

**THIS DOCUMENT OUTLINES THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR:**

**2026 SA YOUTH CHAMPS, 2026 SA JUNIOR CHAMPS, 2026 AFRICA TRIATHLON JUNIOR CHAMPS, 2026 AFRICA TRIATHLON YOUTH CHAMPS**

**2026 SA YOUTH TRIATHLON CHAMPS for U13 and U15 – Benoni, 7-8 March**

**2026 SA JUNIOR CHAMPS for U17 and U19 – Nelson Mandela Bay, 29 March**

**2026 AFRICA TRIATHLON JUNIOR CHAMPS - El Galala, Egypt, 13-15 February**

**2026 AFRICA TRIATHLON CHAMPS (AG, Youth & Elite) – Hurghada, Egypt – 8-10 October (CRITERIA TO BE CONFIRMED)**

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** Youth or Junior Triathlon Champs in 2026.

**AGE GROUPS FOR 2025/2026 SEASON:** Determined by age as at **31 December 2026**

**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 2025/2026 season.
- **or** in the **U13** category, by attaining the \* **U13 qualifying time** at **one of the 2026 selection events**.
- **Note** that where there are only **1 or 2** competitors at an event at **Mount Pleasant** in the **U13** or **U15** category then a \* **qualifying time** will apply to gain the position points for that race – see qualifying times below.
- A ‘Selectors’ Discretionary Criteria’ \*\* allows for possible inclusion of borderline eligibility cases.

<b>2025</b>	<b>SELECTION EVENTS FOR U13 &amp; U15 AGE GROUPS</b>	<b>POINTS per category for 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> place</b>
12 October *	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
26 October *	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
9 November	3. Springvale Triathlon (Ryan Collett Memorial)	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
23 November *	4. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
06 December	5. <b>PENHALONGA</b>	4,4,4,3,3,3,2,2,2,2,2
<b>2026</b>		
11 January *	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
25 January *	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
8 February *	8. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
07-08 March	<b>SA YOUTH CHAMPS- Benoni</b>	<b>Africa Champs Qualifier U15</b>
14 March	<b>Troutbeck National Championships</b>	<b>Africa Champs Qualifier U15</b>
8–10 October	<b>Africa Triathlon Champs – Hurghada, Egypt</b>	<b>CRITERIA TO BE CONFIRMED</b>

**\*QUALIFYING TIMES – required to gain points will apply for small categories with only 1-2 competitors at Mt Pleasant Pool events:**

**UNDER 13:    GIRLS: 50:00                      BOYS: 47:00**

**UNDER 15:    GIRLS: 44:00                      BOYS: 41:00**

**\*\*Selectors' Discretionary Criteria for borderline athletes in the U13 & U15 categories:**

1. The selectors will **only** review the eligibility of athletes who finish on **9 points** after all the selection events.
2. If the athlete's finish time in the selection Super sprint event is within **15 sec** of the qualifying time for any of the selection events in 2025/2026 then he/she may receive an extra 1 point.

**U17 & U19 CATEGORIES – Eligibility for 2026 SA Junior Champs is based on:**

- Attaining a **minimum of 10 points** acquired from a graded points for position-based system over **8** designated selection events.
- 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, their finish time must be within the set **qualifying time** \* for their respective category – see below.
- A ‘Selectors’ Discretionary Criteria’ \*\* allows for possible inclusion of borderline eligibility cases.

<b>2025</b>	<b>SELECTION EVENTS FOR U17, U19 AGE GROUPS</b>	<b>POINTS per category for 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> place</b>
12 October *	1. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
26 October *	2. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
9 November	3. Springvale Triathlon (Ryan Collett Memorial)	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
23 November *	4. Mt Pleasant Pool	1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1
06 December	5. <b>PENHALONGA</b>	4,4,4,3,3,3,2,2,2,2,2
<b>2026</b>		
11 January *	6. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
25 January *	7. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
8 February *	8. Mt Pleasant Pool	3,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2
<b>13–15 February</b>	<b>Africa Triathlon JUNIOR Champs, El Galala, Egypt</b>	<b>YOG Qualifier</b>
14 March	<b>Troutbeck National Championships</b>	<b>Africa Champs Qualifier For U17 YOUTH SuperSprint</b>
29 March	<b>SA JUNIOR CHAMPS – Nelson Mandela Bay</b>	<b>Africa Champs Qualifier For U17 YOUTH SuperSprint</b>
8–10 October	<b>Africa Triathlon Champs – Hurghada, Egypt - FOR U17 YOUTH SuperSprint</b>	

**\*QUALIFYING TIMES – required to gain points will apply for small categories with only 1-2 competitors at Mt Pleasant Pool events:**

**UNDER 17: GIRLS: 1hr23:00 BOYS: 1h16:00**

**UNDER 19: GIRLS: 1hr21:00 BOYS: 1h11:00**

**\*\* Selectors’ Discretionary Criteria for borderline athletes in U17 & U19 categories:**

1. The selectors will **only** review the eligibility of athletes who finish on **9 points** after all the 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 2025/2026 then he/she may receive an extra 1 point.

**AFRICA TRIATHLON JUNIOR CHAMPS, El Galala, Egypt – 13-15 FEBRUARY 2026**

**eligibility is based on :**

- a) Participation in a minimum of **3** out of the **5** Selection races in **2025 and**
- b) Achieve **8** points from **6** Selection races up to and including the Selection race on **11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**
- c) **IN CONJUNCTION WITH** points a) and b) above, the following times must be achieved at **any** Mount Pleasant Selection event up to and including the Selection race on **11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

**Mount Pleasant Times:**

**UNDER 17:    GIRLS: 1hr21:00      BOYS: 1hr14:00**

**UNDER 19:    GIRLS: 1hr19:00      BOYS: 1hr09:00**

- ONLY ATHLETES WHO ACHIEVE THE **U19 QUALIFYING TIME** WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WEAR THE ELITE TRISUIT
- U17 ATHLETES WHO ACHIEVE THE **U17 QUALIFYING TIME** WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WEAR THE AGE GROUP TRISUIT

**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.**

**ALL ATHLETES MUST BE PAID UP MEMBERS OF TRIATHLON ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION**