



Age-Group Major Events Bidding Guidance

**2026 Great Britain Age-Group Team Qualifiers
and British/Home Nation National
Championships (including Welsh Super Series)**

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Introduction

British Triathlon and the Home Nations deliver an annual programme of age-group major events for the triathlon community. For many age-group athletes, these events are a highlight of the season, offering the chance to race against the best in Britain. Hosting these events is highly sought after by event organisers, as it brings added excitement, new challenge and a competitive edge to the event experience. These prestigious events often become a source of pride for the host community and draw athletes from across the country. Hosting an event is an opportunity not to be missed.

This document provides guidance for event organisers interested in bidding to host these prestigious events. It outlines the steps required to submit a bid, along with the criteria needed for a successful bid. The purpose of this document is to make the bidding process clearer and more accessible to all.

British Triathlon and the Home Nations invite bids from event organisers of all sizes, provided their events are permitted by the relevant Home Nation. Bids from both new and existing event organiser hosts are encouraged and support is available throughout the process.

British Triathlon and the Home Nations are looking forward to seeing the return of some well-established favourites on the calendar, whilst welcoming new events. Now is the perfect time to get involved and help shape the future of age-group major event racing across Britain.

For further information or questions, please contact the relevant team listed below.

British/English Events Team events@britishtriathlon.org for

- Great Britain Age-Group Team Qualifiers
- British and English National Championships

Triathlon Scotland events@triathlonscotland.org for

- Scottish National Championships

Welsh Triathlon events@welshtriathlon.org for

- Welsh National Championships including Welsh Super Series

**Bidding will open on Tuesday 15 July and
will close on Monday 18 August at 10am**

Key Information for Event Organisers:

Why host an Age-Group Major Event?

Hosting an age-group major event provides a range of benefits including:

- The opportunity to attract more participants from both your local area and across the country
- Enhanced publicity and increased promotional exposure for your event
- A stronger national profile through inclusion in the age-group major events calendar
- Greater prestige, helping to attract potential sponsors, partners, and supporters
- The potential for increased revenue as a result of higher participation and visibility

What Age-Group Major Events are available?

British Triathlon and the Home Nations offer a variety of age-group major event opportunities. Each event type serves a unique purpose and provides valuable experiences for participants, event organisers and the wider triathlon community:

The following event types are available:

Great Britain Age-Group Team Qualification Events - These events provide athletes with the opportunity to qualify for the Great Britain Age-Group Team and represent Great Britain at Europe Triathlon or World Triathlon Championships. These races are delivered to the highest standards, with fairness and consistency at their core to ensure a positive and robust athlete qualification process.

British Championships - These events provide members with the opportunity to compete for British titles within their age group. The events are delivered to the highest standard, offering a prestigious and memorable event experience. Exceptional event execution is essential to reflect the significance of these championships.

English Championships - Similar in format to the British Championships, the English Championships provide members with the opportunity to compete for titles at a national level. New event organisers as part of their journey in delivering high quality events in England are encouraged to apply for these prestigious events. These events must take place in England.

Scottish Championships - These events provide athletes with the opportunity to compete for Scottish titles, set against the backdrop of Scotland's unique landscapes and proud sporting tradition. Rooted in community spirit and local pride, these championships are a celebration of everything that makes Scottish triathlon special. Triathlon Scotland are keen to support event organisers to host these events every step of the way. These events must take place in Scotland.

Welsh Championships/Super Series - These events provide athletes with the opportunity to compete for Welsh titles whilst celebrating the spirit of Wales. These events are proudly embedded in Welsh

culture, with several also forming part of the Welsh Super Series with opportunities for athletes to represent “Tim Tri Cymru”. These events must take place in Wales.

2026 Age-Group Major Event Titles

British Triathlon and the Home Nations will appoint an event to host each of the following titles to be held in 2026. Please note that where a British Championships is appointed, a Home Nation Championships and Great Britain Age-Group Team Qualifier may also be appointed to the same event.

1	2026 Great Britain Age-Group Team Qualifiers*
	World Triathlon Standard Distance Duathlon Qualifier
	World Triathlon Sprint Distance (Draft-Legal) Duathlon Qualifier
	World Triathlon Standard Distance Triathlon Qualifier
	World Triathlon Sprint Distance (Draft-Legal) Triathlon Qualifier
	World Triathlon Standard Aquabike Qualifier
	Europe Triathlon Standard Distance Duathlon Qualifier
	Europe Triathlon Sprint Distance (Draft-Legal) Duathlon Qualifier
	Europe Triathlon Standard Distance Triathlon Qualifier
	Europe Triathlon Sprint Distance (Draft-Legal) Triathlon Qualifier
2	British Championships
	Aquathlon
	Standard Distance Aquabike
	Standard Distance Duathlon
	Sprint Distance Duathlon
	Standard Distance Triathlon
	Sprint Distance Triathlon
	Middle Distance Triathlon
	Long Distance Triathlon
	Sprint Distance Paraduathlon
	Sprint Distance Paratriathlon
	Relay (Olympic Format or Other format–Specify in your application)
	Cross Triathlon
3	English National Championships
	Aquathlon
	Standard Distance Aquabike
	Standard Distance Duathlon
	Sprint Distance Duathlon
	Standard Distance Triathlon
	Sprint Distance Triathlon
	Middle Distance Triathlon
	Long Distance Triathlon
	Relay (Olympic Format or Other format–Specify in your application)
	Cross Triathlon

4	Scottish National Championships
	Aquathlon
	Standard Distance Aquabike
	Sprint or Standard Distance Duathlon
	Standard Distance Triathlon
	Sprint Distance Triathlon
	Middle Distance Triathlon
	Relay (Olympic Format or Other format–Specify in your application)
	Youth Triathlon
	Cross Triathlon
5	Welsh National Championships
	Aquathlon
	Standard Distance Aquabike
	Standard Distance Duathlon
	Sprint Distance Duathlon
	Standard Distance Triathlon
	Sprint Distance Triathlon
	Middle Distance Triathlon
	Long Distance Triathlon
	Cross Duathlon
	Mixed Relay (Olympic Format or Other format–Specify in your application)
	Welsh Super Series
	Welsh Super Series consisting of six triathlon events across Sprint and Standard distances

*Varying numbers of qualifiers to be awarded per event listed. Each of these qualifiers will be awarded to separate events.

2026 Age-Group Major Event Delivery Support

If you're selected as a qualifier host, you'll enter into a supportive and collaborative partnership, with clear terms that outline the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved, designed to ensure your event runs smoothly and successfully. As a host, you will benefit from;

- Dedicated support before, during, and after your event, with our expert team by your side every step of the way
- A highly qualified Chief Technical Official, backed by a skilled team of officials, to uphold the highest standards of competition
- Attendance by one of the British Triathlon Great Britain Age-Group Team Managers (subject to selection and availability).
- A comprehensive logo and digital asset pack, enabling you to promote your event with a consistent and professional look

- Wider promotion through our digital channels, including social media features and online news coverage via British Triathlon and/or Home Nations platforms giving your event the attention it deserves

If you're selected as a championship host, you'll also enter into a supportive and collaborative partnership, with clear terms that outline the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved, designed to ensure your event runs smoothly and successfully. As a host, you will benefit from;

- Dedicated support before, during, and after your event, with our expert team by your side every step of the way
- Enhanced event atmosphere and branding, featuring high-quality visual elements such as barrier scrim, flags, and gantries (branding may vary by Home Nation)
- Memorable medal ceremonies, with professional presentations across all 5 year age-group bands to celebrate athletes' achievements
- On the ground support from experienced staff on event day, bringing knowledge, energy, and hands on assistance to ensure a seamless delivery
- A highly qualified Chief Technical Official, backed by a skilled team of officials, to uphold the highest standards of competition
- A comprehensive logo and digital asset pack, enabling you to promote your event with a consistent and professional look
- Wider promotion through our digital channels, including social media features and online news coverage via British Triathlon and/or Home Nations platforms giving your event the attention it deserves

What is the bidding process & timeline?

The bidding process and timeline is as follows:

- 15 July - Bidding opens. Bidding submission form shared with event organisers
- 24 July - Q&A webinar for event organisers on the process. 1pm and 7pm
- 18 August - Bidding closes. Bidding submission form closes.
- 18 August - 1 September. Scoring, selection and calendar creation by British Triathlon/Home Nation Staff. British Triathlon Event Committee takes place
- 1 September - 5 September. Event organisers are informed of successful or unsuccessful bids
- 5 September - 22 September. Event organisers review and sign agreements
- Week commencing 29 September - Age-Group Major Events calendar launched to the public. Exact date to be confirmed

How are events selected?

Bidding submissions are reviewed and scored based on selected criteria. The following is considered when reviewing and scoring bids. Please note that this list is not exhaustive:

- Event date (to ensure minimal clashes in the calendar)
- Geographic location (to ensure fair geographic distribution across Britain)
- Event permitting history and Technical Official report from the previous event
- Information supplied within the bidding form with a focus on;
 - experience provided to the triathlon community
 - promotion plans
 - opportunity for achievement of British/Home Nation objectives

Bidding submissions are reviewed, scored and selected by British Triathlon/Home Nation Staff and Event Committee members who are members of the British and Home Nation Boards.

How do I bid?

Bidding submissions must be completed online using the link below. Bids must be received by 10am Monday 18 August 2025. Bids received after this time will not be considered.

[BID HERE NOW](#)

Further Information

Completing the Form

When completing the bidding form, please read each question carefully and take note of any key points to consider. Ensure your responses are clear, concise and to the point. Note the following tips specifically;

- When answering the question asking why your event should be selected to host an age-group major event, focus on the experience your event provides to the entire triathlon community, including participants, volunteers, and spectators. Highlight the value and unique opportunities your event brings, and how it stands out from others. Reflect on your values, traditions and your approach to event delivery and sustainability.

When addressing event promotion as part of this question, describe how you plan to expand your reach. Include key strategies for audience growth, potential collaborations with local groups or organisations and any creative ideas to engage both new and existing participants.

- In response to the question about supporting national governing body membership growth, beginner participation and diversity and inclusion, consider what you could do to support these priorities. All three are strategically important to British Triathlon and the Home Nations, and we are looking for ideas on how our age-group major events could support these priorities. Consider initiatives, story telling and local activation.

Agreements

Successful event organisers will be required to sign a formal agreement. The agreement will include (but is not limited to) the following obligations:

- The permitting and delivery of the event must be completed in line with the relevant Home Nation permitting guidelines and Terms & Conditions
- Event organisers will be required to honour the commercial agreements of any sponsorship associated with the events through British Triathlon and the Home Nations. British Triathlon will work with event organisers to develop rights for each individual event mitigating any potential conflicts in brand categories
- A limited number of complimentary entries must be made available to British Triathlon and the Home Nations for use in marketing, promotional activity and initiatives aimed at growing participation
- Great Britain Age-Group Team Qualifier results must be submitted to British Triathlon within four working days of the event to facilitate the awarding of qualification slots
- Championship results must be available promptly on event day to allow for timely prize presentations
- Where feasible event organisers must deliver a friendly, inclusive, informal wave within the event, aligned with the Swim Bike Run programme

Technical Officials

The appointment of the Chief Technical Official for an age-group major event is conducted through a separate process for suitably qualified Technical Officials. Should your event be selected to host an age-group major event a Chief Technical Official will be appointed for you.

Dates to Avoid

British Triathlon will endeavour not to appoint events where a competing age-group major event is known, however sometimes this is unavoidable. Event organisers are recommended to review World and European Championship known dates [here](#) and select alternate dates where possible. Events are preferred not to clash with World Triathlon and Europe Triathlon Championship dates to meet the demand from the triathlon community.