

BAHAMAS TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION (BTA)

SELECTION POLICY

FOR JUNIORS & YOUTH

CARIFTA September 2020

A) INTRODUCTION

- I)** This selection policy (Policy) details the process and criteria by which The Bahamas Triathlon Association Board (BTA) will select U23, Juniors (16-19) and Youths (11-15) as part of the Bahamas National Team (TEAM) for the 2020 CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships.
- II)** According to the 2020 CARIFTA Summons, BTA may select the following to represent The Bahamas in Bermuda:
 - a) Triathlon: FIVE (5) males and FIVE (5) females per age group
 - b) Aquathlon: FIVE (5) males and FIVE (5) females per age group
 - (i) Neither this Policy nor the Summons requires BTA to select the maximum of five males and five females for CARIFTA. Final TEAM numbers are at the absolute discretion of the BTA Executive Board as set out in this Policy.
- III)** If a selected TEAM member withdraws, is withdrawn or is declared unfit to continue as a TEAM member, the BTA may replace that TEAM member with a further selection made under clause E below. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.
- IV)** This Policy can be amended at any time by the BTA if the BTA is of the opinion that such an amendment is necessary for any of the following reasons:
 - a) as a result of any change in eligibility criteria or rules;
 - b) as a result of any change in the rules governing a particular race/event;
 - c) to give effect to the Policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight; or
 - d) to clarify any ambiguity or otherwise give effect to the intended meaning of the Policy.

BTA shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone as a result of any such amendment.

B) ELIGIBILITY

- I) The CARIFTA Summons determines national representation eligibility and the BTA’s eligibility requirements for TEAM members are that they:
 - a) be a citizen of The Bahamas, or be a resident of The Bahamas of at least 6 months;
 - b) Age groups will be determined based on age at December 31 of the competition year;
 - c) be a current financial member of the BTA;
 - d) have acquired personal accident insurance;
 - e) participate in at least one of the BTA’s qualifying events as an individual;
 - f) participate as an individual in a qualifying event which has been approved in advance by the BTA;
 - g) follow the BTA mandated training regime once selected for the team.

C) CARIFTA QUALIFIERS

- I) Athletes can automatically qualify for the TEAM by right of performance in the following Qualifying Races:
 - a) Beautiful Bahamas Triathlon – Feb. 29th/Mar. 1st, Jaws Beach
 - b) Potcakeman Triathlon – Mar. 29, Jaws Beach
 - c) Bahamas National Triathlon Championships – May 2nd/May 3rd, Jaws Beach
- II) Individuals may qualify and compete in both triathlon and aquathlon events.
- III) Following allocation of automatic TEAM positions under clause E below, any remaining TEAM positions may be selected at the discretion of the BTA as set out in clause E below.

D) RANKING/POINT SYSTEM

- I) The BTA point system is very straight forward. Athletes can earn points by participating and finishing races. Points are awarded to every athlete that participates in one of the races listed under Clause C, and finishes 10th place or better. The amount of points awarded depends on the position the athlete finishes in, as can be seen in the below table.

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- II) Your ranking is decided by the following criteria. Out of the THREE (3) events, you will drop your lowest score. You will then take the total of your top TWO (2) events and divide it by the number of events completed. This number is your average points which will then determine ranking. The highest number gets the highest ranking. If there is a tie in points, the person with the best head to head results will get the higher ranking and if that is also a tie, the person with the most recent better results will win. For example: If athlete A only competes in 1 event and places third, he will get 8 points divided by 1 (1 event) for a total of 8 points. If Athlete B competes in 2 events and places 2nd and 3rd he will get 9 + 8 points for a total of 17 divided by 2 (2 events) for an average of 8.5. If athlete C competes in 3 events and comes in 1st, 3rd and 5th, he will drop the event where he placed 5th, take the points from the other two events 10+8 = 18 divided by 2 for an average of 9.

E) AUTOMATIC SELECTIONS

- I) After all of the qualifying THREE (3) events have been completed, the BTA will rank the athletes using the above point system. The top THREE (3) athletes in each triathlon age group will automatically be selected for the 2020 Carifta Team. The top ONE (1) athlete in each aquathlon age group will automatically be selected for the 2020 Carifta Team. It will be at the BTA's discretion whether the remaining positions will be filled.

F) ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

- I) The BTA will advise the TEAM members of their selection. The BTA must be able to demonstrate to the qualifying participants' reasonable satisfaction that the process under this Selection Policy was properly followed in determining selections.
- II) The selected team will be announced on May 31, 2020.

G) FUNDING

- I) There is no funding support for athletes intending to qualify in local or overseas events. Athletes are responsible for funding all areas related to competing in qualifying events, including entry fees and travel expenses if required.
- II) In the event that the BTA is able to secure competition funding, or the Team conducts fundraising activities, the allocation of such funds will be subject to a separate policy.

H) POLICY ENQUIRIES

- I) All enquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the President, Mr. Dorian Roach at president@bahamastrathlon.org or Secretary, Lori Roach at secretary@bahamastrathlon.org

The Bahamas Triathlon Association
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