



2010 ITU SPRINT DISTANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 16-19 AGE GROUP SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This 2010 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 2010 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, on or about September 8-12, 2010 (the “Sprint World Championships”). This Criteria is designed to provide emerging athletes between the ages of 16 to 19 (as of December 31, 2010) the opportunity to continue their athletic 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 on or about September 8-12, 2010 (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 Regional Selection Events

Subject to the eligibility requirements set forth in this Criteria, the first (1st) USA finisher at each of the ITU Sprint Distance World Championships Regional Selection Events (“Regional Selection Events”) listed below will be awarded an automatic nomination to join Team USA. In the event that the first (1st) USA finisher in a Regional Selection Event has already gained automatic selection to Team USA, or subsequently gains selection to the ITU Junior World Championships Team (the “Junior National Team”), or turns down the automatic nomination, the second (2nd)

USA finisher at said Regional Selection Event will be awarded automatic nomination to the team, provided he or she finishes within 8% of the first finisher's time in the 16-19 age group and meets all other eligibility requirements.

USAT will designate one (1) Regional Selection Event per USAT Region based on the recommendation of the Regional Athlete Development Coordinator ("RADC"). Athletes may earn automatic nomination to the team at Regional Selection Events outside of their region of residence and may compete in as many Regional Selection Events as they choose. All Regional Selection Events will take place prior to July 12, 2010.

2010 Regional Selection Events

Event/Website	City, State	Region	Date
Long Island Gold Coast www.ligoldcoasttri.com	Long Island, NY	Northeast	June 20, 2010
Philadelphia Sprint Triathlon www.phillytri.com	Philadelphia, PA	Mid-Atlantic	June 26, 2010
Buster Britton Triathlon www.team-magic.com	Birmingham, AL	Southeast	June 12, 2010
Morton Plant Mease Triathlon www.madbeachtriathlon.com	Clearwater Beach, FL	Florida	June 27, 2010
Batavia Triathlon http://bataviatriathlon.org	Batavia, IL	Mideast	June 13, 2010
Copper Creek Triathlon www.coppercreektri.com	Pleasant Hill, IA	Midwest	June 6, 2010
5430 Sprint www.5430sports.com	Boulder, CO	Rocky Mountain	June 20, 2010
Capital of Texas Triathlon www.captextri.com	Austin, TX	South Midwest	May 31, 2010
Honolulu Triathlon www.honolulutriathlon.com	Honolulu, HI	Pacific Northwest	May 16, 2010
Breath of Life Triathlon www.triforlife.com	Ventura, CA	Southwest	June 27, 2010

2.2 2010 USAT Sprint World Championships Special Qualifier Event

Subject to the eligibility requirements set forth in this Criteria, the first eight (8) USA finishers at USAT Sprint World Championships Special Qualifier Event at the Quad Cities Triathlon, held in Davenport, Iowa, on June 19, 2010, will be awarded an automatic nomination to join Team USA, provided they finish within 8% of the first finisher's time in the 16-19 age group. Roll-downs will be to tenth (10th) place only, provided the tenth (10th) place finisher is within 8% of the first finisher's time in the 16-19 age group and meets all other eligibility requirements. Information about this event is posted at <http://www.qctriathlon.com/index.html>.

2.3. Acceptance of Slots and Financial Obligations

Athletes earning an automatic nomination at the Regional Selection Event must indicate their intention to accept the slot by notifying the Team USA Coordinator at teamusa@usatriathlon.org or 719-955-2674 following the posting of official results at the event. RADCs will contact eligible athletes to confirm their status. A \$300 non-refundable deposit (“Deposit”) will be due to USAT via its online Team USA registration portal no later than July 16, 2010. Any athlete who neglects to follow these instructions and does not meet the deadlines may lose his/her eligibility.

Athletes are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and are solely responsible for all expenses associated with their participation in the 2010 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships, including the purchase of an ITU-approved official Team USA uniform.

USAT reserves the right to fill unclaimed spots via discretionary selection to further athlete development objectives after the final Team USA registration deadline for automatic qualifiers has passed. Contact Steve Kelley, USAT Athlete Development Coordinator, with questions about discretionary selection.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Team USA Final Selection

Following the Selection Events, all nominations will be reviewed by USAT’s Sport Performance Director, Team USA Manager, and Athlete Development Coordinator to ensure compliance with all requirements set forth herein. USAT may withhold a nomination if this committee finds that an athlete has not satisfied requirements.

6. Submission of Entries

USAT will submit all entries for the competition to ITU no later than thirty (30) days prior to the 2010 ITU Sprint Distance World Championships.

7. 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.

8. 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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