



**Triathlon Australia
Selection Policy
ELITE Senior, U23 & Junior TEAM**

**2009 ITU Aquathlon World Championships (AWC)
Gold Coast, Australia
(9th September 2009)**

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This document sets out the basis on which Triathlon Australia (TA) will select its ELITE Senior, U23 and Junior Team for the ITU Aquathlon World Championship (AWC) to be held on the Gold Coast, Australia on 9 September 2009 (the TEAM).
2. This policy can be amended at any time by TA if TA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary as a result of any change in ITU Participation Rules, to give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight or for any other reason determined to be in the best interests of TA.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. The ITU Participation Rules allow TA to enter up to six males and six females in each of the elite categories (Senior, U23 and Junior) at the 2009 AWC.
2. ITU Rules determine national representation eligibility. Those eligibility rules are based on

the conditions set out in the charter of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). TA's requirements for team members are:

- i) comply with all ITU eligibility requirements¹
 - ii) be the holder of a current TA professional license (in either of the categories offered by TA²) at the time of the ITU Aquathlon World Championships (2009/2010 license); and
 - iii) be in good standing with TA and the State/Territory Triathlon Associations (STTA's)
3. To be considered for selection to the Australian U/23 Team for the 2009 AWC, Athletes must be 18-23 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2009 (ie, at least 17 years of age turning 18 years of age in 2009 and no older than 22 years of age, turning 23 years of age in 2009).
 4. To be considered for selection to the Australian Junior Team for the 2009 AWC, Athletes must be 16 - 19 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2009 (ie, at least 15 years of age turning 16 years of age in 2009 and no older than 18 years of age, turning 19 years of age in 2009).
 5. TA is not required to select the maximum number of males and females to the Elite, U/23 or Junior TEAM for AWC. Final TEAM numbers are at the discretion of the TAESC as set out in this policy.

C. TA SELECTION CRITERIA

ALL positions will be selected at the absolute discretion of the Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee ("TAESC"). This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.

Without in any way limiting its discretion when considering any athlete for selection, 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 relevant for selection in the Aquathlon World Championship Team:

- a) Performance in any elite category (Juniors/Under 23/Open) of the 2008 ITU World Triathlon Championships.
- b) Performances in 2008 and 2009 in ITU World Cup and/or World Triathlon Championship Series Event Races.

¹ Other rules apply to naturalised persons and those with dual citizenship. If there is any doubt regarding eligibility to compete for Australia please contact the TA office for clarification.

² TA offers professional licenses in the following four categories:

- Open
- International Long Course and Duathlon
- Domestic Long Course and Duathlon
- Under 23 Development

- c) Performances in international Aquathlon races in 2008 and 2009.
- d) Individual strengths in the swim and/or running disciplines
- e) Ability to WIN a medal for AUSTRALIA.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the matters set out above are not to be regarded as selection criteria. They are matters that the TAESC may consider in any combination, and in combination with any other factors or matters not listed, that in the opinion of the TAESC are relevant to the selection of an Elite team.

D. APPEALS PROCESS

The appeal process applicable to selection for ITU AWC Team (this Policy) is to be found on TA High Performance Website at www.taHP.org.au.

E. FUNDING

There **is no funding support** for athletes intending to compete in the 2009 Elite Aquathlon World Championships. Athletes are responsible for funding all areas related to competing in the 2009 World Championships, including Entry & Team Management Fees, Uniform and Travel.

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The selected team will be submitted to the Board of TA for ratification and announced in the week beginning 14 June 2009.