

Qualification criteria for the ETU Triathlon European Championships

YOUTH: National Federations may name their National Youth Triathlon Team for the team relay event based on the following qualification criteria:

- a) **NF's quota:** Every National Federation has the right to enter two (2) teams of three (3) athletes per gender to the European Championships.

JUNIOR: National Federations may name a maximum of five (5) men and five (5) women to their National Junior Team based on the following qualification criteria:

- a) **NF's quota:** Every National Federation has the right to enter two (2) athletes to the European Championships.
- b) **Previous European Championships:** Based on the number of athletes the NF had in the previous year's European Championships results:
 - i. If the NF had three (3) or more athletes in the top 15 of the previous year, they will be allowed an additional three (3) entries.
 - ii. If the NF had three (3) or more athletes in the top 30 of the previous year, they will be allowed an additional two (2) entries.
 - iii. If the NF had two (2) athletes in the top 30 of the previous year, they will be allowed an additional one (1) entry.
- c) **Host Nation:** The Host National Federation has the right to enter one (1) more athlete per gender, but not above the five (5).
- d) **Invitations:** Invited athletes may be awarded starting positions by ETU upon application from their NF no later than 20 days prior to the European Championships. ETU shall have the sole authority to award any or the entire invited athlete-starting positions.

U23: National Federations may name a maximum of six (6) men and six (6) women to their National U23 Team based on the following qualification criteria:

- a) **NF's quota:** Every National Federation has the right to enter three (3) athletes to the European Championships.
- b) **Previous European Championships:** Based on the number of athletes the NF had in the previous year's European Championships results:
 - i. If the NF had three (3) or more athletes in the top 15 of the previous year, they will be allowed an additional three (3) entries.
 - ii. If the NF had three (3) or more athletes in the top 30 of the previous year, they will be allowed an additional two (2) entries.
 - iii. If the NF had two (2) athletes in the top 30 of the previous year, they will be allowed an additional one (1) entry.
- c) **Host Nation:** The Host National Federation has the right to enter one (1) more athlete per gender, but not above the six (6).
- d) **Invitations:** Invited athletes may be awarded starting positions by ETU upon application from their NF no later than 20 days prior to the European Championships. ETU shall have the sole authority to award any or the entire invited athlete-starting positions.

ELITE:

- 1) **Establish the country team maximum size.** The maximum number of triathletes per country is obtained adding
 - a) A. One to these countries presents in the top ten in the previous year Championship
 - b) B1. One to these countries with one triathlete in the top 125 of the ITU World Ranking.
B2. Two to these countries with two or more triathletes in the top 125 of the ITU World Ranking.
 - c) C1. One to these countries with one triathlete in the top 125 of the ETU European Ranking.
C2. Two to these countries with two or more triathletes in the top 125 of the ETU European Ranking.
 - d) Therefore the country limit goes from 1 to 5.

- 2) **Determine the athletes who gain spots for their National Federations:**
 - a) Group 1. The triathletes present in the top ten of the previous year Triathlon European Championships gain one place for their countries. If there are not enough places to allocate the remaining places to complete the number of ten they will be added to next group.
 - b) Group 2. The first 25 triathletes in the ITU World Ranking, once deleted from this list the non European Triathletes and those who have gained a place in the group 1, gain one place for their countries. If there are no enough places to allocate the remaining places to complete the number of twenty-five they will be added to next group.
 - c) Group 3. The first 25 triathletes in the ETU European Ranking, once deleted from this list those who have gained a place in the groups 1 and 2, gain one place for their countries. If there is no enough places to allocate the remaining places to complete the number of twenty-five will be added to group 1, beginning the process again.
 - d) Group 4. Invitations. The ETU EB has wild cards to complete 75 names in the start list. All affiliated countries can ask for wild cards, without limitation in names. The wild cards cannot lift the size of any team up to five Triathletes.

- 3) **Elegibility**
 - a) The National federations can select the team without any limitation.

- 4) **Unused places.**
 - a) The countries may decide no to complete the total number of places gained, in this case unused places returns to group 4, increasing the number of wild cards.

5) Timetable

30 days prior of the race	Determination of team sizes, and triathletes eligible
20 days prior of the race	Last day to receive wild card petitions
20 days prior of the race	Answer of the countries indicating the number of Triathletes competing
15 days prior of the race	EB decision on wild cards

AGE-GROUP: National Federations may name their National Age-Group Triathlon Team based on the following qualification criteria:

- a) **NF's quota:** Every National Federation has the right to enter twenty (20) athletes per 5-year age category per gender automatically to the European Championships.
- b) **Host Nation:** The Host National Federation has the right to enter twenty-five (25) athletes per 5-year age category per gender automatically to the European Championships.