

BAHAMAS TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION (BTA) SELECTION POLICY FOR JUNIORS & YOUTH

CARIFTA (Bahamas)



A) INTRODUCTION

- I) This selection policy (Policy) details the process and criteria by which The Bahamas Triathlon Association Board (BTA) will select U21, Juniors (16-19) and Youths (11-15) as part of the Bahamas National Team (TEAM) for the CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships.
- II) According to the CARIFTA Summons, BTA may select the following to represent The Bahamas:
 - 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- III) If a selected TEAM member withdraws, is withdrawn or is declared unfit to continue as a TEAM member, the BTA may replace that TEAM member with a further selection based on rankings. 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 BTA National Championships as an individual;**
 - f) follow the BTA mandated training regime once selected for the team.

C) RANKING/POINT SYSTEM

- I) There will be separate triathlon and aquathlon qualifying events. Points will be awarded for each event entered.
- II) 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 any Carifta Qualifying event and finishes 8th 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
Points	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

- III) Your ranking is decided by the following criteria. You will take the points from your best race. 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 best head to head results from Nationals will get the higher ranking.

D) 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 at the end of the month having the last qualifying event.

E) 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.

F) POLICY ENQUIRIES

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

The Bahamas Triathlon Association

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