

ENTRY PROCESS FOR AGE-GROUP ATHLETES

NATIONALITY REPRESENTATION

World Triathlon Constitution states that:

Article 55. Eligibility of Athletes

55.1 General principle

Any athlete taking part in an Event must be a national of the country of the Member (hereinafter “National Federation”) that has entered that athlete.

All matters relating to the determination of the National Federation which an athlete may represent in a Event shall be resolved by the Executive Board.

55.2 Triathlon sporting nationality and Triathlon sporting nationality changes

a. An athlete who is a national of two (2) or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as they may elect. However, after having represented one Event, the athlete may not represent another National Federation unless they meet the conditions set forth in Art. 55.2(b) below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

b. An athlete who has represented one National Federation in a Event and has changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality may only represent their new National Federation in a Event if at least two (2) years have passed since the athlete last represented their former National Federation. However, taking into account the circumstances of each case, the Executive Board may reduce this period to one (1) year or even waive this requirement if both National Federations concerned agree.

c. If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, or a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change

of border, or a country merges with another country, or a new National Olympic Committee is recognised by the IOC, an athlete may continue to represent the National Federation to which they belong or belonged. However, the athlete may, if they prefer, elect to represent their National Federation or be entered in a Event by their new National Federation if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

d. Furthermore, in all cases in which an athlete would be eligible to participate in a Event, either by representing a National Federation other than their own, or by having a choice as to the National Federation they wish to represent, the Executive Board may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any athlete, including the duration of any waiting period.

e. During the transfer procedure, the athlete can continue to participate in Events under the World Triathlon flag.

In accordance with the above-mentioned articles:

- National Federations will enter athletes for the World Championships according to their internal regulations and qualification systems.
- Athletes will represent the National Federation of the country they are citizen of.
- If the Athlete has the nationality of 2 or more countries, the Athlete can choose the National Federation they want to represent. The choice has to be made Athlete before the first participation to a World Triathlon Event.
- In case the Athlete wants to change the sporting nationality, she/he can go through the change of nationality process.

Cases examples:

- 1) Athlete having the nationality of Country A and Country B with no previous participation in World Triathlon events: he/she can choose to compete representing either Country A or Country B.
- 2) Athlete having the nationality of Country A and Country B with previous participation in World Triathlon events representing Country A. He/she can compete:
 - Representing Country A according to their internal regulations and qualification systems; or

- If the athlete wishes to represent Country B, he/she must go through the change of sporting nationality process.
- 3) Athlete having the nationality of Country A and living in Country B: he/she has to represent Country A.