



## SELECTION POLICY

# ITU World Cup Competitions - 2009

### **A. INTRODUCTION**

1. This policy details the process and criteria by which Triathlon Australia (**TA**) will select athletes for nomination to the ITU to compete in ITU World Cup Competitions in 2009 (other than the Mooloolaba World Cup on 29 March, 2009 which is the subject of a separate Selection Policy.
2. The ITU determines eligibility criteria and competition rules for ITU World Cup Series Races. Under the current criteria and rules, entry to World Cup Series Races is accepted only through nomination from the National Federation.

Athletes cannot enter ITU World Cup Series Races other than through their NF.

3. This Policy can be amended at any time by TA if TA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
  - as a result of any change in ITU guidelines;
  - as a result of any change in the conditions or rules governing a particular race;
  - to give effect to the policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight;
  - any other reason determined by TA to be in the best interests of TA.

TA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

### **Eligibility for selection under this policy**

4. Selection according to the terms of this policy will not qualify an athlete for participation in an ITU World Cup if the athlete is not eligible according to the summary ITU Eligibility Rules set out at A7 below.
5. The Summary ITU Eligibility Rules set out at A7 below are as interpreted by TA, according to the rules as they exist at the date of publication of this Policy.
6. In addition to qualifying according to all of the ITU Eligibility Rules, in order to be eligible for selection according to the terms of this policy, an athlete must:
  - Be a current TA professional license holder.
  - In good standing with TA
  - Sign (when requested to do so by the HPD), and comply with the terms of, the TA High Performance Squad Agreement (2009).
7. At the time of this policy coming into effect applicable **ITU competition and eligibility rules** in relation to World Cup Series races can be summarised as follows:
  - 7.1 TA may nominate a maximum of six (6) male and six (6) female athletes to compete at an ITU Triathlon World Cup Series race.
  - 7.2 If TA conducts an Australian World Cup, as “Host” nation, it may nominate eight (8) male athletes and eight (8) female athletes.
  - 7.3 The quotas in 7.1 and 7.2, above, may be increased by the ITU if there are less than seventy (70) ITU ranked athletes nominated 30 days prior to the first competition day on the start list.
  - 7.4 The ITU only accepts nominations from National Federations (NF) and reviews the nominations against the ITU eligibility criteria.
  - 7.5 Field sizes are normally restricted to as close to a maximum of seventy-five (75) maximum as possible. In cases where more nominations are received for positions available the ITU may not accept some of the National Federation nominations
  - 7.6 The top twenty-five (25) athletes ranked from the 2009 ITU World Championship rankings, excluding those already on the start list, will be moved to the start list. For the first 3 World Cup events of 2009, the final 2008 Triathlon World Cup Series ranking will be used.
  - 7.7 The top forty-five (45) athletes ranked in the current ITU Points List among those present on the wait list will be moved to the start list.
  - 7.8 Each NF will be allowed to substitute two athletes per gender,

communicating the names of the athletes involved in the substitution to the ITU.

- 7.9 Athletes who withdraw within the last seven (7) days of the first competition day of a World Cup competition will be removed from all start lists and wait lists for events in which the athlete has been entered at the time of the athlete's withdrawal from the event
- 7.10 Athletes who are not personally present at the Athlete's Briefing and have not provided prior notification to the Technical Delegate will be removed from all start lists and wait lists for the events for which they have already been entered at the time of the briefing
- 7.11 All eligible athletes must also satisfy ITU rules regarding nationality and citizenship, which are based on the conditions laid down in the charter of the International Olympic Committee. In summary, athletes must:
- be a citizen or national of Australia; and
  - not have represented another country in the last three years.
8. TA's selection philosophy for the calendar year 2009 can be accessed on the TA High Performance Website at [www.tahp.org.au](http://www.tahp.org.au). It is the intended operation of this policy that the selection philosophy statement is not to be regarded as selection criteria. Reference is made to the document as a guide to athletes and coaches in understanding selection decisions made according to this policy.

## **B. TA SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Athletes in the ITU World Championship Gold Group, 40 days prior to the date of the event, will automatically be selected for nomination to the ITU upon receipt of an application for nomination by the due date from that athlete.
2. Athletes with a 2009 ITU World Championship ranking of between one (1) and twenty-five (25), 40 days prior to the date of the event, will automatically be selected for nomination to the ITU upon receipt of an application for nomination by the due date from that athlete. Nominations will be in priority according to the athlete's ITU World Championship ranking as set out above.
3. **Any remaining nominations for the race will be selected at the absolute discretion of the TAESC.**

Without in any way limiting its discretion, the TAESC may consider any of the following factors, or any combination of those factors, together with any other matter that is, in the opinion of TAESC consistent with the

stated philosophy of TA's high performance program<sup>1</sup>:

- Performances in 2009 ITU World Championship Series Events.
- ITU World Championship Series Eligibility Criteria.
- Ranking on current ITU Points List.
- Performances in the ITU World Championship and World Cup Races in 2008.
- Current form in races conducted over the Olympic Distance according to ITU rules.
- History of past performances in World Cup Races and 'major' Championship Races such as World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games run over the Olympic Distance according to ITU rules.
- Membership of the Australian Institute of Sport Program.
- Ability to take directions from the National Performance Director and/or Head Coach for the purpose of achieving the best possible result for TA in the particular event.
- Compatibility with the specific demands of the course for any particular/relevant event.

For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this clause that the TAESC may give whatever 'weight' that it considers appropriate to any of the above matters, or any other matter that is in its opinion relevant and consistent with the stated philosophy of TA's high performance program.

### **C. NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

1. Nominations for World Cup Events will be requested via email from the National Program Administrator (NPA) between 6-8 weeks prior to race date.
2. Athletes will have 5 days to respond via email to the identified person indicating their desire to start the WCS Event
3. Athletes are ranked by the Head Coach (HC) according to the ITU Eligibility Criteria. Automatic selections are identified by the HC.
4. All remaining positions will be selected by the TAESC according to the terms of clause B of this Policy on or about 40 days prior to the first day of competition of the relevant ITU World Cup.
5. The 2009 TAESC includes Peter Fitzgerald (TAESC Chairman), Michael Flynn (TA/AIS), Shaun Stephens (TA/AIS), Stephen Moss (QAS) and Jonathan Hall (VIS), unless otherwise agreed upon by the TA Board.
6. The HC will review the Selector's decisions, sign off on same and notify all

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<sup>1</sup> TA's high performance selection philosophy for 2009 can be accessed by the TA high performance website at [www.ta hp.org.au](http://www.ta hp.org.au) ].

athletes who had applied for selection of either their selection or non-selection.

7. The NPA is then responsible for entering the selected athletes with the ITU by the required date.

#### **D. CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATION**

1. Athletes selected for World Cups in 2009 must confirm with TA their attendance at the designated World Cup 14 days prior. This needs to be done via email to the TA NPA.

Failure to do so, at the discretion of the NPA, may result in TA passing that athlete's position on to another athlete selected by the TASEC according to the terms of this policy.

2. Any athlete withdrawing from a World Cup Event once nominated to the ITU 30 days prior to the event must contact the NPD directly and provide legitimate health or musculo-skeletal injury reasoning. The NPD reserves the right to request supporting evidence from Medical Practitioner to support an athlete's health or musculo-skeletal issue.
3. Uncommunicated withdrawals or unsupported withdrawals within the 14 day period are subject to penalties at the discretion of the NPD, including ineligibility for a stipulated number of World Championship and World Cup events in 2009.

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