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USA Triathlon High Performance 2024 Paralympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures – Guiding Principles 9.19.2022

The following are the guiding principles that the USA Triathlon Paralympic Games Selection Procedures Task Force (Task Force) has established to provide a guide to Athletes and Coaches regarding the anticipated direction of the 2024 Paralympic Games Athlete Selection Procedures. The final version of the selection procedures is expected to be published in October 2022.

- In developing these initial Guiding Principles, the Task Force believes that:
 - Athletes should have the opportunity to earn Automatic Selection in 2023 by performing at a very high level in targeted World Triathlon Automatic Selection Events.
 - Athletes should have the opportunity to earn Automatic Selection in multiple events, including in the Spring of 2024.
 - The Selection Panel should have the ability to select a limited number of athletes via discretionary evaluation if slots are not earned objectively by athletes.
 - Any discretionary selection (if utilized) will take into consideration performances in specific events during the selection period beginning no earlier than March 1, 2023. Athletes should be eligible for discretionary consideration based on achieving a high level of performance in select World Triathlon events during the selection period.
- The intent is to have 3 Automatic Selection Events
 - Automatic Selection Event #1. The first Automatic Selection Event is projected to be the **Paris Paratriathlon Test Event** (anticipated to occur in August 2023)
 - Automatic Selection Event #2. The second Automatic Selection Event is projected to be the **2023 World Triathlon Para Championships Pontevedra** (expected to be late September 2023)
 - Automatic Selection Event #3. The third Automatic Selection Event is projected to be the **2024 Americas Triathlon Para Championships**
- The Task Force affirmed that:
 - If either of the first two Automatic Selection Events (#1 & #2) are cancelled, and there is sufficient time to inform athletes of the change, the Task Force may propose a replacement event(s). The intent would be to provide as close to 90 days' notice to athletes of changes to Automatic Selection Events.
 - Should Automatic Selection Event #3 not be scheduled in the expected timeframe (March 1-June 25, 2024), the Task Force will select another event prioritizing that time period, including consideration of utilizing a USA Paratriathlon Invitational Trials Event between March 1 and June 25, 2024.
 - If any segment of an Automatic Selection Event is removed (e.g. becomes a duathlon) the event will no longer serve as an Automatic Selection Event.
 - If any segment of an Automatic Selection Event, or the entire event is shortened, the event will no longer serve as an Automatic Selection Event.
 - If any segment of Automatic Selection Event #1 or #2 is shortened and an athlete wins both Automatic Selection Events, the athlete automatically qualifies for the Team.
 - If the Selection Panel determines to fill Team quota spots via discretionary selection, it may take the recency of performances into account.



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Please provide any feedback by **October 7, 2022** to the Chair of the Task Force, Alec Hewett via email at alec.hewett@usatriathlon.org, or to any other member of the Task Force via paratriathlon@usatriathlon.org

Links to pertinent documents:

USA Triathlon Paralympic Games Selection Process documents will be [posted here](#)

World Triathlon's Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Qualification Criteria is [posted here](#)



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