



TRIATHLON ZIMBABWE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for 2023 SA YOUTH CHAMPS (U13 & U15)

2023 SA TRIATHLON YOUTH CHAMPS – 18 February 2023, Venue TBC

Triathlon Zimbabwe has a 'participation & performance' based criteria which qualifies athletes in the U13 and U15 age group categories as **ELIGIBLE** to attend the SA Youth Champs in 2023. Eligibility determined by:

1. **In the U13 category:** attaining a minimum of 10 points available from 8 selection events through the 2022/2023 season or attaining the designated qualifying time in one of the 2023 selection events.
2. **In the U15 category:** attaining a minimum of 10 points available from 8 selection events through the 2022/23 season, with one event (Penhalonga) being a compulsory selection event.
3. A 'Selectors' Discretionary Criteria' ** clearly laid out in this document which allows for possible inclusion of borderline eligibility cases in the U15 category.

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR U13 CATEGORY

	SELECTION EVENTS FOR U13 AGE GROUP	POINTS per category rewarding 1 st - 12 th place	*Qualifying time (only required if athlete does not achieve 10 points)
2022			
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	
10 December	5. PENHALONGA	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2	
2023			
08 January*	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	Girls: 50:00 Boys: 47:00
15 January*	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1	Girls: 50:00 Boys: 47:00
05 February*	8. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1	Girls: 50:00 Boys: 47:00
18 February	SA YOUTH CHAMPS		
01 April	TROUTBECK TRIATHLON		

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND POINTS SYSTEM FOR U15 CATEGORY

- 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-based points.
- 3) Local (Mt Pleasant Pool) events in 2023 are points weighted more than in 2022
- 4) Where there are only **1 or 2** competitors in the **U15** 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:

2022	SELECTION EVENTS FOR U15 Category	POINTS per category rewarding 1st - 12th place
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
10 December	5. PENHALONGA (compulsory event)	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
2023		
08 January*	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
15 January*	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
05 February*	8. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
18 February	SA Youth CHAMPS – Venue TBC	
01 April	TROUTBECK TRIATHLON	
? October	AFRICA CHAMPS – Date & Venue TBC	

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:

U15 girls qualifying time: 44:00

U15 boys qualifying time: 42:00

****Selectors' Discretionary Criteria for borderline U15 category 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 Super-sprint event is within **15 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 1st, 2nd or 3rd 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.**