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PROFESSIONAL LICENCE POLICY

2008/2009

- 1) All Australian athletes wishing to compete in Triathlon, Duathlon or Aquathlon Events with an overall Prize purse (male & female combined) above \$5,000 (Australian) or greater will require a Professional Licence to be shown at registration prior to the Race to be eligible to race as a Professional at that event.
- 2) To be eligible for a Professional Licence athletes must be turning 18 in 2008. "Special Circumstances" will be evaluated by the High Performance Team (HPT)
- 3) There will be 4 levels of Professional Licence in 2008/2009.
 - Category 1. Professional Licence – OPEN
 - Category 2. Professional Licence – LONG COURSE & DUATHLON (International)
 - Category 3. Professional Licence – LONG COURSE & DUATHLON (Domestic)
 - Category 4. Interim U23 Development Licence (01/07/08 – 31/10/08) (International)
- 4) The assessment Period for 2008/08 Licences is based on performances from 1 July 2007 until 30 June 2008. Please read each category for other qualification opportunities and relevant cut-off dates.
- 5) If during the course of the year you upgrade your licence you only pay the differential between your original licence and the new licence
- 6) **You will also be purchasing a State Affiliation Licence at the same time through the Triathlon Australia National Online Membership on the Triathlon Australia website).**

Category 1. Professional Licence – OPEN

The cut-off date for Applications for this Category of licence (Cat.1) for the 2008/09 season is 31 March 2009.

- This will be for all Australian Athletes wishing to compete as a professional athlete in the Challenge Series, National Championships, Regional Championships, ITU Points Races, World Championships, World Cups, Continental Cups and any other Triathlon, Duathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of \$5000.
- Category 1 Professional Licence holders cannot race as Age-Groupers in any triathlon event which has a professional or open category within the same year.
- Cost is AUD \$490.00 + Compulsory State Affiliation and Online Processing Fees and includes International Medical & Travel Insurance.

Automatic Qualification will be achieved via the following criteria:

Previous Season Results (2007/2008)

- Elite, U23 Worlds or ITU Junior Team Member Athletes;
- Any Athlete above 300 Points on NPT;
- Top 25 in a 2007/2008 ITU World Cup Event (12% & Greater);
- Top 12 in a 2007/2008 ITU World Cup event (10% and Lower);
- Top 8 in 2007/2008 ITU Points Races within 5% of the winner's time for males & females;
- Performances in 2007/08 in National Series Olympic Distance Triathlon (ODT) Race or National Championship (Sprint & ODT) within 6% of the winner's time for males & within 8% of the winner's time for females;
- Fastest three times in overall Age Group results (male and female) in the 2008 Australian Championships (Perth)
- Fastest overall Age Group time (male and female) at any 2007/08 National Series Olympic Distance event; and
- Top 3 in 2007 World Age Group Championships within 1.5% of the overall fastest male & female Age Group time.

Opportunities in the latter part of 2008

- A result in the Noosa Triathlon in 2008, within 8% of the winner's time in the Open wave – male and female. (An athlete without a Professional Licence prior to Noosa, must race Age Group, however, results will be comparable to Professionals, as course is identical and non-drafting for both)

Non Automatic Qualification

Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence that do not meet the above may apply in writing to the TA High Performance Team (HPT). The onus is on the applicant to supply the TA HPT, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure. Upon assessment the decision of the TA HPT will be final.

Category 2. Professional Licences – LONG COURSE & DUATHLON (International)

The cut-off dates for Applications for this Category of license (Cat.2) is 31 March 2008.

- Long Course and Duathlon Licences will be for all Australian Athletes wishing to compete as a professional in any Australian or International Long Course and Duathlon event with prize money in excess of \$5,000 and will allow both Australian Long Course specialists and

Duathletes to race as Age-Groupers or in Open Waves in **Non-Drafting** triathlon races in Australia and Internationally.

- Long Course is defined in this document, as any event greater in distance than Olympic Distance events (1.5/40/10).
- Cost is AUD \$490.00 + Compulsory State Affiliation and Online Processing Fees and includes International Travel Insurance.

Automatic Qualification will be achieved via the following criteria:

- Top 5 at National Long Course and Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the Open winner's time for male & female;
- Top 15 in World Long Course and Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 10 in any WTC Ironman as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 20 in Hawaii Ironman as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 5 in Australian Half Ironman (70.3) Races if within 4% of the overall fastest time for male & female;
- Fastest three times in overall Age Group results (male and female) in Australian Duathlon Championships;
- Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in Australian Half Ironman Races (70.3) if within 5% of the overall fastest time for male & female; and
- Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in World Long Course or WTC Ironman event as long as within 7.5% of the overall fastest time for male & female.

Non Automatic Qualification

Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence that do not meet the above may apply in writing to the TA High Performance Team (HPT). The onus is on the applicant to supply the TA HPT, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure. Upon assessment the decision of the TA HPT will be final.

Category 3. Professional Licences – LONG COURSE & DUATHLON (Domestic)

The cut-off dates for Applications for this Category of license (Cat.3) is 31 January 2009.

- A Cat 3 Professional Licence will be for all Australian Athletes wishing to compete as a Professional in any Australian Long Course or Duathlon events with prize money in excess of \$5,000 in AUSTRALIA ONLY and will allow Australian Long Course and Duathlete specialists to race as Age-Groupers in Non-Drafting triathlon races

- This license is valid in Australia ONLY.
- This license does NOT include International Medical & Travel Insurance.
- The Cost of this Category License is \$220.00 + Compulsory State Affiliation and Online Processing Fees.

Automatic Qualification will be achieved via the following criteria:

- Top 5 at National Long Course or Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 15 in World Long Course and Duathlon Championships as long as within 4% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 10 in any WTC Ironman Open category as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 20 in Hawaii Ironman as long as within 6% of the winner's time for male & female;
- Top 5 in Australian Half Ironman (70.3) Races if within 4% of the overall fastest time for male & female;
- Fastest three times in overall Age Group results (male and female) in Australian Duathlon Championships;
- Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in Australian Half Ironman Races (70.3) if within 5% of the overall fastest time for male & female; and
- Age Group Podium (1-2-3) in World Long Course or WTC Ironman event as long as within 7.5% of the overall fastest time for male & female.

Non Automatic Qualification

Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence that do not meet the above may apply in writing to the TA High Performance Team (HPT). The onus is on the applicant to supply the TA HPT, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure. Upon assessment the decision of the TA HPT will be final.

Category 4. Professional Licences – INTERIM U23 DEVELOPMENT ODT/SPRINT LICENCE (INTERNATIONAL)

The cut-off date for Applications for this Category of licence (Cat.4) for the 2008/09 season is 15 August 2008.

- This will be for all Australian U23 Athletes athletes wishing to compete as a professional in OVERSEAS races such as ITU Continental Cups and any other Triathlon, Duathlon or multisport event with prize money in excess of \$5,000.
- Category 4 INTERIM U23 DEVELOPMENT LICENCE holders cannot race as Age-Groupers in any triathlon event which has a professional or open category within the same period.

- This licence is only available until 31 October 2008. At that point in time athletes must re-apply to the NPD stating their results whilst Interim U23 Licence Holders. At that point in time Licences will either be upgraded to Professional-Open or revert to Age Group.
- Cost is AUD \$160.00 + Compulsory State Affiliation and Online Processing Fees and includes International Medical & Travel Insurance. This covers the period of Insurance (i.e.: up until 30/09/08). If at the end of this period the athlete qualifies to upgrade their Licence to Professional Open, \$295.00 (Australian) + Compulsory State Affiliation and Online Processing fees are payable to complete the transfer to Category 1-Professional Open Licence.

Non Automatic Qualification

There is no Automatic Qualification for Category 4 Licences. This Licence is only available by application. Those athletes wishing to apply for a Professional Licence- Category 4 INTERIM U23 DEVELOPMENT may apply in writing to the TA National Performance Director. The onus is on the applicant to supply the TA NPD, with all relevant times, places and race information to assist in the assessment procedure, as well as intended race schedule in that period. Upon assessment the decision of the TA NPD will be final.
