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THIS DOCUMENT OUTLINES THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR:

2024 SA YOUTH CHAMPS, SA JUNIOR CHAMPS & 2024 AFRICA CHAMPS

2024 SA YOUTH TRIATHLON CHAMPS for U13 and U15 – Maselspoort, 03 March 2024

2024 SA JUNIOR TRIATHLON CHAMPS for U17 and U19 – Gqeberha (PE), 07 April 2024

Triathlon Zimbabwe has a ‘participation & performance’ based criteria which qualifies athletes in the U13, U15, U17 and U19 age group categories as **ELIGIBLE** to attend the relevant SA Champs in 2024.

AGE GROUPS FOR 2023/2024 SEASON: Determined by age as at **31 December 2024**

ALL ATHLETES MUST BE PAID UP MEMBERS OF TRIATHLON ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION

U13 & U15 CATEGORIES – Eligibility for SA Youth Champs is based on:

- attaining a **minimum of 10 points** acquired from a graded points for position-based system in 8 designated selection events through the 2023/2024 season.
- **or** in **U13** category by attaining the *U13 **qualifying time** at **one of the 2024 selection events**.
- **Note** that where there are only 1 or 2 competitors at an event in the **U15** category at Mount Pleasant events & Penhalonga event, then a *U15 **qualifying time** will apply to gain the **position points for that race**.

	SELECTION EVENTS FOR U13 & U15 AGE GROUPS	POINTS per category for 1st - 12th place
2023		
22 October*	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
29 October*	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
05 November*	3. Springvale House School	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
19 November*	4. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
02 December*	5. PENHALONGA (compulsory event for U15)	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
2024		
14 January*	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
28 January*	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1
04 February*	8. Mt Pleasant Pool	4,3,2,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1
17 February	9. TROUTBECK NATIONALS	
03 March	SA YOUTH CHAMPS Maselspoort	<i>Africa Tri Qualifier U15</i>

***QUALIFYING TIMES:**

U13 Girls 50:00, U13 Boys 47:00 (apply to 2024 events if attain less than 10 points in U13)

U15 Girls 44:00, U15 Boys 41:00 (apply to Mt Pleasant pool events & Penhalonga event * where only 1 or 2 competitors in U15)

U17 & U19 CATEGORIES – Eligibility for SA Junior Champs is based on:

- Attaining a **minimum of 10 points** acquired from a graded points for position-based system in 10 designated selection events.
- The **Penhalonga** event is a **compulsory event for selection, and** carries weighted position points.
- Where there are only **1 or 2** competitors in the **U17 or U19** category, to gain the respective position-based points at Mt Pleasant Pool based events & Penhalonga event, their finish time must be within the set qualifying time* for their respective category.
- A ‘Selectors’ Discretionary Criteria’ ** allows for possible inclusion of borderline eligibility cases.

2023	SELECTION EVENTS FOR U17, U19 AGE GROUPS	POINTS per category for 1st - 12th place
22 October*	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
29 October*	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
05 November*	3. Springvale House School	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
19 November*	4. Mt Pleasant Pool	2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
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17 February	9. TROUTBECK NATIONALS	4,3,3,2,2,2,2,1,1,1,1
03 March*	10. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,3,3,2,2,2,2,1,1,1,1
07 April	SA JUNIOR CHAMPS - Gqeberha (PE)	<i>Africa Tri Qualifier U17, U19</i>

***QUALIFYING TIMES – required to gain points will apply for small categories with only 1-2 competitors at Mt Pleasant Pool events & Penhalonga event (but NOT at Troutbeck):**

U17 girls: 1h23:00 U17boys qualifying time: 1h16:00

U19 girls: 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 **10** 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 2023/2024 then he/she may receive an extra 1 point.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADULT AGE-GROUPERS TO ENTER THE SA AGE-GROUP STANDARD DISTANCE TRIATHLON CHAMPS IN GQEBERHA (PE) – 7 April 2024

- Eligibility will be based upon an athlete attaining a 1st, 2nd or 3rd position in their respective age category at **any of the STANDARD DISTANCE TRIATHLON EVENTS** held on the Zimbabwe Triathlon calendar in **2024**.

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 2023/2024 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 2023 – 03 March 2024.

**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 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.**



2024 AFRICA TRIATHLON CHAMPS (U15, U17, U19) – Egypt 31 May / 1 June

Eligibility for the **2024 AFRICA CHAMPS SQUAD** will be primarily based on an athlete being a minimum of 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 2024 SA Champs.
2. 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.
3. Consideration being given under the default criteria, whereupon an athlete having been selected for the relevant 2024 SA Champs is unable to complete that event then becomes eligible to be considered for selection if they recorded a finish time within 10% of the category winner's time at Troutbeck.

Selection will be done for the following 2024 Africa Triathlon Champs events:

- Youth SuperSprint (U15yr and U17yr)
- Junior Sprint (16-19yr)
- Mixed Team Relay

Options and conditions of eligibility:

- **U15yr SuperSprint**
to qualify for the U15 SuperSprint the athlete is required to attain:
a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2024 Youth SA Champs
- **U19yr Sprint**
to qualify for the U19 Sprint the athlete is required to attain:
- a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2024 SA Junior Champs
- **16-17yr olds** have the option to race in the U17 SuperSprint* or the U19 Sprint event** at the Africa Champs but importantly the following criteria apply:

**to qualify for the U17 SuperSprint they need to attain at the U17 category sprint distance level:*
- a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2024 SA Junior Champs

***to qualify for the U19 Sprint event they need to attain at the U19 category Sprint distance level:*
- a finish time within 10% of category winner's time at the 2024 Junior SA Champs



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

1. *The selectors will review the eligibility of athletes whose finish time in the SuperSprint event is within 15 sec or in the Sprint event is within 30 sec of the above qualifying standards 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 the relevant 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.

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2024 AFRICA TRIATHLON CHAMPS (EGYPT): ADULT AGE-GROUP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for an adult age-group athlete to race for Zimbabwe at the Africa Triathlon Championships will be based upon the athlete being a Zimbabwean citizen, a paid-up member of Triathlon Zimbabwe and submitting to Triathlon Zimbabwe official evidence of:

- recording a finish time within 10% of the relevant category winner's time at the 2024 SA Age-Group Champs.
- if not based in Zimbabwe, then recording a finish time within 10% of the relevant category winner's time at their locality's Provincial or National Age-Group Champs in 2024.

Eligibility for entry will be solely at the discretion of the Triathlon Zimbabwe Selection Committee and confirmation by the Triathlon Zimbabwe Board.



2024 WORLD TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADULT AGE-GROUP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for an adult age-group athlete to race for Zimbabwe at the World Triathlon Championships will be based upon the athlete being a Zimbabwean citizen, a paid-up member of Triathlon Zimbabwe and submitting to Triathlon Zimbabwe official evidence of:

- recording a finish time within 10% of the relevant category winner's time at the 2024 SA Age-Group Champs or the 2024 Africa Age-Group Champs.
- if not based in Zimbabwe, then recording a finish time within 10% of the relevant category winner's time at their locality's Provincial or National Age-Group Champs in 2024.

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