



## TRIATHLON ZIMBABWE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### for 2023 SA CHAMPS (U17 & U19) and 2023 AFRICA CHAMPS (U15, U17, U19)

#### **2023 SA TRIATHLON CHAMPS – Nelson Mandela Bay, 18 March 2023**

It is proposed to have a ‘participation & performance’ based criteria which qualifies athletes in the U17 and U19 age group categories as **ELIGIBLE** to attend the SA Champs in 2023. Eligibility will be determined by:

1. In the U17 and U19 categories:
  - a **minimum number of 10 points** must be acquired from a graded points for position-based system available in **8 designated selection events** through the 2022/2023 season.
  - an athlete’s results from **all the designated selection events** in which they participate will count and there is **one compulsory event**.
  - in categories where numbers are small, a **qualifying time criterion** will be applied in order for the athlete to attain their position points.
  
2. A ‘Selectors’ Discretionary Criteria’ \*\* allows for possible inclusion of borderline eligibility cases.

**AGE GROUPS FOR 2022/2023 SEASON:** Determined by age as at **31 December 2023**

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND POINTS SYSTEM FOR U17 & U19 CATEGORIES**

- 1) Eligibility is based on attaining a **MINIMUM** of **10** points available from 8 selection events.
- 2) The **Penhalonga** event is a **compulsory event for selection** and carries weighted position points.
- 3) Where there are only **1 or 2** competitors in the **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:

<b>2022</b>	<b>SELECTION EVENTS FOR U17, U19</b>	<b>POINTS per category rewarding 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> place</b>
11 September	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
09 October	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
13 November	3. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
27 November	4. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
<b>10 December</b>	<b>5. PENHALONGA (compulsory event)</b>	<b>3,3,3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2</b>
<b>2023</b>		
15 January*	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,3,3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
05 February*	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
05 March*	8. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
18 March	<b>SA Jnr CHAMPS – Nelson Mandela Bay</b>	
01 April	<b>TROUTBECK</b>	
? October	<b>AFRICA CHAMPS – Date &amp; Venue TBC</b>	

## QUALIFYING TIMES - required for small categories with only 1-2 competitors:

- a. To gain the respective position-based points in categories with 1 or 2 competitors, their finish time must be within the set qualifying time for their respective category:

**U17 girls qualifying time: 1h23:00**

**U17 boys qualifying time: 1h16:00**

**U19 girls qualifying time: 1h21:00**

**U19 boys qualifying time: 1h11:00**

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

1. The selectors will **only** review the eligibility of athletes who finish on **9 points** after the 8 selection events.
2. 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 2022/2023 then he/she may receive an extra 1 point.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at their respective foreign 'Provincial' Champs in the 2022/2023 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 2022 – 05 March 2023.

*\*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 notice prior to the SA Champs*

## DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

- Disciplinary / Not in good standing with Triathlon Zimbabwe, Africa Triathlon Union or World Triathlon

## 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.**



## 2023 AFRICA TRIATHLON CHAMPS – October 2023 (date TBC)

Eligibility for the 2023 AFRICA CHAMPS SQUAD will be primarily based on an athlete being minimum 14yrs of age who attains one of the following:

1. Records a finish time within 10% of the relevant category winner's time at the relevant 2023 SA Champs.
2. Records a finish time within 10% of the relevant category winner's time at the 2023 Troutbeck Triathlon.
3. Is granted a wild card entry for the Mixed Team Relay event.

\*\*There is also a laid down 'Selectors Discretionary Criteria' for athletes with borderline qualifying times.

Selection will be done for the following 2023 Africa Triathlon Champs events:

- Junior Super-sprint (U15yr and U17yr)
- Junior Sprint (16-19yr)
- Mixed Team Relay

*Options and conditions of eligibility:*

- **U15yr Super-sprint**  
*to qualify for the U15 Super-sprint the athlete is required to attain either:*
  - a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2023 Youth SA Champs
  - a finish time within 10% of U15 category winner's time at the Troutbeck Triathlon
- **U19yr Sprint**  
*to qualify for the U19 Sprint the athlete is required to attain either:*
  - a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2023 SA Champs (Nelson Mandela Bay)
  - a finish time within 10% of U19 category winner's time at the Troutbeck Triathlon
- **16-17yr olds** have the option to race in the U17 Super sprint\* or the U19 Sprint event\*\* at the Africa Champs but importantly the following criteria apply:
  - \*to qualify for the U17 Super-sprint they need to attain at the U17 category Sprint distance level either:
    - a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2023 SA Champs (Nelson Mandela Bay)
    - a finish time within 10% of U17 category winner's time at the Troutbeck Triathlon
  - \*\*to qualify for the U19 Sprint event they need to attain at the U19 category Sprint distance level either:
    - a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2023 SA Champs (Nelson Mandela Bay)
    - a finish time within 10% of U19 category winner's time at the Troutbeck Triathlon

**\*\*Selectors' Discretionary Criteria for athletes with borderline qualifying times:**

1. *The selectors will review the eligibility of athletes whose finish time in the Super-sprint event is within 15 sec or in the Sprint event is within 30 sec of the above qualifying times for the age-group specific selection events.*
2. *At the selectors' discretion the athlete may then be considered for Africa Champs selection.*

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 (aged 15yrs and older) do not qualify, the National Coach will recommend 1 or 2 athletes to the TZ Selectors for a **wild card entry** based on their performance at SA Champs or the Troutbeck Triathlon.
- The National Coach will decide the composition of the final relay team prior to the Mixed Team Relay event based on athlete current performance.

**DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- Disciplinary / Not in good standing with Triathlon Zimbabwe, Africa Triathlon Union or World Triathlon

**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.**