

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

## CARIFTA 2020, Clearwater Beach, Southside, Bermuda 26-27th, September 2020

### A. INTRODUCTION

1. This selection policy (Policy) details the process and criteria by which The Barbados Federation of Island Triathletes (BFIT) will select Juniors (16-21) and Youths (11-15) as part of the Barbados Team (TEAM) for the 2020 CARIFTA Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships.
2. According to the 2020 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 If a selected TEAM member withdraws, is withdrawn or is declared unfit to continue as a TEAM member, the BFIT may replace that TEAM member with a further selection made under clause E below.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 or be a resident of Barbados of at least one year;

- ii. Age groups will be determined based on age at December 31 of the competition year;
- iii. be a current financial member of the BFIT;
- iv. have acquired personal accident insurance through the BFIT or another recognized Federation or Insurer;
- v. participate in at least one of the BFIT's qualifying events as an individual;
- vi. participate as an individual in a qualifying event which has been approved in advance by the BFIT;
- vii. 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 #3 – 7:00 am, Aquatic Centre, March 15, 2020;
  - ii. BFIT Kids Series Race #5 – 7:00 am, Aquatic Centre, May 17, 2020;
  - iii. 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 2020 - Any Barbados Junior (16-21), any Youth (11 to 15) athletes who achieves a time in any one of the Qualifying Events as per section C 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 16-21 – Male 40 minutes, Female 45 minutes
  - b. Ages 13-15 – Male 30 minutes, Female 35 minutes
  - c. Ages 11-12 – Male 22 minutes, Female 25 minutes

3. The time caps for aquathlon are:
  - a. Ages 16-21 – 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 with consideration being given to performances in the following Pre-Approved Races:
  - I. Rainbow Cup Tobago - June 8, 2019;
  - II. Port St. Charles Age Group Sprint & Try-a-Tri - June 30, 2019;
  - III. Barbados National Triathlon Championships, Barbados – October 13, 2019;
  - IV. AUA Rohrman, Antigua – March 7, 2020;
  - V. Caribbean Championships, Miami – May 15-16, 2020;
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) Performances at the Qualifying events Pre-Approved races named above;
- (b) Performance in the six months period before June 15, 2020 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 2020 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 1, 2020.

## **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](mailto:triathlonbarbados@gmail.com).

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## APPENDIX A - CARIFTA Qualifying and Competition Distances

<b>Triathlon</b>	<b>Qualifying Distances Swim, Bike, Run</b>	<b>Competition Distances Swim, Bike, Run</b>
11-12	150m, 5.25km, 1.25km	200m, 7.5km, 1.5km
13-15	200m, 7.5km, 2km	375m, 10km, 2.5km
16-19	400m, 9.75km, 2.75km	750m, 20km, 5km
<b>Aquathlon</b>	<b>Swim, Run</b>	<b>Swim, Run</b>
11-12	150m, 1.25km	250m, 1.5km
13-15	200m, 2km	500m, 2.5km
16-19	400m, 2.75km	1000m, 5km