



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

**2009 ITU Duathlon World Championships (DWC) Concord, North
Carolina
(26th September 2009)
10 km Run / 40 km Cycle / 5 km Run**

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This document sets out the basis on which Triathlon Australia (TA) will select its ELITE Senior, U23 & Junior Team for the ITU Duathlon World Championships (DWC) to be held in Concord, North Carolina on 26 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 DWC.
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 eligibility requirements for TEAM members are;

- i) comply with all ITU eligibility requirements¹;
 - ii) hold a current 2009/2010 TA Professional International Long Course and Duathlon Licence (or a Professional U23 Development Licence if appropriate);
 - iii) be in good standing with TA and the State/Territory Triathlon Associations (STTA's);
 - iv) complete and forward an application for selection in the TEAM to Karen Higgs, National Program Administrator [karen@triathlon.org.au] on or before 12 June 2009².
3. To be eligible for selection to the Australian U/23 TEAM for the 2009 DWC, Athletes must be 18-23 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2009. (i.e. 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 eligible for selection to the Australian Junior TEAM for the 2009 DWC, Athletes must be 16 - 19 years of age with age determined on 31 December 2009. (i.e. 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 Senior, U/23 or Junior TEAM for DWC. Final TEAM numbers are at the discretion of the TAESC as set out in this policy.

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Any eligible athlete, who placed in the Top 5 in the 2008 ITU DWC in either the ELITE Senior, U23 or Junior categories will be **automatically selected** in the TEAM in the category in which that athlete achieved the top five place, subject to those athletes meeting the current ELIGIBILITY requirements for the relevant category. For the avoidance of any misunderstanding an athlete who finished top five in the junior category of the 2008 ITU DWC will only be automatically selected by operation of this Clause C1 in the TEAM if the athlete is still eligible to compete in the junior category of the 2009 ITU DWC.
2. After allocation of automatic selections according to the operation of C1 above, any remaining 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.
3. In exercising its discretion, the TAESC may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the TAESC, relevant for consideration when selecting an Elite Duathlon World Championship Team.

Without in any way limiting the discretion of the TAESC as set out immediately above the TAESC may consider the following:

- a) Performance in the 2008 ITU Duathlon World Championships.

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 Application forms can be obtained from STTAs, TA and from the TAPH website (www.taph.org.au).

- b) Performances in the 2007 & 2008 Triathlon World Championships in the elite divisions.
- c) Performances in the 2008 & 2009 ITU World Cups & 2009 ITU World Championship Series races.
- d) Performances in international Duathlon races over the past two years (2008/2009).
- e) Ability to win a medal for Australia at DWC.
- f) Immediate current form.

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 Duathlon World Championship team.

D. APPEALS PROCESS

The appeal process applicable to selection for ITU DWC TEAM (this Policy) is to be found on TA High Performance Website at www.ta hp.org.au.

E. FUNDING

There **is no funding support** for athletes selected to compete in the 2009 DWC. 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 announcement in the week beginning 28 June 2009.