



**TRIATHLON ZIMBABWE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TZ ATHLETES
TO THE 2021 SA CHAMPS and 2021 AFRICA CHAMPS**

2021 SA CHAMPS: Durban

It is proposed to have a 'participation & performance' based criteria which qualifies athletes in the U13, U15, U17 and U19 age group categories as **ELIGIBLE** to attend the SA Champs in 2021. Eligibility will be determined by:

1. **In the U13 category:**
 - a **minimum of 4** races must be completed in the 2020/2021 season, 1 of which must be a **qualifying time based** race result in 2021.

2. **In the U15, U17 and U19 categories:**
 - a **minimum number of 10 points** must be acquired from a graded-points for position-based system available in **7 designated selection events** through the 2020/2021 season.
 - an athlete's results from **all the designated selection events** in which they participate will count.
 - in categories where numbers are small, a **qualifying-time criteria** will be applied in order for the athlete to attain their position points.

3. A 'Selectors' Discretionary Criteria' clearly laid out in this document which allows for possible inclusion of borderline eligibility cases *.

AGE GROUPS FOR 2020/2021 SEASON: Determined by age as at **31 December 2021**

2020	SELECTION EVENTS FOR U13 AGE GROUP	Must complete a minimum of 4 events in 2020/2021 & achieve the set qualifying time in 1 of the*designated 2021 events
20 September	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	
04 October	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	
08 November	3. Mt Pleasant Pool	
13 December	4. PENHALONGA	
2021		
17 January	5. Borrowdale Brook Tri	
24 January*	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	Girls qualifying time: 49:00 Boys qualifying time: 46:00
07 February*	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	Girls qualifying time: 49:00 Boys qualifying time: 46:00
21 February*	8. TROUTBECK	Girls qualifying time: 59:00 Boys qualifying time: 56:00
21 March	SA CHAMPS (Durban)	
09 April	AFRICA CHAMPS (Egypt)	

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND POINTS SYSTEM FOR U15, U17 & U19 CATEGORIES

- 1) Eligibility is based on attaining a **MINIMUM** of **10** points available from 7 selection events.
- 2) The **Penhalonga & Troutbeck** events carry **specifically weighted position-based points**.
- 3) Local (Mt Pleasant Pool) events in 2021 are points weighted more than in 2020
- 4) Where there are only **1 or 2** competitors in the **U15, U17 or U19** category, to gain the respective position-based points in that event their finish time must be within the set qualifying time for their respective category as set out below:

2020	SELECTION EVENTS FOR U15, U17, U19	POINTS per category rewarding 1st - 12th place	Notes
20 September	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	
04 October	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	
08 November	3. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	
13 December	4. PENHALONGA	6,4,3,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	
2021			
24 January	5. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3	
07 February	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3	
21 February	7. TROUTBECK	10,6,5,4,3,3,3,3,3,3,3,3	National Champs / Africa Cup, Zim results only
21 March	SA CHAMPS (Durban)		
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QUALIFYING TIMES - required for small categories with only 1-2 competitors:

- a. For MT PLEASANT POOL events - to gain the respective position-based points their finish time must be within the set qualifying time for their respective category:

U15 girls qualifying time: 44:00 U15 boys qualifying time: 41:00
U17 girls qualifying time: 1h22:00 U17 boys qualifying time: 1h15:00
U19 girls qualifying time: 1h20:00 U19 boys qualifying time: 1h10:00

- b. For PENHALONGA and TROUTBECK events - to gain the respective position-based points their finish time must be within the set qualifying time for their respective category:

U15 girls qualifying time: 53:00 U15 boys qualifying time: 49:00
U17 girls qualifying time: 1h29:00 U17 boys qualifying time: 1h22:00
U19 girls qualifying time: 1h27:00 U19 boys qualifying time: 1h17:00

*** Selectors' Discretionary Criteria for borderline athletes:**

1. *The selectors will **only** review the eligibility of athletes who finish on **9 points** after the 7 selection events.*
2. *If the athlete's finish time in the super-sprint event is within **15 sec** of the qualifying time for any of the selection events in 2020 then he/she may receive an extra 1 point.*
3. *If the athlete's finish time in the selection sprint event is within **30 sec** of the qualifying time for any of the selection events in 2020 then he/she may receive an extra 1 point.*

DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Disciplinary / Not in good standing with TZ, ATU or ITU

APPEALS PROCEDURE

1. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Selection Committee within 24hrs of the athlete eligibility list announcement.
2. All appeals will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in line with the published Selectors' Discretionary Criteria.
3. Where a selector has a vested interest in the appeal, the relevant selector will recuse himself/herself and in this case or any other in which a selector is unavailable, then he/she will be replaced by a TZ board member appointed by the TZ Chair.
4. **The decision of the Selection Committee is final and with NO onward recourse to the Executive Board.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NON-RESIDENT ATHLETES TO ENTER SA CHAMPS IN TZ TEAM

A non-resident Zimbabwean athlete can be considered for eligibility * based on either:

1. Placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at their respective foreign 'Provincial' Champs in the 2020/2021 season (provided there are 4 or more athletes in the respective age category).
2. Submitting results of three (SA Champs age group equivalent distance) races he/she has completed in the period 1 October 2020 - 22 February 2021.

** These will be considered at the discretion of the Triathlon Zimbabwe Selection Committee*

Note - to be considered for eligibility, the athlete is required to give Triathlon Zimbabwe a minimum of one month's notice prior to the SA Champs

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE 2021 AFRICA TRIATHLON CHAMPS – Egypt

Eligibility for the 2021 AFRICA CHAMPS SQUAD will be based on an athlete being of minimum 15 years of age and attaining **one** of the following:

1. A finish time within the qualifying time standard (QTS) set for their respective age-group at the 2021 Troutbeck event (as set out below.)
2. A finish time at the 2021 SA Champs within 10% of the relevant category winner's time.
3. A wild card entry to facilitate a full Zimbabwe team for the Mixed Team Relay event.

Qualifying Time Standards (QTS) – Troutbeck Event

<i>Super-sprint</i>	<i>Super-sprint</i>
U15 Boys: 48:00	U15 Girls: 53:00
<i>Sprint</i>	<i>Sprint</i>
U17 Boys: 1hr:15	U17 Girls: 1hr:24
U19 Men: 1hr:14	U19 Women: 1hr:20

At the 2021 Africa Triathlon Champs there will be the following events:

- 15-17 category (super-sprint)
- U19 category (sprint) - *ITU points awarded*
- Mixed Team Relay

Options and conditions of eligibility:

- 15 yr olds race in the 15-17yr age group Super-Sprint event.
- 16-17 yr olds have the option to race in the 15-17 Super-Sprint * or the U19 sprint event ** but importantly the following conditions apply:
** to qualify for the 15-17yr super-sprint they will need to attain **at the U17 category sprint distance** level either the QTS set for Troutbeck or the 10% of winner's time for SA Champs performance.*

*** to qualify for the U19yr sprint event they will need to attain **at the U19 category sprint distance** level either the QTS set for Troutbeck or the 10% of winner's time for SA Champs performance.*

MIXED TEAM RELAY (Olympic Qualifier event):

- The Mixed Team Relay team will compete as 2 male and 2 female athletes selected from those who qualify for Africa Champs selection, with the option of 1 male + 1 female reserve.
- If 2 male + 2 female athletes do not qualify, the National Coach will recommend 1 or 2 athletes to the TZ Selectors for a **wild card entry** based on performance at Troutbeck / SA Champs.
- The National Coach will decide the composition of the final relay team prior to the Mixed Team Relay event in Egypt based on athlete performance.

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