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## SELECTIONS U23 - ELITE 2024

BELGIAN TRIATHLON

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## List of abbreviations

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BAS	Belgian arbitration commission for sport
BCT	Appeal committee top sports
Be3	Belgian Triathlon
Be3 SC	Be3 Selection Committee
BO Be3	Governing Body Be3
BOIC	Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee.
EG	European Games
EC	European Championships
ETU	European Triathlon Union
ETU cup	European cup competition for elites
ETUJ	European cup competition for juniors
GF	World Triathlon Series Grand Final
IM	Ironman
LF3	Ligue Francophone de Triathlon asbl
OG	Olympic Games
TRI	World Triathlon
WC	World cup Standard Distance
WCH	World Championships
WTCS	World Triathlon Championship Series
YOG	Youth Olympic Games.
U19	Athletes born in 2005 - 2008 (16 - 19 years old)
U23	Athletes born in 2000 - 2005 (18 - 23 years old)
3VL	Triathlon Vlaanderen vzw

## Introduction

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An athlete is selected for the national team if he/she meets the selection criteria, complies with the selection procedure and subscribes to the terms and conditions of the national team, including the Code of Conduct (Appendix 2).

The Be3 SC consists of:

- Technical director 3VL
- Technical director LF3
- National coach for selection WCH, EC, WTSC, WC for Elite

An athlete who wishes to participate in a competition from the TRI/ETU calendar must provide his/her program by e-mail to the technical director of his/her league at the latest 3 months before the organization date. No other method of communication will be accepted.

Changes to this program will be emailed to the league technical director at least 6 weeks prior to the organization date.

Athletes who cancel late, i.e. within the period that TRI produces the start list up to the competition day, will be charged an administration fee by the league to which the athlete is affiliated equal to the registration fee plus 250€ per late cancellation. Only if there is a valid reason for late cancellation (e.g. acute injury or illness) the athlete may be waived the 250€ fine.

The athlete is responsible for the accuracy of the data at all times.

After this, the following procedure is followed:

- The technical director will place the athlete on the TRI/ETU waiting list. The TRI/ETU decides on the assignment of a starting place according to the usual TRI regulations. The assignment of a starting place to a particular athlete remains the competence of the Be3 SC. An athlete on the start list should not automatically assume that he/she can effectively start.
- In case there are more candidates than starting places, a selection will be made by the Be3 SC. Here the World Ranking will be one of the determining factors taken into account
- The Be3 SC selects athletes in order to delegate the strongest possible Belgian selection (result) and/or to achieve a specific learning goal/development objective.

## General selection criteria

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- Holder of a competition license at 3VL or LF3.
- Athletes on the national list must submit a valid sports medical certificate in accordance with the sports medical screening provided for in the TRI regulations. The certificate must be delivered by e-mail to the technical director of his/her league by February 29, 2024. For athletes selected in the future, this attestation may be submitted to the technical director no later than seven (7) days after his/her selection.
- Having Belgian sport nationality as provided by TRI.
- Regarding TRI competitions: meet the TRI selection criteria. These criteria can be found on the TRI website [www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org).
- As for OG, Paralympics and YOG: meet BOIC selection criteria.
- Meet the (specific) Be3 selection criteria.
- An athlete must be medically fit and fit to be selected for the competitions listed below. The Be3-SC reserves the right to still not select an athlete if he/she cannot participate at his/her full potential; for example, due to illness, injury or other circumstances.

## Specific BE3 selection criteria

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### Triathlon - Olympic Disciplines

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#### **EC Sprint distance and mixed-team relay U23/Elite: Balikesir (TUR) Aug. 9-11, 2024**

Elite athletes on the national list are preselected.

We will use the following hierarchy for selection:

1. *1x top 10 ETU or top 20 WC for athletes (2000 and older) in the period March 22, 2024 - June 30, 2024*
2. *1x Top 20 ETU for athletes (2001 or younger) in the period March 22, 2024 - June 30, 2024*

We will select a maximum of 4 athletes per gender. If there are more candidates, the Be3 SC will decide based on the hierarchy shown above and the results obtained in 2024.

For the mixed-relays, we will delegate a team when 2 ladies and 2 men individually select for the EC at Balikesir.

The composition of the team will be done by the Be3 SC.

Closing date for selection: July 1, 2024

#### **European Standard Distance Championships Vichy (FRA) Sept. 21-22, 2024**

Elite athletes on the national list are preselected.

All other athletes must achieve 1x top 10 ETU or top 20 WC in the period March 22, 2024 - July 30, 2024

We will select a maximum of 4 athletes per gender. If there are more candidates, the Be3 SC will decide based on the results obtained in 2024.

Closing date for selection: Aug. 1, 2024

**WCH U23 & mixed-relays Junior/U23: Malaga (ESP) Oct. 17-20, 2024 (2001-2006)**

For selection, athletes must meet the following criteria:

For athletes born in 2004-2003:

- 1x Top 15 at ETU SD or OD in the ladies in the period from March 22 to September 8, 2024
- 1x Top 25 at ETU SD or OD in the men's in the period from March 22 to September 8, 2024

For athletes born in 2002-2001:

- 1x Top 10 at ETU SD or OD in the ladies in the period from March 22 to September 8, 2024
- 1x Top 15 at ETU SD or OD in men's in the period from March 22 to September 8, 2024

For selection, there is mandatory participation in the ETU Cup at Holten on June 29, 2024.

For the mixed-relays, we will delegate a team when 2 ladies and 2 men individually select for the WCH U23 or WCH U20.

We will select a maximum of 3 athletes per gender. If there are more candidates, the Be3 SC will decide based on the results obtained in 2024.

Closing date for selection: Sept. 9, 2024

**Continental cups outside Europe:**

Upon request to the federation. Priority for athletes on the national list.

**ETU Cups 2024**

All athletes on the national list have priority and can participate in these races.

For all other athletes, the criteria below must be achieved in 2023 or achieved in 2024 to obtain starting rights:

2006-2001

- Top 30 among men at an ETU cup
- Top 20 in the ladies at an ETU cup

2000-....

- Top 20 in the men's at an ETU cup
- Top 15 in the ladies at an ETU cup

Finally, starting rights can also be enforced based on the 2024 national T3 series.

In each individual T3 race, this can be done by finishing top 3 in the day's standings in the men's or winning in the women's (foreigners count for the day's standings).

For the BK OD in Mechelen, this can be done by finishing top 5 in the daily classification in the men's event or by finishing top 3 in the women's event.

If there are more applications than places to participate in an ETU cup, the Be3 SC will decide which athletes will be entered.

### **World Cup's 2024**

Elite athletes on the national list are priority and can participate in these races.

For all other athletes, the criteria below must be achieved in 2023 or achieved in 2024 to be enrolled:

- Men: 1x Top 20 at ETU SD or OD, or top 25 WC
- Ladies: 1x Top 15 at ETU SD or OD, or top 20 WC

In case there are more candidates than starting places, a selection will be made by the Be3 SC. Here the World ranking will determine the priority.

The Be3 SC selects athletes in order to delegate the strongest possible Belgian selection (result) and/or to achieve a specific learning goal/development objective.

### **World Triathlon Championship Series**

For all athletes, the criteria below must be achieved in 2023 or achieved in 2024 to be enrolled:

- Men: 1x WC Top 20 or 1x WTCS top 30
- Ladies: 1x WC Top 15 or 1x WTCS top 25

In case there are more candidates than starting places, a selection will be made by the Be3 SC. Here the World ranking will determine the priority.

The Be3 SC selects athletes in order to delegate the strongest possible Belgian selection (result) and/or to achieve a specific learning goal/development objective.



## **World Triathlon Championship Grand final 2024**

Athletes can be enrolled provided they are in 2024

- Men: achieve 1x WC Top 15 or 1x WTCS top 25
- Ladies: achieve 1x WC Top 10 or 1x WTCS top 20

In case there are more candidates than starting places, a selection will be made by the Be3 SC. Here the World ranking will determine the priority.

The Be3 SC selects athletes to send off the strongest possible Belgian selection (result) and/or to achieve a specific learning goal/development objective

### **NATIONAL TEAM selection process**

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The composition of national selections is established through the following procedure:

- Athletes send their candidacy for each race via e-mail to their league's technical director at least 3 months before the organization date.
- In case there are more candidates than starting places, a selection will be made by the Be3 SC. Here the World ranking will determine the priority.
- The Be3 SC selects athletes in order to delegate the strongest possible Belgian selection (result) and/or to achieve a specific learning goal/development objective.
- In case no agreement can be found in the Be3 SC on the composition of the national team, the views of each member of the Be3 SC will be transmitted to the Be3 Board, which in turn will make a final decision.
- When a member of the national team is injured, sick or out of condition, the selection of this team member will be reassessed by the Be3 SC. To this end, the Be3 SC may request additional information from the treating physician, the federal doctor, the personal trainer. Hereby the rules of privacy and professional secrecy will be respected.
- If a member of the national team, due to illness, injury or insufficient fitness, drops out of the team, the Be3 SC may decide to field another athlete in its place, but is not obliged to do so.
- The provided selection procedure may be modified by the Be3 SC as a result of any changes in TRI regulations and/or competition calendar.
- As soon as the final national selection was made, the technical directors communicate this to the selected athletes.
- The national selections are then made public through the leagues' websites. A joint press release is also launched with the composition of the national selections.

## Appeals

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Athletes may appeal the decisions of the Be3 SC within 5 working days of the publication of the national list on the league website. The appeal shall be addressed to the BCT by e-mail or registered letter and after payment of 100€ deposit to the account of Be3.

The appeals committee is composed of:

- Secretary General Be3 (Chairman).
- General Director LF3
- General Manager 3VL

If the athlete is vindicated by the Appeals Committee, the Be3 SC's decision will be reviewed and the deposit refunded.

The decision of the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the BAS finally within five (5) working days.

## Name Switch

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The name switch is always used as a function of improving the world ranking of an athlete. The highest ranked athlete on the world ranking at cut-off entries always has priority on a name switch. The athlete deployed/subscribed for the name switch will be notified via email at the notification, must give his consent and of course cannot race himself on the weekend of use. An application to use name switch must be made at least 6 weeks in advance to the technical director of the affiliated league . The application is not a guarantee, this decision will be made by Be3 SC.

For the 2006-2005 athletes, we will only use a name switch for athletes who achieved a top 3 at a European or WCH Junior in 2023 or and are on the Elite list .

For the 2004-2001 athletes, we will use the name switch only with athletes on the national list.

For the 2000-... athletes, we will use the name switch only for participations in WC and WTCS races with priority for those athletes on the Elite list .

## Appendix 1: National team code of conduct

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The national triathlon team is represented by the selected elite athletes and staff. Members of the national team should behave as ambassadors for their sport, federation and their country. Therefore, anyone invited to be part of a national selection is requested to subscribe to the following code of conduct. This code of conduct counts as a prerequisite for being part of the national selection.

- The athlete will wear national attire as much as possible and at least at the following times: briefings, podiums, competition and training, at the airport, during meals, at press moments, ...
- The athlete shares the following values: fair-play, sense of responsibility, dedication, honesty, punctuality, correct communication, respects safety rules, perseverance, perfectionism, gratitude,...
- Discriminatory behavior, inappropriate language, transgressive behavior, vandalism, tobacco use, doping, alcohol abuse, drug use ... is unacceptable.
- The athlete is aware of his/her role model role in the virtual world (facebook, twitter, instagram, etc.) and in dealing with the press.
- The athlete agrees to and abides by the anti-doping regulations.
- The athlete participates in the talks convened by the delegation leadership.
- If the national delegation is invited to participate in a ceremony before or after the competition, the athletes and the delegation leadership will discuss the position to be assumed. Each athlete will comply with the decision of the delegation leadership.
- If a situation arises during the competition in which a teammate's chances would be jeopardized if the signer were to cooperate with the competition, she/he shall refrain from cooperating with the competition unless it is clear that her/his result would be pertinently jeopardized.
- According to TRI rules, any athlete has the right to file a complaint against an (alleged) irregularity in the competition, an official or an athlete. If that alleged irregularity would have been committed by an athlete who is also a member of the own national selection, the complainant will first consult with the delegation leader about the appropriateness of the complaint.
- The athlete is subject to the rules and codes of TRI <https://www.triathlon.org/> during TRI events.

### Sanctions

Violations against this code of conduct will be dealt with in the first instance by the technical director of the league concerned. Minor violations may result in suspension from participation in training sessions, internships, test days or competitions. Repeated minor violations or major violations will always be reported to the disciplinary committee of the league concerned (League Internal Regulations).

For agreement,

Handwritten "Read and approved"

The athlete (signature, date)

Technical director (signature, date)