



## **Pontoon Draw procedure Beijing 2008 Olympic Games – Triathlon Competitions**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008

Time: 12:30

Place: Jundu Tourist Villa, Chang Ping

The draw for Pontoon Start Positions for both races (women and men) will be a public event, two (2) days before the first competition day following the Athletes' Briefing, at the same location.

At the beginning of the draw, the best ten (10) ranked athletes entered - according to the ITU Points List at the cut-off date (8<sup>th</sup> June 2008, included the results from the ITU Triathlon World Championships) of the Olympic qualification – will choose their Pontoon Start Positions by telling the selected position to the designated International Technical Official (ITO). The ITO will record the selected Pontoon Start Position and confirm it. If the Pontoon Start Position has been previously chosen by any of the better ranked athletes, the ITO will ask the athlete to select another Pontoon Start Position. This procedure continues until the ITO can confirm the Pontoon Start Position to the athlete.

As soon as the top ten (10) athletes have selected their Pontoon Start Position, the filled positions will be displayed on the screen without showing which Pontoon Start Position is assigned to which of the top 10 ranked athletes.

The remaining athletes will then publicly draw their Pontoon Start Position. Information about each position drawn is immediately displayed on the screen. Once the last athlete has publicly drawn his/her Pontoon Start Position, the first ten choices will be publicly displayed.

Athletes will be called in every 20 seconds to select their start positions. If it is technically possible, the men and women athletes will be called at the same time.