

ITU Continental Ranking Criteria

1. GENERAL:

- 1.1. There are 5 Continental Rankings (one per continent: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania).
- 1.2. The ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events may be categorised into two levels, according to system established by the continental confederation, (i.e., difference in prize money, in television coverage, etc.) The higher level ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events will be called "ITU Triathlon Premium Continental Cup" and the lower level "ITU Triathlon Continental Cup".
- 1.3. The title of the event will have the name of the continent replacing the word, "continent", i.e., 2009 Pontevedra ITU Triathlon Premium European Cup.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Only athletes in good standing with their National Federation affiliated to ITU are eligible to be included in the ITU Continental Rankings.

3. SCORING EVENTS:

3.1. General:

- a) There will be 6 levels of events included in the ITU Points List:
 - The ITU Triathlon Continental Championships events
 - The ITU Triathlon Premium Continental Cup events
 - The ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events
 - The ITU U23 Triathlon Continental Championships events
 - The Triathlon National Championships events
- b) The points earned by the best athlete for each event will be:
 - 600 for the ITU Triathlon Continental Championships events
 - 400 for the ITU Triathlon Premium Continental Cup events
 - 250 for the ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events
 - 250 for the ITU U23 Triathlon Continental Championships events
 - 100 for the Triathlon National Championships events
- c) The points table for each level of event will be from:
 - 1st to 40th for the ITU Triathlon Continental Championships events
 - 1st to 20th for the ITU Triathlon Premium Continental Cup events
 - 1st to 20th for the ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events
 - 1st to 20th for the ITU U23 Triathlon Continental Championships events
 - 1st to 5th for the Triathlon National Championships events
- d) The points will be decreased by 7.5%. (i.e., if the winner of the ITU Continental Championships gets 750 points, the second will get 693.75, the third 641.72, the fourth 593.59, etc.)

- 3.2. **Cut-off:** To earn points, athletes must finish within the cut-off time which will be determined by adding 5% to the winner's time in the men's event and 8% in the women's event.

- 3.3. **Quality of field:** The athletes with starting the race being among the top 20 of the current ITU Continental Rankings, each of them will increase the value of the event by 2%. This increase is limited up to 20%.
- 3.4. **Total Events to Count:** The total number of points acquired by an athlete in a given year will be determined by adding the 5 best scores in the current year races, plus 1/3 of the points from the preceding year.
- 3.5. **Removing from the ITU Continental Rankings:** Athletes with two complete calendar years without earning any point will be removed from the ITU Continental Rankings. This adjustment takes place every year, on January 1st.