



2010 ITU PATCO JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER USAT ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This protocol will be used to determine the order by which USA Triathlon will nominate eligible US athletes ("Eligible Athletes") to ITU/PATCO for starting positions allocated to the United States at the 2010 PATCO World Championship Qualifier. The 2010 event is scheduled to take place in Ixtapa, Mexico on May 22, 2010. As a non-host country, the US expects an initial allocation of three (3) entries per gender, with a maximum possibility of ten (10) entries pending attendance by member countries in the region. Additional entries may be available by special invitation of PATCO.

2. Nomination Timeline

USAT will establish a list of Eligible Athletes based on Section 3 below. Eligible Athletes will be notified via email address registered in the USAT Athlete Development Profiler (www.usatdevelopment.org) or the email address on file with the USAT membership department, if a Profile does not exist. An athlete will have until ninety (90) days prior to the event to accept his/her nomination. Failure to respond by the reply date will result to a roll-down to the next Eligible Athlete.

3. 2010 PATCO Nominations

USAT will identify for nomination to PATCO up to ten (10) Eligible Athletes per gender according to the order of priority below. Eligible Athletes must meet the ITU age guidelines for the 2010 season (ages 16-19 as of December 31, 2010). After considering the fourth nomination criteria below, USAT reserves the right to consider one (1) starting position for discretionary selections should there be a justifiable and competitive rationale for doing so. If any starting positions remain after exhausting this list, USAT will make these starting positions available for first come, first served based on requests to andy@usatriathlon.org on or after January 15th, 2010.

- 1) Highest placing US athlete at the 2009 Junior World Championships (must be top 20 Overall)
- 2) Highest placing US athlete at the 2009 PATCO Championships (must be top 3 Overall)
- 3) Highest placing US athlete at the 2009 USA National Championships (must be top 3 Overall)
- 4) Highest ranked US athlete in the 2009 Junior Elite Rankings (must be top 3 Overall)
- 5) Up to one athlete considered based on Benchmark data submitted by Evaluation Date*
- 6) Top 5 finish at 2009 Junior Elite National Championships
- 7) Athletes ranked #1-5 in final 2009 Junior Elite National Rankings
- 8) Top 10 finish (*athletes 6th-10th*) at 2009 Junior Elite National Championships
- 9) Athletes ranked #6-10 in final 2009 Junior Elite National Rankings
- 10) Top 15 finish (*athletes 11th-15th*) at 2009 Junior Elite National Championships
- 11) Athletes ranked #11-15 in final 2009 Junior Elite National Rankings
- 12) Up to one additional athlete considered based on Benchmark data submitted by Evaluation Date*
- 13) 2009 Youth Elite National Champion (if a Junior in 2010)
- 14) #1 ranked Youth Elite in final 2009 Youth Elite National Rankings (if a Junior in 2010)
- 15) Top 20 finish (*athletes 16th-20th*) at 2009 Junior Elite National Championships
- 16) Athletes ranked #16-20 in final 2009 Junior Elite National Rankings
- 17) 2009 Youth Elite National Runner-up (if a Junior in 2010)
- 18) #2 ranked Youth Elite in final 2009 Youth Elite National Rankings (if a Junior in 2010)

**Evaluation date pending announced date of 2010 PATCO Championships*

4. Expenses

Athletes are responsible for all expenses associated with their participation in this event. USAT may, at its discretion, provide a team uniform. Athletes are required to adhere to ITU/PATCO uniform requirements for this event.

5. International Disclaimer

USAT is reliant on PATCO and the ITU to supply timely information regarding entry allocations for each federation. Athletes should be aware that the registration deadline for federation entries is not until 30 days prior to the event. Having said this, athletes who choose to make travel arrangements prior to an official confirmation of entry do so at their own risk. Athletes are advised to make refundable reservations or bookings with nominal change fees.