PARATRIATHLON
SELECTION CRITERIA

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List of abbreviations and terms

AC Para	Appeal Committee for Paratriathlon
BAS	Belgian arbitration commission for sport
BC	Belgian Championship
Be3	Belgian Triathlon
Be3 PSC	Belgian Triathlon Paratriathlon Selection Committee
BOIC	Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee
BPC	Belgian Paralympic Committee
EG	European Games
EC	European championship
ETU	European Triathlon Union
GsV	G-Sport Vlaanderen vzw
LHF	Ligue Handisport Francophone
TRI GF	World Triathlon Championship Series Grand Final
LF3	Ligue Francophone de Triathlon asbl
NT	National Team
OG	Olympic Games
Quota	The maximum number of starting slots per country as defined by TRI
SD	Standard Distance (Olympic distance)
TL	Team Leader designated as responsible for a particular race
TRI	World Triathlon
WCH	World Championship
WPC	World Triathlon Para Cup
WTPS	World Triathlon Championship Para Series
3VL	Triatlon Vlaanderen vzw

General criteria:

- Athletes wishing to join the international triathlon competition circuit must be sure their international classification is certified and up to date and at least 3 months for Physical and Visual Impairments prior to the international competition.
    - More information on classification procedures can be found here for the Ligue Handisport Francophone LHF or here from G-Sport Vlaanderen (GsV).
    - The contact person for classification in Belgium is Elena Brovarnaya Elena.Brovarnaya@triathlon.be.
- Athletes must hold a competition license at 3VL or LF3.
- Be able to present a valid sports medical certificate (ECG & PPE) in accordance with TRI medical rules. The attestation must be delivered by e-mail to the GsV or LHF point of contact at least 45 days prior to the first competition.

- Athletes requiring specific exemptions for prosthesis, bike adaptation, knee brace, etc., must also have completed the necessary documentation as listed on the TRI website.
    - For assistance with specific exemption documents and to submit forms, please send an email to Elena Brovarnaya Elena.Brovarnaya@triathlon.be.
- Be of Belgian sport nationality as provided by TRI.
- Meet the TRI eligibility criteria (athlete agreement and anti-doping regulations), as outlined on the website www.triathlon.org
- Meet the specific Be3 selection criteria.
- Be medically fit to be selected for the competitions listed below.

Inscription procedure:

Athletes must send their intention to race by email to the respective technical directors **at least 45 days prior** to the date of the race. Late entries run the high risk of no longer being able to start.

Athletes affiliated to the Ligue Francophone de triathlon (LF3) must send an email to the following persons:

- Claire Michel (technical director LF3) claire.michel@LF3.be with
- Jonathan Libert (responsible for triathlon at LHF) in copy jonathan.libert@handisport.be

Athletes affiliated to Triathlon Vlaanderen must send an email to the following persons:

- Maarten De Wilde (technical director 3VL) maarten.de.wilde@triatlon.vlaanderen with
- Tim Maeyens (responsible for triathlon at GsV) in copy tim.maeyens@gsportvlaanderen.be

Athletes will be registered as long as they have met the general criteria and priority will be established in accordance with the specific criteria outlined below.

Note: selection for an international race does not necessarily equate to funding for the event.

"Name Switch" policy:

The Name Switch policy applicable for all World Triathlon Para Series, World Para Cup, Continental Championships.

If a higher ranked athlete is not racing a particular event, there is the possibility to use a name switch for another athlete who may not have a World Ranking high enough to enter the start list on their own.

There is **only one (1) name switch available** per gender per event. The higher ranked athlete and the athlete receiving the name switch do *not* have to be from the same para classification (I.e. A PTS2 name switch can be used for a PTWC or PTS5 for example).

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Start lists are produced every Tuesday 30 days prior to the race. The BE3 SC can request a name switch only until the following Thursday evening (18h00), two days later. No name switches can be done after this time period.

In case multiple para-athletes are eligible for the single Name Switch opportunity, the BE3 SC will assign priority based on the following factors: first priority for athletes achieving the A criteria, then B, then C, then D.

Specific criteria:

Selection of para-triathletes for international races will use the following order of priority. An athlete's selection for a TRI race may still be subject to the total number of quota places made available per category, per race in accordance with the rules of World Triathlon. Athletes competing in categories represented at the paralympic games will have priority.

A priority:

1. Athletes achieving a podium in a World Championship or Paralympic Games in the previous two (2) years.
2. Athletes achieving a podium in a World Triathlon Para Series (WTPS) race in the previous two (2) years*
    a. *On condition that there are a minimum of 3 participants in the category and the athlete's time is within a 10% margin of the winner's time.

B priority:

1. Athletes have earned a status of Elite and Espoir/Belofte Athlete via the BPC or LHF
2. Athletes have earned a status of Jeune Talent via le LHF or Talent with GsV

C priority:

1. Athlete is Belgian Champion in his/her respective categories AND
2. Athletes achieve the reference times on 400m swim + 3000m run, with a 2% tolerance margin on the cumulative times. (Times listed below and also on the respective websites of the 3VL and LF3 as well as more info on next Test Days).

D priority:

1. Athlete selection is a discretionary decision based on an athlete's proximity to swim/run times, years of experience in the sport and age/development potential and the need to obtain international classification.

a. This decision will be made by the selection committee composed of members of the LHF, GsV, LF3 and 3VL.

Note: This selection criteria does not apply to the Paralympic Games, wherein separate qualification criteria will be established by the Belgian Paralympic Committee (BPC).

Appeal Procedure:

Athletes may appeal the decisions of the Be3 PSC within five (5) working days of notification of the selection by the Leagues (LF3 & 3VL). The appeal shall be addressed by email to secretary.general@triathlon.be and putting in copy the respective League: for 3VL (info@triatlon.vlaanderen) or for LF3 (contact@lf3.be) and after payment of 100€ deposit to the account of Be3. Account number: BE45 0013 5794 1089.

The AC Para is composed of:

- The responsible Be3
- The responsible of LHF
- The responsible GsV
- The responsible LF3
- The responsible 3VL

If the athlete is vindicated by the AC Para, the Be3 PSC's decision will be reviewed and the deposit refunded.