

**2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM
TRIATHLON AUSTRALIA
NOMINATION CRITERIA**

A. INTRODUCTION - BACKGROUND

- Triathlon Australia (TA) may only **nominate** athletes from within its sport to the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team (AOT).
- The athletes chosen by TA for nomination to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team according to the terms of the criteria will be known as the **Nomination Team**.
- The Nomination Team will be submitted to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Olympic Team.
- The AOC has the exclusive authority to **select** athletes to represent Australia at the Olympic Games.

B. NOMINATION TEAM PHILOSOPHY

- (1) TA's goal at the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing is to win the gold medal in both the men's and women's triathlon events.
- (2) TA is of the view that in order to achieve this goal at the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing athletes representing Australia must:
 - have extensive international experience in International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Cup events and ITU World Championships;
 - have proven that they have the ability to be successful in ITU World Cup races and "major" Championship races such as the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games run over the Olympic distance according to ITU rules;
 - have the ability to take direction from the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches for the purposes of achieving the best possible result for the Australian Team; and
 - show an ability to meet the specific requirements of the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing Triathlon course.
- (3) The **specific requirements** of the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing triathlon course have been determined by TA to include:
 - A probable non-wetsuit swim over a one lap course (subject to ITU Wetsuit Ruling on the day of the race);
 - A challenging bike course of a strength/endurance nature requiring significant specific preparation together with tactical and technical ability (course profile details available on request from the National Performance Director-NPD);
 - The ability to run a fast 10 kilometres on a hilly and demanding course (course profile details available on request from the NPD);
 - The ability to perform in an 'extreme' environment which will include extreme heat, humidity, smog and difficult living and training environments; and
 - The ability to take direction from the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches for the purposes of achieving the best possible result for the Australian Team.
- (4) The Men's triathlon event and the Women's triathlon event are separate events and different considerations may be relevant in choosing athletes to be nominated to the AOC (according to this Criteria) to maximise the prospects of achieving TA's stated goal at the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing.
- (5) The Philosophy and determinations made by TA as set out above will be the basis on which the TAESC will choose athletes to be nominated to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team.

C. SHADOW TEAM

- (1) TA will choose athletes from within its sport to be members of the Shadow Team. The AOC may recognise other athletes from within this sport to also be members of the Shadow Team.
- (2) TA may only nominate members of the Shadow Team to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team.
- (3) TA will advise the AOC of the athletes that it has chosen as members of the Shadow Team at such time as required by the AOC.
- (4) No athlete is eligible to be chosen or recognised as a member of the Shadow Team unless the athlete has signed the Consent to Consideration for Nomination (See Attachment 1 for form of Consent to Consideration for Nomination and Attachment 2 for Parents/Guardians Acknowledgment for Minors) and provided it to the High Performance Director at TA (PO Box 6039 Frenchs Forest DC NSW 2086).
- (5) No athlete is eligible to be chosen or recognised as a member of the Shadow Team unless the athlete meets the current ITU eligibility requirements for participation in ITU World Cup Races. Those eligibility requirements are set out in Clause 9 of the 'ITU Olympic Qualification Ranking document' which can be accessed via the ITU web site at www.competitions.org. This document by the ITU is also available at www.tahp.org.au under the Olympic Selection "tab".
- (6) **The Shadow Team will be named according to the process and criteria set out below:**

- (a) On 1 July 2007 the athletes who meet the following criteria will be automatically named in the Shadow Team:
 - Any eligible athlete who has placed first in an ITU World Cup Race during the 2006 or 2007 calendar year **and** who as of 1 July 2007 has an National Performance Table (NPT) (refer Annexure 1 for an explanation of the operation of the NPT) score of 1000 and above; or
 - Any eligible athlete who has placed in the top ten in the ITU World Championships in 2006 in the Elite Division; or
 - Any eligible athlete at or above 1200 points on the NPT.
- (b) Between 2 July 2007 and 16 April 2008 any eligible athlete with an NPT score of 1000 points or above and who places first in an ITU World Cup Race will be automatically added to the Shadow Team.
- (c) Between 2 July 2007 and 16 April 2008 any eligible Australian athlete who obtains a NPT Score of 1200 points or above will be automatically added to the Shadow Team.
- (d) At any time following 2 July 2007 the TAESC at its discretion may choose additional athletes to be added to the Shadow Team. This discretion does not have to be exercised.

Without in any way limiting the discretion of the TAESC, the TAESC will consider the following matters:

- (i) NPT score as at 1 July 2007.
- (ii) Performances in ITU World Cup races since 1 January 2007.
- (iii) NPT Score at any date after 1 July 2007.
- (iv) Current form in races run over the Olympic distance according to ITU rules.
- (v) History of past performances in World Cup races and "major" Championship races such as the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games run over the Olympic distance according to ITU rules.
- (vi) Compatibility with the specific demands of the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing triathlon course as set out in Clause B.

- (vii) The athlete's ability to take direction from the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches for the purposes of achieving the best possible result for the Australian Team;
 - (viii) The athlete's individual strengths that may enhance Australia's medal potential at the 2008 Olympic Games;
 - (ix) Overall Team balance given the other members chosen in the Shadow Team according to this policy;
 - (x) Any matter that in the opinion of the TAESC is relevant to achieving the objectives of the Nomination Philosophy.
- (7) On being named in the Shadow Team athletes will be subject to the control and supervision of the NPD as set out in Clause E(7) as relevant.
 - (8) TA will provide all athletes chosen or recognised as members of the Shadow Team with an informative précis of the AOC Selection By-Law, a copy of the Selection Criteria and this Nomination Criteria, and on the request of any such athlete, a copy of the AOC Selection By-Law and/or a copy of the Participation Criteria.

D. MAKING OF NOMINATIONS

- (1) TA will not make any nominations for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team to the AOC unless it has adopted and implemented an anti-doping policy that conforms with the World Anti-Doping Code. Nominations will not be made to the AOC after 10:00am on 4 July 2008. Any nominations made after this deadline will be invalid unless made pursuant to a direction or award in respect of an appeal against nomination or non-nomination to the TA Appeal Tribunal or the Court of Arbitration for Sport pursuant to the AOC's Selection By-Law and which appeal had been commenced prior to 10:00am on 4 July 2008.
- (2) The 10:00am on 4 July 2008 deadline for the making of nominations by the TA is absolute and mandatory and applies irrespective of any deadline prescribed under the Participation Criteria or by the Organising Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games.

E. NOMINATION OF ATHLETES

For the purposes of nomination to the AOC of individual athletes for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team, TA will:

- (1) only nominate athletes who are, or are recognised by the AOC as, members of the Shadow Team;
- (2) only nominate those athletes it honestly believes have met the requirements described in the Selection Criteria;
- (3) only nominate those athletes who have signed the athlete nomination form issued by the AOC from time to time;
- (4) not nominate more athletes than the maximum number permitted under the Participation Criteria;
- (5) not nominate athletes who have breached the AOC Anti-Doping By-Law and have had a sanction imposed which has not been completed;
- (6) only nominate those athletes who to the satisfaction of TA have qualified for nomination by virtue of the process set out below:

- (a) Nomination Positions

The TAESC will choose a maximum of three male and three female athletes in the Nomination Team.

The final number of athletes to be submitted to the AOC for selection to the Australian Olympic Team will be determined by the number of athletes qualified under the Participation Criteria.

The Participation Criteria may limit the number of athletes of either gender qualified to participate at the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing to a number less than three (3). For this reason the TAESC will rank the athletes chosen in the Nomination Team as set

out in Clause E(6)(h) (“Ranking of Athletes in the Nomination Team”) on 16 April 2008.

(b) Nomination Team

The Nomination Team will be chosen at the discretion of the TAESC according to the procedure set out below.

Without in any way limiting the discretion of the TAESC, the TAESC will consider the following matters in relation to any athlete under consideration for nomination to the AOC:

- (i) NPT score at any relevant time following the ITU Beijing World Cup on 16 September 2007.
- (ii) History of performances in World Cup Races and “major” Championship races such as the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games run over the Olympic distance according to ITU rules.
- (iii) Current form in races run over the Olympic Distance according to ITU rules.
- (iv) Compatibility with the specific demands of the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing Triathlon course as set out in Clause B.
- (v) Ability to take directions from the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches for the purpose of achieving the best possible result for the Australian Team.
- (vi) An athlete’s individual strengths that may enhance Australia’s medal potential at the 2008 Olympic Games ,Beijing.
- (vii) Overall team balance given the other nominations to be made to the AOC.
- (viii) Any matter that in the opinion of the TAESC is relevant to achieving the objectives of the Nomination Philosophy.

(c) Timeline Governing the Choice of the Nomination Team by the TAESC

Athletes may be chosen for inclusion in the Nomination Team by the TAESC on either:

- (i) 1 October 2007 or 1 December 2007 (**‘Early Nomination’**); or
- (ii) 16 April 2008.

(d) Early Nomination

Any athlete chosen in the Nomination Team by the TAESC on or prior to the 1 December 2007 (**‘Early Nomination’**) will be submitted to the TA Board for endorsement. Following the TA Board’s endorsement the TAESC decision may be made public (subject to approval by the AOC).

Following being chosen in the Nomination Team by the TAESC under this Clause E(6)(d), an athlete has a right to be nominated to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team. This right to nomination is conditional on the athlete satisfying the requirements of form and fitness as set out below in Clause E(6)(e) and complying with the ongoing obligations of Clause E(7).

If an athlete chosen as a member of the Nomination Team on or prior to 1 December 2007 fails to confirm their current form and fitness as set out in clause E(6)(e), that athlete will at the discretion of the TAESC be withdrawn from the Nomination Team. Any athlete being so removed from the Nomination Team will still remain eligible for inclusion in the Nomination Team at a later time according to the terms of the Criteria.

(e) Minimum Performances Required to Confirm Early Nomination

Any athlete nominated prior to or on 1 December 2007 must prove their fitness in 2008 by competing in one of the following 2008 ITU Regional Championships and World Cups and achieving a specific standard of performance.

- 2008 ITU Oceania Championships (Wellington, New Zealand) 9 March 2008: Top 2 if Quality of Field (QOF) is 12% and below and Top 3 if QOF is 14-16% and Top 4 if QOF is 18-20%.
- ITU New Plymouth (New Zealand) World Cup-6 April 2008: Top 5 if Quality of Field (QOF) is 10% and below and Top 8 if QOF is 12% and above.
- ITU Mooloolaba (Australia) World Cup-30 March 2008: Top 5 if QOF is 10% and below and Top 8 if QOF is 12-16% and Top 10 if QOF is 18-20%.
- ITU Ishigaki (Japan) World Cup-13 April 2008: Top 5 if QOF is 10% and below and Top 8 if QOF is 12-16% and Top 10 if QOF is 18-20%.

Athletes should note that historically, World Cup events and dates of World Cup events have been either cancelled or changed for reasons beyond TA's control. If any of the above races are cancelled or the date changed for any reason, TA may in conjunction with the AOC amend this Criteria.

(f) Finalisation of the Nomination Team

On 16 April 2008, the TAESC will;

- (i) confirm the inclusion of any athlete(s) in the Nomination Team chosen under the Early Nomination Clause; and
- (ii) choose any remaining positions available in the Nomination Team according to Clause E(6).

On or before 17 April 2008, the list of athletes chosen in the Nomination Team will be submitted by the NPD to the TA Board for endorsement as the athletes to be nominated to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team subject to all those athletes continuing to meet the ongoing obligations of Clause E(7).

On 1 July 2008, the final list of athletes chosen in the Nomination Team will be nominated by TA to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team. This nomination will include confirmation that the athlete(s) have met the ongoing obligations under Clause E(7) and that the athlete(s) have been endorsed by the TA Board.

(g) 'Reserves' to Nomination Team

The TAESC may, in its discretion, identify up to a maximum of two additional athletes (two male and two female) as Reserves to the Nomination Team. Reserves will only be chosen from the Shadow Team.

Reserves will not be part of the Nomination Team and will not be part of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team unless they replace a member of the Nomination Team or a selected athlete.

The TAESC may exercise its discretion under this Clause E(6)(g) at any time up until the AOC deadline for nominating the athletes to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing.

If the TAESC exercises its discretion to name a Reserve, the choice of that Reserve(s) will be at the discretion of the TAESC as set out in Clause E(6)(b).

If TA determines that an athlete who has been nominated to and selected by the AOC should be replaced by a Reserve athlete then:

- (i) TA will recommend to the AOC that the athlete is to be replaced; and
- (ii) should the AOC (or during the period of the 2008 Olympic Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team) determine that the selected athlete should be replaced; then
- (iii) TA may nominate a Reserve athlete for selection by the AOC (in accordance with this Nomination Criteria); and
- (iv) the AOC (or during the period of the 2008 Olympic Games, the Chef de Mission of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team) may in its absolute discretion select that nominated Reserve athlete. In exercising its discretion,

the AOC will be subject to any conditions that apply in relation to entry for the 2008 Olympic Games.

(h) Ranking of Athletes in the Nomination Team

The TAESC will rank in order of priority all athletes in the Nomination Team on 1 May 2008. The ranking will be at the discretion of the TAESC as set out in Clause E(6)(b).

Any Reserve to the Nomination Team who becomes a Nomination Team member by operation of Clause E(7) will always be ranked behind members of the Nomination Team chosen by operation of Clause E(6).

(7) **Nomination Team Subject to Control and Supervision of the NPD**

On being named in the Nomination Team athletes will be required to comply with the provisions of this Clause E(7) to the satisfaction of the NPD.

The obligations set out in this Clause E(7) where relevant also apply to members of the Shadow Team by operation of Clause C(7).

(a) Training Camps

All members of the Nomination Team, and members of the Shadow Team of whom a request to attend in writing has been made by the NPD by 15 April 2008, must attend the following Camp:

- Early-Mid May (Dates to be confirmed) 2008 in Beijing, China (3-4 days)

All athletes selected by the AOC for inclusion in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team, must attend the following Camp:

- Pre Olympic Camp (Venue TBC) (Approx 7 August 2008 until date of arrival for Olympic Games).

(b) Competition Plan

- (i) All members of the Shadow Team and the Nomination Team must submit a competition plan to the NPD for the period 1 February 2008 until the 2008 Olympic Games.
- (ii) Such competition plan must be submitted by 1 February 2008 and is subject to the approval of the NPD.
- (iii) If there is any disagreement between the submitted competition plan and the opinion of the NPD as to appropriate competition the decision of the NPD will be final.
- (iv) Once an athlete's competition plan has been submitted and approved by the NPD the athlete must follow that plan unless given written approval by the NPD.

(c) Fitness, Injury and Illness Monitoring

All athletes in the Shadow Team and the Nomination Team **must** submit to injury and medical assessment examinations and fitness monitoring as follows:

- (i) All athletes must provide the name and contact details of all their relevant health care professionals (general practitioner, sports medical practitioner and physiotherapist) to the NPD within 14 days, or such later date as agreed with the NPD, of their inclusion in either the Shadow Team or the Nomination Team.
- (ii) All athletes must submit a monthly injury and illness log, on a form provided by the NPD, to the TA Medical Director commencing 1 January 2008.
- (iii) All athletes must immediately inform the TA Medical Director of any illness or injury that could reasonably impact on the athlete's ability to

perform at the level expected of the athlete if selected to participate in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing.

- (iv) At any time between 1 May 2008 and selection by the AOC may be required to attend for a medical examination at the discretion of the National Performance Director or the Medical Director. This medical examination will be at a place and time to be determined by the NPD or the TA Medical Director taking into consideration the athlete's training, travel and competition plans.
- (v) On request from the TA Medical Director an athlete must give permission to any of their nominated health care professionals to discuss and/or disclose confidential information to the TA Medical Director in relation to their health or injury status as relevant to their performance in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing.

(d) Shadow Team or Nomination Team Member Assessed as Injured or Ill

If a Shadow Team member or a Nomination Team member is assessed as injured or ill to the extent that, in the opinion of the Medical Director, either of the following circumstances exist:

- the athlete will not be capable of performing in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing to the level at which the athlete would be expected to perform if not affected by the illness or injury in question; or
- by competing with the injury at the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing the athlete may suffer an unacceptable risk of significant short or long term medical complications,

then the Shadow team member or Nomination Team member may, at the discretion of the TAESC, be excluded from the relevant Team.

(e) Fitness Trial

If the NPD is of the view (the basis of which must be reasonable) that a Shadow Team or Nomination Team member may, by reason of injury or illness or other circumstances, no longer be capable of achieving the fitness level required by that athlete for participation in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing that athlete may be required to perform a fitness trial by the NPD. That trial may be a designated race or an arranged trial to suit the requirements of the event of the athlete whose fitness is under consideration.

If a trial is to be held as set out above, it will be at a place and time to be determined by the NPD giving consideration to the athlete's travel, training and competition schedule.

If in the opinion of the NPD the result of any trial conducted according to this Clause E(7) indicates that the athlete in question will not be capable of performing in the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing to the level at which the athlete would have been expected to perform at the time when they were included or chosen in either the Shadow Team or the Nomination Team then that athlete may, at the discretion of the TAESC be excluded from the relevant Team.

(f) Non-compliance with Additional Requirements of E(7)

All Shadow Teams and all Nomination Team members must meet the requirements and obligations set out in this Clause E(7) to the satisfaction of the NPD.

If an athlete does not meet either the requirements or obligations set out in this Clause E(7) to the satisfaction of the NPD, that athlete may be removed from the Shadow Team or from the Nomination Team at the discretion of the TAESC.

(g) Consequences of Removal from the Team

If a Nomination Team member is excluded from the Nomination Team according to the operation of discretion of the TAESC under this Clause E(7) the excluded Nomination Team member's name will not be submitted to the TA Board for final

endorsement and subsequent nomination to the AOC for selection in the 2008 Australian Olympic Team.

(h) Review of Decision of the NPD/TAESC under Clause E(7)

Any athlete aggrieved by the decision of the TAESC by operation of Clause E(7) that results in an athlete being removed from the Shadow Team or the Nomination Team may apply to TA for a review of that decision. Any application for review must be served in writing on the CEO of Triathlon Australia within 48 hours of communication to the athlete of the decision of the TAESC the subject of the review. The written notice may be sent by post (PO Box 6039 Frenchs Forest DC NSW 2086) or by email (info@triathlon.org.au).

F. Amendments to Nomination Criteria

This Nomination Criteria may be amended by TA with the approval of the AOC. The amended Criteria will be distributed by TA as follows.

- (1) Posted on the TAHP Website (www.tahtp.org.au) under the Olympic selection Policy “tab” and the Australian Olympic Committee website (www.olympics.com.au).
- (2) Distributed by the NPD and NPA via email to the TA HP Athlete List, the various AIS-SIS-SAS Programs and the State Triathlon Associations.
- (3) Distributed via Mail to all Shadow Team members.

G. Interpretation

- (1) Words used in this Nomination Criteria have the same meaning ascribed to them in the AOC’s Selection By-Law unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.
- (2) In this Nomination Criteria the following words and phrases have the following meanings:

Assistant Coach – the coach/s appointed by the AOC to the Triathlon Section of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team from time to time to undertake the responsibility of assisting the Head Coach in respect of coaching athletes for the Triathlon Section of the Australian Olympic Team.

Head Coach – the coach appointed by the AOC to the Triathlon Section of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team from time to time to undertake the responsibility of coaching, training and competition development of athletes for the Triathlon Section of the Australian Olympic Team.

HP Athlete List – the list of athletes compiled by TA of all it’s registered athletes who are holders of an open professional triathlon licence.

ITU – International Triathlon Union

NPD – National Performance Director

NPA – National Program Administrator

NPT – National Performance Table (refer Annexure 1)

Participation Criteria – ITU Olympic Participation Criteria (as amended from time to time)

QOF – Quality of Field as assessed the day prior to a race using the International Performance Table

TAESC – Triathlon Australia Elite Selection Committee comprising of a Chair (Peter Fitzgerald), the National Performance Director, the AIS Triathlon Performance Manager, the Victorian Institute of Sport Head Triathlon Coach and the Queensland Academy of Sport Head Triathlon Coach

TA Medical Director – the medical practitioner appointed by TA from time to time

Attachment 2

2008 AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

CONSENT TO CONSIDERATION FOR NOMINATION

Parents/Guardians Acknowledgement for Minors

Triathlon Australia (NF)

[insert name of athlete]

I/we, the undersigned parents/guardians of the athlete agree (and if more than one, then jointly and severally agree) as follows:

1. the athlete is under the age of 18 years as at the date of signing the agreement;
2. I/we have read and understood the AOC Selection By-Law, the AOC Selection Criteria applicable to the sport of [insert sport] (“the agreements”) and have fully explained to the athlete the terms and effects of the agreements. To this end I/we have obtained independent legal advice as to the terms and effects of the agreements in order to clarify any doubts or concerns I/we may have had in this regard;
3. the athlete has read the agreements and, together with the benefit of our full explanation, understands its terms and effects;
4. the agreements are for the benefit of the athlete; and
5. the athlete’s eligibility for being considered for nomination by the above NF for selection to the 2008 Australian Olympic Team, (“Team”), may be terminated in the event of any breach of these agreements.

Dated:

Signed by the Parent/Guardian)

In the presence of:)

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(Parent/Guardian’s signature)

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(Witness’ signature)

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(Name of Witness)

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(Name of Parent/Guardian)

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(Address of Witness)

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(Address of Parent/Guardian)

Annexure 1
NATIONAL PERFORMANCE TABLE EXPLANATION DOCUMENT

2004-2008

Background:

The National Performance Table (NPT) was implemented in 2001, and has been fundamental in the selection of teams and squads for International competitions up to and including 2004.

Nevertheless, with the forever evolving sport of triathlon across the globe, the need to constantly revise, improve and expand the function of the NPT is deemed necessary.

To this end, based on feedback from both athletes and coaches, a major revision of the NPT is proposed.

The philosophies and general principles governing the operation of the NPT will not change.

Essentially, the NPT will remain an objective measure against which results in relevant races by all athletes can be rated.

NPT:2001 -2004

The NPT between 2001-2004 operated as follows:

[1] Considered ONLY an athlete's best 3 performances in a 12 month period [eg:2 March 2003 – 1 March 2004]

[2] All ITU sanctioned ODT races were included [Olympics, Worlds, World Cups, ITU Points Races, National Selection Events, National Events]

[3] Quality of Field [QOF] of each event was assessed based on the ITU Rankings proceeding the event

[4] QOF governed the scoring capacity of events. Events were grouped together [e.g. 14-19% World Cups represented a particular score]

Revision of the NPT for 2005-2008

Three primary differences exist in the revised NPT ranking system for 2005 - 2008.

(1) The table will be expanded to include more individual placings and quality of fields, allowing a more accurate reflection of performance.

(2) Athletes will no longer receive NPT points for ITU points races. The table will include performances in the following primary competitions:

- Olympic Games
- Commonwealth Games
- World Championships
- ITU World Cups
- National Selection and/or National ODT Events
- Five ITU Regional Championship Events ie:Oceania

Furthermore, in an effort to allow developing athletes (U23s) to access points, performances in the following events will also receive points:

- U23 Regional and
- U23 World Championship events
- National ODT Events

(3) The quality of field of races will be determined based on the **NPT ranking system**, as compared to the ITU world ranking system. This will allow Triathlon Australia to rank all international athletes using the NPT system and calculate a QOF based over a 12-month period and on three of the athlete's best races. In effect, Triathlon Australia will be running an International Performance Table in conjunction with the National Performance Table.

Explanation:

Apart from the revisions stated above, the table will operate in the same manner in which it has done so for the past 3 years.

The following provides a brief summary of how the rankings will be calculated with these changes.

(1) Only an athlete's highest points from a maximum of three (3) races will count during any twelve (12) month period for the purposes of the athlete's National Performance Table Ranking List. This is a "rolling" period.

(2) The NPT will continue to rank events in order of importance. Percentage bonuses will be added on top of the maximum NPT points for Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and World Championships. Furthermore, a percentage subtraction will be calculated for National Selection and/or National ODT Events, Regional Championships, as well as U23 World and Regional Championships. For example, the maximum points available for a first place finish in the following events are as follows (500 points is maximal NPT points – based on 20% QOFs):

- Olympic Games – 50% bonus (ie. 750 points)
- Commonwealth Games – 40% bonus (ie. 700 points)
- World Championships – 30% bonus (ie. 650 points)

- ITU World Cup – No bonus (ie. 500 points)
- National Selection Event – minus 10% (ie. 450 points)
- U23 World Championship – minus 30% (ie. 350 points)
- National ODT Events – minus 40% [ie. 300 points]
- International Regional Events – minus 40% (300 points)
- U23 Regional Championship – minus 60% (ie. 200 points)

(3) Events are weighted for purposes of quality of field on the Table by reference to the number of athletes ranked top 20 in the NPT who started in that event.

(4) Quality of field is calculated for the purposes of the Table for any particular event by multiplying the number of NPT Top 20 Ranked Athletes who started in that event by 2. For example;

- 10 NPT Top 20 ranked athletes started the event = 20% Q/F;
- 7 NPT Top 20 athletes started the event = 14% Q/F;
- 3 NPT Top 20 ranked athletes started in the event = 6% Q/F.

The maximum quality of field ranking for any event is 20% (i.e., a 20% field contains 10 or more NPT Top 20 ranked athletes).

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