

Para triathlon NF Meeting

XXXVI World Triathlon Congress
Sanxenxo, ESP



Agenda



- 1 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 2 Quick calendar review**
- 3 Reminder on Start list creation, Invites and other**
- 4 Topic on Quotas and Rankings in Para triathlon**
- 5 Participation Status**
- 6 Classification**
- 7 Development**

2. World Triathlon Para events 2024

- March 2-3 **Abu Dhabi (UAE)** Cup
- March 16-17 **Devonport (AUS)** Series
- May 11 **Yokohama (JPN)** Series
- May 18-19 **Samarkand (UZB)** Cup
- June 8-9 **TBC (ESP)** Cup
- June 15-16 **Besancon (FRA)** Cup
- June 22-23 **Swansea (GBR)** Series
- June 29-30 **Montreal (CAN)** Series
- July 15-16 **Long Beach (USA)** Cup
- October 17-20 **Malaga (ESP)** Championships

Potential additions:

- Alhandra (POR)
- Italy



3. Start List Procedures and Invitations

- ENTRIES: NF are responsible to enter athletes in the events waiting lists.
- On Tuesdays before 30 days before the event → Production of start list

From Tuesdays to Fridays:

- NFs can withdraw athletes without penalty,
- NFs can substitute athletes in the start list,
- NFs can request invitations.

- On Saturdays → Decision on Invitations and completion of the start list.
Send request with rationale to entries@triathlon.org
- After this, no more substitutions are allowed and withdrawals are subject to penalties.

3. Rankings and Results: getting started - continued

- INVITATIONS

- Discretionary
- Not recorded
- Not disclosed
- Please consider it as an advanced Christmas present...

4. Topic on Quotas and Rankings in Para triathlon

- Existing Quotas (limited): https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/World-Triathlon_Qualification-Criteria-Para-triathlon_2023_20221122.pdf

2.1 Number of participants:

Category of event	Maximum Participants	Qualified by Criteria	Invitations	NF Quota / Medal Event
World Triathlon Para Championships (WCh)	122	112	10	2
Continental Triathlon Para Championships (CCh)	80	70	10	2
World Triathlon Para Series (WTPS)	80	70	10	2
World Triathlon Para Cup (WTPC)	80	70	10	2
Continental Triathlon Para Cup (CTP)	52	48	4	2

3. Topic on Quotas and Rankings in Para triathlon

- Quotas per medal event.

	PTWC		PTS2		PTS3		PTS4		PTS5		PTVI	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
WCh	13	8	10	8	7	6	14	6	12	8	12	8
CCh	7	5	7	5	5	4	7	4	7	6	7	6
WTPS	7	5	7	5	5	4	7	4	7	6	7	6
WTPC	7	5	7	5	5	4	7	4	7	6	7	6
CPC	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

- Reallocation

4. Topic on Quotas and Rankings in Para triathlon

PARA TRIATHLON RANKINGS	World Triathlon Para Rankings	Paralympic Qualification Rankings
World Triathlon Para Championship	700	700
World Triathlon Para Series	550	550
Continental Triathlon Para Championships	500	500
World Triathlon Para Cup	450	450
Continental Triathlon Para Cup	350	
National Para Championships	150	

- Only athletes **representing National Federations from the respective continent** will be considered in the **Continental Championships**.
- Only athletes **representing the respective National Federation** will be considered in the **National Triathlon Championships**.

4. Topic on Quotas and Rankings in Para triathlon

Rankings specifications

Item	World Triathlon Para Rankings	Paralympic Qualification Rankings
Decreasing factor	7.5%	7.5%
Cut off	25%	25%
Number of rankings	One per medal event (6+6)	PTS4 Female includes PTS3 and PTS4
Periods of scoring	Current (previous 52 weeks) Previous (weeks between 53 and 104)	From July 1st 2023 to July 1st 2024
Score value	Current period: full value Previous period: $\frac{1}{3}$ of the original value	Full value
Quality of Field	Not applies.	Not applies
Continental Championships	One per year	The first one in the period



5 PARTICIPATION AND FIGURES

5 Participation Status Rule of 32 – NF's Widely Participating



OCTOBER 2022				SEPTEMBER 2023			
AUS	BEL	ARG	AND	AUS	BEL	ARG<-	AND
AUT	CRO	BAH	CHI	AUT	CRO	CHN<-	BAH
BRA	CYP	->CHN	GUA	BRA	CYP	COL<-	CHI
CAN	CZE	->COL	KUW	CAN	CZE	CRC	ECU
ESP	FIN	CRC	NAM	ESP	EGY<-	CUB	GUA
FRA	->HUN	CUB	PER	FRA	FIN	EST<-	KUW
GBR	ISR	->DEN	->SLO	GBR	GRE<-	DEN	KSA
GER	KOR	ECU	->RUS(*)	GER	->HUN	IRI<-	NAM
IRL	LTU	EGY	RWA	IRL	IND<-	KEN	NOR
ITA	SRB	GRE	UGA	ITA	ISR	LAT<-	PER
JPN	SUI	->HKG	UZB	JPN	KOR	LUX<-	SLO
KGZ	SWE	IND		KGZ	LAT<-	PHI	RWA
MEX	TUN	IRI		MEX	LTU	RUS*	UGA
NED	TUR	KEN	EST	NED	MAR<-	SEN	INA
POL		LAT	INA	POL	NZL<-	SVK<-	MAS
POR		->LUX	MAS	POR	PAN<-	UAE	SIN
RSA		MAR	NOR	RSA	ROU<-	UZB<-	THA
UKR		NZL	SIN	UKR	SRB	VEN	->HKG
USA		PAN	THA	USA	SUI		
		PHI			SWE		
		ROU			TPE<-		
		SEN			TUN		
		SVK			TUR		
		TPE					
		UAE					
		VEN					
19	14	26	17	19	23	18	18
33				42			
59				60			

5 Para triathlon participation figures



2022	PTWC-M	PTWC-W	PTS2-M	PTS2-W	PTS3-M	PTS3-W	PTS4-M	PTS4-W	PTS5-M	PTS5-W	PTVI-M	PTVI-W
	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	FRA	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS
	AUT	BRA	BEL	ESP	CAN	NED	AUT	ESP	AUT	CAN	BRA	BRA
	BRA	CAN	BRA	FIN	ESP		BRA	GBR	BRA	ESP	CZE	CAN
	CAN	ESP	ESP	GER	FRA		CRO	GER	CAN	FRA	EGY	ESP
	EGY	FRA	FRA	ITA	GBR		ESP	ISR	CUB	GBR	ESP	FRA
	ESP	GBR	GBR	USA	GER		FRA	ITA	CYP	POL	FRA	GBR
	FRA	GRE	ITA		GRE		GBR	RSA	EGY	UKR	GBR	IRL
	GBR	ITA	NED		ITA		GER	SVK	ESP	USA	GRE	ITA
	ITA	MEX	ROU		KOR		GRE	USA	FRA		IRL	NZL
	JPN	NED	TUR		NED		IND		GBR		ITA	POL
	MAR	USA	USA		RSA		ITA		GER		JPN	RSA
	NED				SUI		JPN		GRE		KGZ	UKR
	TUN				USA		MAR		HUN		NED	USA
	UAE						RSA		JPN		POR	
	USA						SEN		LAT		RSA	
							TUR		LTU		SRB	
							USA		MEX		SWE	
									POL		TUR	
									POR		UKR	
									TUR		USA	
									USA			
TOTAL	27	17	16	7	17	3	36	15	39	10	37	19
2017-2021	62	25	43	16	21	9	92	18	60	28	79	31

- PTS2 W: 9 athletes/ 7 NFs
- PTS3 W: 6 athletes / 5 NFs
- PTS4 W: 13 athletes / 9 NFs

6 Classification



2022

- MIC Survey
- Changes to Classification Survey

2023

- 2nd Round MIC Survey

Classification - Potential Changes after Paris 2024

1. Possibility to have more sport classes

- Split of the PTS4, differentiate between upper and lower limb impairments, blade users vs arm impairments in disadvantage – Impact on female depth of field
- Split or separation of neuro classes. Neurological impairments, spasticity and coordination topics. System that considers functional capacity of ROM and muscle power. Athetosis, dystonia and hypertonia are currently checked for presence and activity limitation. The impact on activity is critical to be assessed. More Spasticity and coordination tests related to triathlon activity and key movements.
- Split in the PTWC: should it go lower? There should continue to be 2 sport classes with a different cut-off score. Additional trunk assessment? Impact of split on the female side.

2. Considerations around run and bike symmetry and its current importance in the scoring, are unfair for athletes with symmetrical impairment and impact on overall score.

3. Power generation on the bike – watt pedal usage

4. Discussion around athlete profiles and images/video of patterns for class allocation?

Classification Strategy

- Enough opportunities. Which is the magic number?
 - Two (2) per continent?
 - When in the season?
 - Around Continental Championships or continental cups?
 - VI opportunities in combination with Out of Competition Opportunities (IPC-IBSA-IFs)
 - Panel composition and variety of it
 - Consideration for second panel and protest opportunities
- Classification schedule – allocation of slots – team logistics
- Enough Opportunities for Classifiers to maintain status and interest/commitment – impact of Covid-19
- Challenging Cases – Health Conditions (mainly Neurological) and NFs role. Assessment of the Underlying Health Condition (UHC) in advance. Group of experts?
- Compliance with IPC Classification Code. Equipment allowed more related to health than sport performance

Classification Strategy



- Finacial Sustainability

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI
Number of events	8	2	7	2	7	2	2	0	5	5*	4	2
Events with Protest Panel	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Total Costs (\$ USD)	19275	3428	9430	5060	12233	2779	2440		5106	536	6552	8970
Number of Athletes classified	203	10	77	22	71	16	16	0	43	14	47	23
Cost per Athlete (\$ USD)	94,95	342,8	122,5	230	172,3	173,7	152,5		118,7	38,29	139,4	390
PI Average=	133,39\$		(*) 5 Events, 4 Out of Competition, shared with other IFs and IPC									
VI Average=	234,95\$		The cost is significantly when shared, We are pushing IPC in this direction									
Athlete Avrg	185\$											
total PI athletes classified		457	PI	per year	76,167							
total VI athletes classified		85	VI	per year	14,167							

Classification Strategy

- Financial Sustainability
 - Do we charge a fee?
 - Should NFs be the ones hosting classification by default?
 - What is the optimal model for all continents?
- For VI classification
 - Need to train own ophthalmologists for triathlon-specific classification system and methodology

Classification Certification



Current Status

- NATIONAL LEVEL:

America: 18
Europe: 29
Oceania: 0
Asia: 19
Africa: 0

- INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

America: 5
Europe: 5
Oceania: 4
Asia: 0
Africa: 0

7 DEVELOPMENT

1) EDUCATION COURSES

- **Classification**
 - Sweden
 - Rio Maior
 - Asia (tbd)



DEVELOPMENT

1) EDUCATION COURSES

- Para Coaching
 - Al Khobar (KSA)
 - Santa Marta (COL)
 - Rio Maior (POR)



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