

Barbados Federation of Island Triathletes (BFIT) Selection Policy for Juniors & Youths

CARIFTA 2018, September 29 & 30

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This selection policy (Policy) details the process and criteria by which The Barbados Federation of Island Triathletes (BFIT) will select Juniors (16-19) and Youths (11-15) as part of the Barbados Team (TEAM) for the 2018 CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships.
2. According to the 2018 CARIFTA Summons, BFIT may select the following to represent Barbados in Junior & Youth categories in these events:
 - a. Triathlon: FIVE (5) males and FIVE (5) females per age group
 - b. Aquathlon: FIVE (5) males and FIVE (5) females per age group

Neither this Policy nor the Summons requires BFIT to select the maximum of five males and five females for CARIFTA. Final TEAM numbers are at the absolute discretion of the BFIT Executive as set out in this Policy.

3. If a selected TEAM member withdraws, is withdrawn or is declared unfit to continue as a TEAM member, the BFIT may replace that TEAM member with a further selection made under clause E below. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.
4. This Policy can be amended at any time by the BFIT if the BFIT 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.

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

B. ELIGIBILITY

The CARIFTA Summons determines national representation eligibility and the BFIT's eligibility requirements for TEAM members are that they:

- i. be a citizen of Barbados;

- ii. be a resident of Barbados of at least one year;
- iii. Age groups will be determined based on age at December 31 of the competition year;
- iv. be a current financial member of the BFIT;
- v. have acquired personal accident insurance through the BFIT or another recognized Federation or Insurer;
- vi. participate in at least one of the BFIT's qualifying events as an individual;
- vii. participate as an individual in a qualifying event which has been approved in advance by the BFIT;
- viii. follow the BFIT mandated training regime once selected for the team.

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Athletes can automatically qualify for the TEAM by right of performance in the following Qualifying Races:
 - i. BFIT Kids Series Race #4 – 7:00 am, Aquatic Centre, March 25, 2018;
 - ii. BFIT Kids Series Race #5 – 7:00 am, Aquatic Centre, May 20, 2018;
 - iii. BFIT Kids Series Race #6 – 7:00 am, Aquatic Centre, July 08, 2018;
 - iv. Refer to Appendix A for the qualifying distances and the competition distances
2. Individuals may qualify and compete in both triathlon and aquathlon events.
3. Following allocation of automatic TEAM positions under clause D below, any remaining TEAM positions may be selected at the discretion of the BFIT as set out in clause E below.

D. AUTOMATIC SELECTIONS

1. For CARIFTA 2018 - Any Barbados Junior (16-19), any Youth (11 to 15) athlete who achieves a time in any one of the Qualifying Events (i, ii,iii) in their age group which ranks in the top 3 fastest times and is below the time cap will be automatically selected to the TEAM, so long as that athlete continues to meet the eligibility requirements set out in clause B.

2. The time caps for triathlon are:
 - a. Ages 16-19 – Male 45 minutes, Female 50 minutes
 - b. Ages 13-15 – Male 35 minutes, Female 40 minutes
 - c. Ages 11-12 – Male 30 minutes, Female 35 minutes

3. The time caps for aquathlon are:
 - a. Ages 16-19 – Male 25 minutes, Female 25 minutes
 - b. Ages 13-15 – Male 15 minutes, Female 15 minutes
 - c. Ages 11-12 – Male 10 minutes, Female 10 minutes

E. DISCRETIONARY POSITION(S)

1. Athletes can qualify for the TEAM on a discretionary basis through performance in the following Pre-Approved Qualifying Races:
 - i. BFIT Age Group Sprint, Barbados – TBD;
 - ii. Caribbean Championships, Miami – May 20, 2018;
 - iii. Rainbow Cup Tobago - June 9, 2018;

2. After allocation of any automatic selection positions as per clause D above, any remaining TEAM positions (up to the maximum allowed by the CARIFTA Summons) may be selected at the discretion of the BFIT. This discretion is absolute and it need not be exercised.

3. In exercising its discretion, the BFIT may consider any factor, or combination of factors that is, in the opinion of the BFIT, relevant for consideration when selecting the TEAM.

Without in any way limiting the discretion of the BFIT as set out immediately above the BFIT may consider the following:

- (a) Performance at the Qualifying events Pre-Approved Qualifying events named above;
- (b) Performance in the six months period before June 17, 2018 and
- (c) An athlete's ability to medal as determined by BFIT

For the avoidance of any doubt, the matters set out above are not to be regarded as automatic selection criteria.

4. The BFIT has the discretion to name a reserve or reserves for the TEAM at any time prior to the 2018 selection. **This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised.**

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. The BFIT will advise the TEAM members of their selection. The BFIT must be able to demonstrate to the qualifying participants' reasonable satisfaction that the process under this Selection Policy was properly followed in determining selections.
2. The selected team will be announced on June 21, 2018.

H. FUNDING

1. 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 fee and travel if required.
2. In the event that the BFIT is able to secure competition funding, or the Team conducts fundraising activities, the allocation of such funds will be subject to a separate policy.

I. POLICY ENQUIRIES

1. All enquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the President, Mr. Darren Treasure or Secretary, Lynne Wright at triathlonbarbados@gmail.com.

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APPENDIX A - CARIFTA Qualifying and Competition Distances

Triathlon	Qualifying Distances Swim, Bike, Run	Competition Distances Swim, Bike, Run
11-12	150m, 5.25km, 1.25km	200m, 7.5km, 1.5km
13-15	200m, 7.5km, 2km	400m, 10km, 2.5km
16-19	400m, 9.75km, 2.75km	750m, 20km, 5km
Aquathlon	Swim, Run	Swim, Run
11-12	150m, 1.25km	250m, 1.5km
13-15	200m, 2km	500m, 2.5km
16-19	400m, 2.75km	1000m, 5km