



2012 PATCO North American Junior Championships USAT ENTRY SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Introduction

This protocol will be used to determine the order by which USA Triathlon will nominate eligible U.S. athletes (“Eligible Athletes”) for starting positions allocated to USAT at the 2012 PATCO North American Junior Championships. The 2012 event is scheduled to take place in Huatulco, Mexico, on May 6, 2012. As a Primary Sub-Regional National Federation, the U.S. expects an initial allocation of twenty (20) entries per gender, with the possibility that additional spots may be made available based on the number of entries claimed by participating National Federations.

2. Nomination Timeline

Athletes identified by nomination priority 2.1 and 2.2 below have until March 16, 2012, to accept their spots by contacting USAT High Performance at ituentries@usatriathlon.org. Failure to contact USAT by this date and complete the event’s registration process will result in a roll-down to the next Eligible Athlete on a first-come, first-served basis until all spots available to USAT are filled. All athletes must meet the age requirement of this event (aged 16 to 19 as of December 31, 2012).

3. 2011 PATCO North American Championship Nomination Priority

- 2.1. Athletes ranked in the top ten (15) of the 2011 end of season USAT Junior Elite rankings
- 2.2. Athletes ranked in the top five (5) of the 2011 end of season USAT Youth Elite rankings
- 2.3. All remaining athletes with a 2011 Junior Elite Ranking
- 2.4. All remaining athletes with a 2011 Youth Elite Ranking
- 2.5. Any athlete receiving the written endorsement of an RADC, USAT Camp Director, or High Performance Team leader.

4. Expenses

Athletes are responsible for all expenses associated with their participation in this event. USAT may, at its discretion, provide an expense reimbursement opportunity based on performance. Athletes are required to adhere to ITU uniform requirements for this event.

5. International Disclaimer

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.