

2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM SELECTION POLICY

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Zofingen, Switzerland.

2026 WORLD TRIATHLON AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: 6th of September 2026.

Venue: Zofingen, Switzerland.

2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships Individual Events:

1. Long Distance Duathlon: 10km Run, 150km Cycle (Non-Draft Legal) and 30km Run.

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A. INTERPRETATION

2026 WT LDDWC means the World Triathlon Long Distance Duathlon World Championships owned and sanctioned by World Triathlon to be conducted in Zofingen, Switzerland on the 6th of September 2026.

2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement means a contractual agreement between AusTriathlon and the athlete which sets out the rights, entitlements and obligations of the athlete having agreed to become a member of the team and the rights, entitlements, and obligations of AusTriathlon in its management and control of the sport and the team.

Athlete means an athlete who registers for and competes in one or more event(s).

AusTriathlon means AusTriathlon Ltd. ABN 67 007 356 907, the National Federation for the sports of triathlon/ duathlon/ aquathlon and which is affiliated with World Triathlon.

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ATAGC means the AusTriathlon Age Group Committee, or its successor appointed by AusTriathlon to select the Team under this policy and present selected Athletes to the AusTriathlon Board for ratification.

ATAGSAT means the AusTriathlon Age Group Selection Appeals Tribunal appointed by AusTriathlon to hear and determine appeals under this policy.

ATNAGM means the AusTriathlon National Age Group Manager.

CEO means the person appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of AusTriathlon by AusTriathlon or his/her nominee.

Relevant AusTriathlon Membership means a current annual AusTriathlon membership in the full Standard and or Premium categories but excludes all Social and or Basic membership categories.

STTAs means the State and Territory Triathlon Associations affiliated with AusTriathlon.

Team Management means the person(s) appointed to the position(s) of Team Management for the team by AusTriathlon.

Team means the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team selected under this policy to represent Australia at the 2026 World Triathlon Long Distance Duathlon World Championships (Zofingen, Switzerland).

Undersubscribed in relation to an event means that there are less applicants for selection for any age group category at the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships than there are places in the team for that age group per World Triathlon entry rules.

WT means World Triathlon and is the official governing body for the Olympic sport of Triathlon.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. This policy details the process and criteria by which AusTriathlon will select its 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team for the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships to be held in Zofingen, Switzerland on the 6th of September 2026.
2. 2026 WT LDDWC Race Competition Rules stipulate that AusTriathlon may nominate a maximum of 20 males and 20 females in each age group category of the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships.

Age group categories start at 18-19 and then progress in five-year blocks e.g., 20 - 24; 25-29 for both men and women.

3. Under the terms of this selection policy, the ATAGC is not required to select the maximum of 20 males and 20 females to the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of the ATAGC. AusTriathlon at its discretion may not select a 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to attend the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships (Zofingen, Switzerland) for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government international travel restrictions and health risks to athletes. AusTriathlon shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone for any consequence of a decision not to select a 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

4. Athletes are asked to not physically print the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy. This 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy may be amended at any time by AusTriathlon if AusTriathlon believes such an amendment is necessary because of any change in World Triathlon guidelines or eligibility rules for the Event, to give effect to this policy following discovery of a drafting error or oversight, or for any other reason determined to be necessary by AusTriathlon. AusTriathlon shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone because of such amendment.

C. SELF FUNDED

The 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team is fully self-funded. Costs to be met by each individual team member include but are not limited to:

a) athlete services contribution which includes:

- i. the team management fee
- ii. travel insurance (including personal accident insurance while training and racing overseas). Please note that this does not include bike insurance.

b) the event entry fee

c) the team uniform (race suit and casual).

d) travel and accommodation, preferably in the nominated Australian team hotel(s).

D. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Only athletes qualified per the terms of Clause E will be eligible for selection in the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

2. Athletes eligible for Selection

To be eligible for selection in the team, athletes must:

a) At the time of making an online Expression of Interest application for the team as set out in Clause D2(c) below hold a current Relevant AusTriathlon Membership.

Relevant AusTriathlon Membership means a current annual AusTriathlon Membership in the full Standard and or Premium categories but excludes all Social and or Basic membership categories.

b) Not be the holder of an AusTriathlon Professional Athlete License and or a Professional Development Athlete License during the financial year in which the selection events are conducted.

c) Notify AusTriathlon of their Expression of Interest for selection by applying on-line on the AusTriathlon website [Expression of Interest - Age Group – AusTriathlon](#) by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 9th of February 2026.**

2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Expression of Interest on-line applications will open on the AusTriathlon website [Expression of Interest - Age Group – AusTriathlon](#) at 9am AEST on Monday the 28th of July 2025.

Athletes must apply online through the AusTriathlon website [Expression of Interest - Age Group – AusTriathlon](#) for the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to be eligible for selection for the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted online through the AusTriathlon website [Expression of Interest - Age Group – AusTriathlon](#) by 5pm AEDT on Monday the 9th of February 2026.

No late Expression of Interest will be accepted under any circumstances for the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

E. SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Discretionary Selections

a) To be eligible for discretionary selection an athlete must:

- i. Apply for selection per the terms of Clause D2.
- ii. Make a written submission to the National Age Group Manager by emailing alexandra.fehon@triathlon.org.au by **5pm AEDT on Monday the 9th of February 2026**.
- iii. A written submission must include all matters that the athlete wishes the ATAGC to consider in exercising its discretion under this Clause E1.
Applications must be supported by well documented and validated races and results (**Race results must be between Monday the 3rd of February 2025 to 5pm AEDT on Monday the 9th of February 2026**).
Application matters may include details of any injury or illness (which must be accompanied by a medical report signed by a registered medical practitioner) or any other factor, such as mechanical failure or extenuating circumstances that have affected an athlete's performance in any relevant event.

F. SELECTION TO THE TEAM

1. Only athletes qualified per the terms of Clause E of this policy will be eligible for selection in the Team.

2. Selection per the terms of this policy is conditional upon the athlete complying with the following:

a) Providing one of the following to AusTriathlon at least eight (16) weeks prior to the date of 2026 World Triathlon Age Group World Long Distance Duathlon Championships:

- A copy of a current Australian passport
- A copy of an Australian birth certificate
- Evidence of Australian citizenship

b) Holding a Relevant AusTriathlon membership at the time of 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships; and

c) Not applying for or being the holder of a AusTriathlon Professional License and or AusTriathlon Professional Development License during the financial year in which 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships is conducted.

G. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TEAM

1. Under the terms of this selection policy, the ATAGC is not required to select the maximum per age group category of 20 males and 20 females to the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team. Final team numbers are at the absolute discretion of AusTriathlon.

AusTriathlon at its discretion may not select a 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team to attend the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships (Zofingen, Switzerland) for reasons including but not limited to Australian Government international travel restrictions and/or health risks to athletes. AusTriathlon shall not be responsible or liable in any way to anyone for any consequence of a decision not to select a 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team.

2. The 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Preliminary Team as selected by the ATAGC including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website [Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon](#) by **5pm AEDT on Wednesday 11th of February 2026**.

3. The 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Final Team including any reserves will be presented to the AusTriathlon Board for ratification. The AusTriathlon Board will be advised of the outcomes of any appeals.

4. The 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Final Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website [Announcement and Appeals – AusTriathlon](#) by **5pm AEDT on Monday 2nd of March 2026**.

H. APPEAL POLICY

An appeal against a decision of the ATAGC made under this 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy must be made per AusTriathlon's nominated appeals policy which will be published on the AusTriathlon website at the same time that this 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy is published.

I. 2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM ONLINE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FEE

1. Athletes will pay a \$25.00 application fee when notifying AusTriathlon of their Expression of Interest for the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team selection online.

2. If an athlete is not selected onto the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team \$15.00 of their application fee will be refunded.

3. If an athlete is selected to the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team and the athlete declines the position on the 2026 team no part of the application fee will be refunded.

4. If an athlete is selected onto the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team and they accept their position on the team the \$25.00 application fee (minus the GO Membership Online

Processing fee \$1.25) will be deducted from the athletes overall, 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Services Contribution.

5. If the 2026 World Triathlon Age Group Long Distance Duathlon World Championships are cancelled by World Triathlon and or the Local Organising Committee athletes will be refunded their \$25.00 per individual application fee to AusTriathlon (minus the Go Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25).

6. If AusTriathlon at its discretion does not select a 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team, athletes who have applied for this team will be refunded their \$25.00 per individual application fee to AusTriathlon (minus the Go Membership Online Processing Fee \$1.25).

J. ATHLETE AGREEMENT

1. All 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon team members will be required to sign and comply with the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement.

2. Any selected athlete who fails to sign the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement by the date required by AusTriathlon will be immediately replaced in the team.

3. Any selected athlete who fails to comply with the 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Athlete Agreement may be removed from the team and replaced at any time by the ATNAGM and be subject to AusTriathlon’s Disciplinary Rules.

K. 2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM SELECTION POLICY DATE SUMMARY TABLE

ACTION ITEM	DATE
2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Expression of Interest on-line applications will open.	9am AEST on Monday the 28 th of July 2025.
2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Expression of Interest on-line applications will close.	5pm AEDT on Monday the 9 th of February 2026.
2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Discretionary Selections (Clause E.1) written submissions will close.	5pm AEDT on Monday the 9 th of February 2026.

ACTION ITEM	DATE
The 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Preliminary Team as selected by the ATAGC including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website.	5pm AEDT on Wednesday the 11th of February 2026.
The 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Final Team including any reserves will be announced and posted on the AusTriathlon website.	5pm AEDT on Monday the 2nd of March 2026.

AusTriathlon: 2026 Australian Age Group Long Distance Duathlon Team Selection Policy Published to the AusTriathlon website [Policies - Age Group – AusTriathlon](#) on Monday the 25th of November 2024.

2026 AUSTRALIAN AGE GROUP LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON TEAM SELECTION POLICY AMENDMENTS

No amendments noted