COMPETITION RULES FOR ELIMINATOR FORMAT

1. **Definition:**
   1.1. The Eliminator format is a race that consists of two or three triathlons - or other multisport races - happening one after the other, with a short recovery time between them. There will be a maximum of 30 athletes at the start of the first race and a defined number of last athletes will be eliminated at the end of every race.

   1.2. If there are more than 30 athletes entered, a preliminary qualification phase will be held. As an alternative, the selection of the 30 athletes may be made from the result of a previous competition or based on a ranking. The Eliminator format will be used as the Final phase.

   1.3. The distances of each of the races, including every round of the Eliminator, will be a Super Sprint.

   1.4. Triathlon or other multisport competitions may be organized by using the Eliminator format.

2. **Preliminary phase:**
   2.1. In case that there will be admitted more than 30 athletes in the event a preliminary phase can be organized as one of the following options:

      a.) Super Sprint Time Trial Qualifying event (may be scheduled for the same or previous day of the Final phase):
         (i) Athletes with the 30 best times will qualify for the Final phase. In case of a tie involving the 30th position, all tied athletes will progress to the Final phase.

      b.) Super Sprint Qualifying event (may be scheduled the same or previous day of the Final phase). Schema with Repechage waves (extended schedule):
         (i) 31-40 athletes:
            - Two Qualifying waves (up to 20 athletes each). The top 10 athletes of each qualify for the Final.
            - One Repechage wave involving up to 20 remaining non-qualified athletes. The top 10 athletes from the Repechage qualify for the Final. The athletes in the Repechage wave keep their race numbers and their position in the Transition Area from the Qualifying waves. Athletes' introduction order will be according to their current World Rankings or any other applicable.

         (ii) 41-50 athletes:
            - Two Qualifying waves (up to 25 athletes each). The top 10 athletes from each qualify for the Final.
• One Repechage wave involving up to 30 remaining non-qualified athletes. The top 10 athletes from the Repechage qualify for the Final. The athletes in the Repechage wave keep their race numbers and their position in the Transition Area from the Qualifying waves. Athletes' introduction order will be according to their current World Rankings or any other applicable.

(iii) 51 - 60 athletes:
• Two Qualifying waves (up to 30 athletes each). The top 10 athletes from each qualify for the Final.
• Two Repechage waves involving up to 20 remaining non-qualified athletes from each qualifying wave. The athletes will race against the same athletes as in the previous qualifying waves and keep their position in the Transition Area. Athletes introduction order will be according to their race number. The top 5 athletes from each Repechage wave qualify for the Final.

(iv) 61 - 70 athletes:
• Three Qualifying waves (up to 23 or 24 athletes each). The top 8 athletes of each qualify for the Final.
• Two Repechage waves of up to 46 remaining non qualified athletes each. The top3 athletes from each Repechage wave qualify for the Final. The athletes will be ranked according to their finishing time from the Qualifying waves and will be distributed equally according to the Qualifying event rules. Athletes' introduction order will be according to their current World Rankings or any other applicable.

c.) Schema without Repechage waves (compact schedule):
(i) In case of two Qualifying waves, the top 15 athletes from each wave qualify for the Final.
(ii) In case of three Qualifying waves, the top 10 athletes from each wave qualify for the Final.
(iii) In case of four Qualifying waves, the top 7 athletes from each wave, plus the fastest 2 times from all the waves, qualify for the Final.

d.) The TD may determine other models, which may or may not include the Repechage waves and may adjust the models above depending on the number of athletes entered.

e.) In any case of a tie in the preliminary phase, the tied athletes will progress to the Final and the number of athletes will be adjusted as needed.

f.) Any event in any other format may be determined as a Qualifying event.

g.) World Rankings (or any other ranking) may be used as an alternative, or in case of cancellation or impossibility of holding or completing the Qualifying event.

h.) The Preliminary phase will determine:
(i) The 30 athletes qualified for the Final phase.
(ii) The order (by time) of the non-qualified athletes in order to fill any vacancies among the qualified athletes and award ranking points if applicable.

3. Final phase:
   3.1. The Final phase of the Eliminator format includes two or three rounds of Super Sprint triathlons - preferably with the distance of 300m swim + 6km bike + 1.5km run. (+/- 10%) - occurring one after the other with a short recovery time between them.

   3.2. The start of the first round of the Final phase must be scheduled no earlier than 90 minutes after the end of the last waves of the Preliminary phase of the same gender.

   3.3. Athletes will be numbered according to the results of the Preliminary phase. Refer to section 20.5 of the World Triathlon Competition Rules.

   3.4. The next round will start within 30 minutes of the start of the previous round. The Technical Delegate may modify this time according to the local conditions.

   3.5. Athletes will be eliminated at the Finish line only.

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   3.6. In case of a tie during the final phase, the tied athletes will progress to the next round and the number of athletes will be adjusted as needed.

   3.7. Athletes that are DSQ, DNF and DNS are not eligible to progress.

   3.8. Equipment:
      a.) Athletes may check-in to the Transition Area one bike and any equipment needed for the first round.
      b.) In case additional equipment is required for the following rounds, athletes may manage those during the time between rounds.
      c.) Spare wheels will not be allowed in the Transition Area.
      d.) Spare wheels may be checked-in to the Wheel Station adjacent to the Transition Area.
      e.) Warm-up or any other non-competition equipment must be deposited in the Athletes Lounge prior to each start (the Technical Delegate may modify this according to the local conditions).
3.9. Specific rules for the Final phase:
   a.) Transition Area:
      (i) Upon the start of any round, everything must be in the dedicated box, except:
          • Cycling shoes, if already mounted on the pedals.
          • Bike helmet, if placed on the bike.
          • Glasses, if placed on the bike or on the helmet.
          • Running shoes, if placed within the athlete’s space in the Transition Area.

   b.) Penalties: must be served during the same round that the infringement happened.

   c.) After finish/before next start:
      (i) Athletes progressing to the next race are allowed to return to the Transition Area. They may reorganise their own space, including but not limited to repairing the bike or replacing wheels.
      (ii) Eliminated athletes are not allowed to return to the Transition Area between rounds. Their equipment is both checked out and moved to the Athletes Lounge by Technical Officials.

   d.) The Transition Area, the pre-start area and the path connecting the two areas are only accessible to the athletes competing in the next round and the Technical Officials.

   e.) Coaches may assist their athletes in the Athletes Lounge.

   f.) Athletes must be ready for line-up three minutes before the next start. Those missing will be placed in the last positions of the line-up. No further athletes will be admitted to the start line less than 30 seconds before the start.

   g.) Field of Play decisions of the Technical Officials and Head Referee are considered final in the Final phase, with the exception of the last round. Disqualified athletes will not progress to the next round. This may result in the next athlete(s) crossing the finish line progressing to the next round. For disqualifications or penalties happening in the last round, the usual appeal/protest process applies.

   h.) If any athlete who has qualified for the next round communicates to the Head Referee his/her withdrawal up to five minutes before the start, the first non-qualified athlete in the previous round will be allowed to compete.

   i.) These athletes’ progression charts may be modified by the Technical Delegate in case less than 30 athletes compete.

   j.) Athletes eliminated will be informed by the Head Referee or the Finish Technical Official at the finish line.

4. Overall results:
   4.1. Results will be created as follows:
a.) Athletes crossing the finish line will be ranked according to their times at the finish line of the specific round. If more than one athlete is marked DNF or LAP, those who completed the most laps should be listed first. If several athletes are marked DNF or LAP on the same lap, athletes should be listed according to their times at the previous timing point with the fastest first.

b.) The athletes from previous rounds will be ranked according to the same principles.

c.) The athletes from the Preliminary phase will be ranked after those in the Final phase according to the times obtained.

d.) Disqualified athletes will not have any rank.