

ITU Continental Rankings 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., 2010 Pontevedra ITU Triathlon Premium European Cup.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

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

3. SCORING EVENTS:

3.1. General:

- a) There will be 6 levels of events included in the ITU Continental Rankings:
 - The ITU Triathlon Continental Championships
 - The ITU Triathlon Continental Cup Final events
 - The ITU Triathlon Premium Continental Cup events
 - The ITU Triathlon Continental Cup events
 - The ITU Triathlon U23 Continental Championships
 - The Triathlon National Championships ¹
- b) The points earned by the best athlete for each event will be:
 - 600 for the ITU Triathlon Continental Championships
 - 500 for the ITU Triathlon Continental Cup Final 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
 - 100 for the Triathlon National Championships
- c) The points table for each level of event will be from:
 - 1st to 40th for the ITU Triathlon Continental Championships
 - 1st to 30th for the ITU Continental Cup Final 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 Triathlon U23 Continental Championships
 - 1st to 5th for the Triathlon National Championships

¹¹ National Federation can choose to include in the Continental Rankings either the standard or the sprint distance National Championships

- d) The points will be decreased by 7.5%
 - e) The events included in more than one level (i.e. National Championships taking place in a Continental Cup event) will give only one score to every athlete. If an athlete should gain points by more than one way (i.e. points for the overall event and points for the National Championships) only the highest score will be considered.
- 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:** Each athlete starting the race among the top 20 of the current ITU Continental Rankings will increase the value of the event by 2%. This increase is limited to 20%.
- 3.4. **Total Events to Count:**
It will be a maximum of 10 events to count:
- a) 5 from the 365 days previous to the date of the publication of the rankings (current period).
 - b) 5 from the days between the 366th and 730th previous to the date of publication of the rankings (previous period).
- 3.5. **Value of the points depending on the periods**
- a) The value of the points in the current period is the same as those gained in the event.
 - b) The value of the points in the previous period is 1/3 of those gained in the event.

1. Modified events:

- a) When a race cannot be held in the original form due to force majeure, the points will be reduced depending on the conditions under which finally the event took place:
 - (i) If the event remains the same ITU multisport race, but any or all of the disciplines are shortened according to the ITU Competition Rules, 100% of the original points will be awarded.
 - (ii) If the event becomes another ITU multisport race according to the ITU Competition Rules in terms of distances and conditions, 75% of the original points will be awarded.
 - (iii) If the event becomes another ITU multisport race with deviations from the ITU Competition Rules in terms of distances and conditions, 50% of the original points will be awarded.