



## Welsh Triathlon Inter Regional Championship Team

### Selection Policy 2017

#### Objective

The objective of this policy is to select the IRC team to represent Wales at the 2017 Inter Regional Championships. The championship will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Welsh Triathlon will be entering a team in the IRC's and the following places are available:

Category	Age	Boys Selected	Girls Selected
Tri Star 2	11-12	3 athletes	3 athletes
Tri Star 3	13-14	3 athletes	3 athletes

One non-travelling reserve athlete for each category and gender will also be selected by the panel.

#### The IRC selection panel

The IRC selection panel will consist of:

- Welsh Triathlon Pathways Manager (chair)
- Welsh Triathlon Performance Coach
- Welsh Development Academy Coach
- Welsh Triathlon Development Manager (independent non-voting)

In the case of a conflict of interest declared by the Pathways Manager, Performance coach or Development Academy coaches, the Welsh Triathlon Development Manager will replace the affected member as a voting member of the panel.

The TriStar co-ordinators will not play an active role in the selection process beyond supplying the results of TriStar series races.

#### 1. Eligibility

To be eligible to represent the Wales region at the 2017 Inter Regional Championships athletes must;

- 1.1. Be a Welsh Triathlon member who either lives within the Wales region or is an active member of a Welsh Triathlon affiliated club within Wales. Athletes may only represent one region in any one year.

- 1.2. Athletes or representatives that wish their child to be considered for selection for the Welsh IRC team must ensure they are competing in the Welsh TriStar series and have completed **two or more** races before the Parc Bryn Bach Triathlon on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017.

## **2. Selection Criteria**

The Welsh Triathlon IRC selection policy for 2017 is as follows:

- 2.1. Tristar 2 (11-12): The first two eligible finishers (boys and girls) at the selection event on 2nd July at the Park Bryn Bach Triathlon.
- 2.2. Tristar 3 (13-14): The first two eligible finishers (boys and girls) at the selection event on 2nd July at the Park Bryn Bach Triathlon.
- 2.3. The third team member and the non-travelling reserve for the TriStar 2 and TriStar 3 categories in each gender will be selected at the sole discretion of the IRC selection panel, taking in to consideration athletes' performances from the 2017 Welsh Triathlon TriStars Series, up to and including the Parc Bryn Bach Triathlon on 2nd July 2017.
- 2.4. No other race results or performances will be taken into consideration by the panel at this stage, other than those specified in the selection criteria above.

## **3. Discretion regarding an in-race accident, injury or on alternative medical grounds:**

- 3.1. In the event of accident or injury during the race a written report may be filed with the chair of the selection panel: [louisrichards@welshtriathlon.org](mailto:louisrichards@welshtriathlon.org) by or on behalf of the athlete within 24hrs of the finish of the race, explaining mitigating circumstances and providing evidence from previous performances.
- 3.2. Any medical grounds must be supported at the time or within 24 hours of submission by a Medical Doctor's report. If this is upheld a projected result will be considered. Appropriate grounds for consideration will usually be those deemed to be outside of the athlete's own control.
- 3.3. Any appeal will be considered at the discretion of the selection panel and an appeal will only be upheld if there is a significant weight of evidence which suggests that an athlete would have met the automatic selection criteria.

## **Notification of Selection and Appeals**

Athletes will be notified of their selection by 5pm on Friday 7th July 2017,

Selected athletes or their representatives must confirm receipt of their selection email and accept their place on the team by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Similarly, any appeals should be made in writing within this same window and sent to [admin@welshtriathlon.org](mailto:admin@welshtriathlon.org).

Appeals can only be made against due process not being followed and not the decision of the selection panel.

## **Information and queries**

In the run up to the IRC selection event, any queries or requests for further information can be sent to Louis Richards, Welsh Pathways Manager at [louisrichards@welshtriathlon.org](mailto:louisrichards@welshtriathlon.org).

## **Appendix One: Guiding Principles and Conditions of Selection**

The goal of the team is to provide an appropriate development opportunity for the best young athletes in the region, to perform to the best possible level at the IRCs, and to compete in a manner that aligns with the values and philosophies of Welsh Triathlon.

1. Athletes must be members in good standing with Welsh Triathlon, with Wales declared as their region on their membership.
2. Athletes must be compliant with BTF's anti-doping policy.
3. In the event of injury, selected athletes must be cleared by the IRC Team Manager (To be appointed) to confirm that they remain able to compete to the standard that earned them selection.
4. **Athletes and parents/guardians are reminded that in the process of registering for the Welsh TriStar Race Series and IRC Qualification process are required to abide by the TriStars code of conduct and the British Triathlon Code of Conduct at all times in relation to this process. Any breach of this code will result in the withdrawal of the offer of selection.**
5. The selection panel will not enter into any further correspondence or justification of discretionary selection decisions. By registering interest in selection for the team, it is accepted that the decision of the selection panel is objective, final and may not be subject to appeal at any level.
6. To comply with Welsh Triathlon's safeguarding policy, athletes under the age of 18 should ensure that they copy a parent in when emailing. Like-wise the panel will follow the same procedure.

## **Appendix 2: Event Cancellation**

In the event of the cancellation of the IRC qualification race at Parc Bryn Bach, or that it is modified to an event other than a triathlon (i.e. duathlon/aquathlon), there will be no automatic qualification and the policy will revert directly to selection at the discretion of the panel, relying solely on the results of the 2017 TriStar Race series up to that point.