

## ETU Development Plan 2014

### *Competition opportunities for athletes- ETU performance team*

In 2013 ETU started with an athlete development programme to ensure that athletes with high potential from developing countries get opportunities to access and compete in ETU elite races to earn ranking points, with a long term view of qualifying themselves for higher level senior competition. After evaluating this programme, the ETU Development Committee and ETU Executive Board decided that such a programme does benefit athletes and National Federations, but at the same time tried to improve this athlete development programme to assist both the athletes, the National Federations and coaches in a better way.

Therefore ETU will start with an 'ETU high performance team' for athletes aged 17-21.

To work out this programme in a constructive and transparent way, the ETU Executive Board appointed a "SELECTION COMMISSION" consisting of Zeljko Bijuk, Kris Piatkowski and Kathleen Smet. They have selected 4 events and 10 male and 5 female athletes from National Federations in Category 2 and 3. Those athletes showed in 2013, in both elite and junior European Cups, their potential to compete at an elite level and their ability to earn ITU points and to make the necessary progress in order to be able to compete at World Cup and World Triathlon Series in the near future.

ETU will provide a travel grant up to a maximum of 200€ and will pay for accommodation for a maximum of 3 nights (on a shared room base) for all the ETU team members and will appoint an ITU qualified coach to train the team in preparing the event. The athletes' personal coach is invited to participate as well but this will be on his own expense.

The selected ETU European Cup Events are:

- Dnepropetrovsk ETU Sprint Triathlon European Cup, 24-25 May
- Tartu ETU Sprint Triathlon European Cup, 13 July
- Riga ETU Sprint Triathlon European Cup, 9-10 August
- Koper ETU Triathlon European Cup, 13 September

The selected athletes are:

- Male: Henrik Goesh (FIN), Milan Tomin (SRB), Max Biewer (LUX), Shahar Sahiv (ISR), Amitah Yonah (ISR), Ali Atlan (TUR), Ithamar Alster (ISR), Aliaksander Dahkno (BLR), Bob Haller (LUX) and Matija Meden (SLO)
- Female: Ipek Oztosun (TUR), Hrista Stoyneva (BUL), Kaidi Kivioja (EST), Monika Orazem (SLO) and Yuval Gome (ISR).

There is room for 1 additional athlete per event and per gender, if the athlete reaches the criteria mentioned above. Therefore all National Federations of Category 2 or 3 can propose one or more athletes for the team. The selection commission will give priority to athletes showing high potential measured through an ascending performance profile (please give evidence in the application form, which can be found at the end of this letter). It is in the discretion of the selection committee to select the athlete for one or two of the selected events.

No more than 3 athletes per National Federation and per gender are allowed to be part of the global ETU team and each of the athletes will only be invited to race in maximum 2 events. A total of 3 female and 4 male will be selected to participate in each of the 4 events. If an athlete cannot compete in the proposed event, the opportunity of the athlete to be part of the ETU team will be cancelled.

#### Application Process:

The application will be made as follows:

- The NF sends the application form attached to this mail to the ETU office no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014;
- The ETU selection commission will inform the NF/athlete on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 whether the application has been accepted and will communicate to the NF and the athlete to which event the athlete has been selected;
- If an athlete cannot compete in the proposed event, the opportunity of the athlete to be part of the ETU team will be cancelled.
- **The NF enters the athlete through the ITU entry system before the entry deadline.**

If you have questions regarding the application, please do not hesitate to contact ETU.

Kind regards,

ETU Executive Board

ETU Development Committee

ETU Development Coordinator

## APPLICATION FORM

-To fill in and return to the ETU office not later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 -

National Federation information:

Name of National Federation: .....

Contact person: .....

- Contact details: .....

Athlete's information

- Name of athlete: .....

- Gender: male/female\*

- Birthday: ...../...../19..... (day/month/year)

- Athlete's achievements:

o Recent triathlon results: Date/location/type of race/result

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- .....
- .....

o OFFICIAL race results:

▪ Swimming:

For example: 200 Freestyle, 21/09/2013, National youth Championships, Brussels, 2.10.08

Distance	Date	Race	Result/time
100 Freestyle			
200 Freestyle			
400 Freestyle			

- Running

Distance	Date	Race	Result/time
1500m			
3000m			
5000m			

- Any other relevant information

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Please note that we cannot guarantee that a place within the ETU team will be awarded.

Thank you.