disciplines and genders although these places will not be utilized if there are insufficient applicants who fulfil the selection criteria.

A selection panel consisting of the BTF Director of Performance, the BTF Performance Director and invited others will select the squads.

Meeting the criteria does not guarantee selection, but merely provides the opportunity for athletes to be considered for selection.

Athletes are invited to apply for membership of the BTF Multisport Squads; applications should be sent to:

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British Triathlon Federation,  
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Loughborough,  
LE11 3WX.

Applications for the Professional Duathlon and Long Distance Squads should be accompanied with a letter outlining recent results and why the applicant wishes to be considered for the squad. Development Duathlon Squad applicants should complete the application form in full available from the multisport pages of the BTF website.

Closing date for applications is the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and athletes will be informed of the outcome by the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011.