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## **1.0 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

*THECHAMPIONSHIP* middle-distance professional athlete qualification system for Samorin 2019 is based on place getting, as opposed to the accrual of points. The allocation of qualification slots to professional podium finishers from Challenge Family events and podium finishers from selected events across the triathlon spectrum is designed to ensure that *THECHAMPIONSHIP* is the pinnacle of middle and long distance triathlon.

## **2.0 QUALIFICATION PERIOD**

Qualification for *THECHAMPIONSHIP* Samorin 2019 will commence at Challenge Salou in May, 2018 and conclude at Challenge Salou in May 2019 (Dates TBC).

## **3.0 SLOT ALLOCATION**

The allocation of slots for *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2019 in Samorin is outlined as follows:

### **3.1 TOP 10 finishers *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2018**

- One slot for each of the top ten (10) male professional finishers at *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2018 (10 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top ten (10) female professional finishers at *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2018 (10 slots in total).
- TOP 10 male and female finisher at *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2018 will be required to validate their *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2019 slot by completing one *CHALLENGEFAMILY* event (full or middle distance) within the qualification period.

### **3.2 Challenge Family Professional Athlete Slots**

- One slot for each of the top five (5) male professional finishers at all Challenge Family full distance and half distance races in the qualification period (5 slots per race).
- One slot for each of the top five (5) female professional finishers Challenge Family full distance and half distance races (5 slots per race).
- Slots will not roll down.

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### 3.3 Regional Championships

- For any regional championship events announced and conducted during the qualification period these regional championship events will carry double slots then all other Challenge Family events.

### 3.4 Ironman Professional Athlete Slots

- One slot for each of the top five (5) male professional finishers at the 2018 Ironman World Championship (5 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top five (5) female professional finishers at the 2018 Ironman World Championship (5 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2018 Ironman World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP** slot by completing one Challenge Family event (full or half distance) within the qualification period.
- One slot for each of the top three (3) male professional finishers at the 2018 Ironman 70.3 World Championship (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) female professional finishers at the 2018 Ironman 70.3 World Championship (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2018 Ironman 70.3 World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP** slot by completing one Challenge Family event (full or half distance) within the qualification period.
- A total of sixteen (16) qualifying slots are available at Ironman events.

### 3.5 International Triathlon Union Professional Athlete Slots

- One slot for each of the top three (3) male professional finishers at the 2018 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) female professional finishers at the 2018 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2018 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP** slot by completing one Challenge Family event (full or half distance) within the qualification period.
- One slot for each of the top three (3) ranked professional males in the 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series. Rankings determined following the completion of the WTS Grand Final in Cozumel, Mexico (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) ranked professional females in the 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series. Rankings determined following the completion of the WTS Grand Final in Rotterdam, Netherlands (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots via the 2018 World Triathlon Series rankings will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP** slot by completing one Challenge Family event (full or half distance) within the qualification period.
- A total of twelve (12) slots are available for International Triathlon Union athletes

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### 3.7 New Events in the Qualification Period

- One slot for each of the top five (5) male professional finishers at all new Challenge Family full distance and middle distance races in the qualification period (5 slots per race).
- One slot for each the top five (5) female professional finishers at all new Challenge Family full distance and middle distance races (5 slots per race).

### 4.0 RACE DATE

*THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2019 in Samorin (Middle-Distance) is scheduled for June 2, 2019.

### 5.0 RACE VENUE

*THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2019 will take place at x-bionic® sphere, Samorin, Slovakia.

### 6.0 PROPOSED PRIZE PURSE AND BREAKDOWN

A minimum prize purse of €150,000.

#### 6.1 Prize Purse Breakdown

Prize money, (based on the minimum prize purse of €150,000) will be distributed equally between the top ten (10) Male professionals and the top ten (10) females professionals as follows:

Male Professional Athletes	
Position	Prize Money
1 <sup>st</sup>	€30,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€15,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€8,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	€6,500
5 <sup>th</sup>	€5,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	€3,500
7 <sup>th</sup>	€2,500
8 <sup>th</sup>	€2,000
9 <sup>th</sup>	€1,500
10 <sup>th</sup>	€1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€75,000</b>

Female Professional Athletes	
Position	Prize Money
1 <sup>st</sup>	€30,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€15,000
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€8,000
4 <sup>th</sup>	€6,500
5 <sup>th</sup>	€5,000
6 <sup>th</sup>	€3,500
7 <sup>th</sup>	€2,500
8 <sup>th</sup>	€2,000
9 <sup>th</sup>	€1,500
10 <sup>th</sup>	€1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€75,000</b>

Any additional prize money amounts above the minimum prize purse will be allocated evenly and at the discretion of Event organisers among the top ten male and female professional finishers and an updated prize purse breakdown will be published.

### 7.0 FULL INVITATIONS

A limited number of professional will be offered a full invitation to *THECHAMPIONSHIP* Samorin 2018. A full invitation will include flight assistance (economy class), accommodation at x-bionic© sphere, three meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) per day and airport transfers. Athletes with full invitations will also have the opportunity to train at the race venue (x-bionic® sphere) for seven (7) nights free of charge. This can be at any time of the year, subject to availability of accommodation and venues for training purposes. Athletes accepting the full invitation will be required to complete promotional obligations on behalf of the event, which will be outlined in the invitation to the respective athletes.

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## **8.0 REGISTRATION**

### **8.1 Registration Fees**

Professional registration for *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2019 is free for all professional athletes who have a valid Challenge Family Professional Membership.

### **8.2 Registration Process for Qualifiers via Challenge Family Events**

Professional athletes who qualify for *THECHAMPIONSHIP* at any Challenge Family event will receive a letter of congratulations from the organizers of *THECHAMPIONSHIP* shortly after the qualifying event. This letter will include a registration code and details in order to complete an online registration for The Championship within thirty (30) days of receiving the registration code. Professional athletes who do not complete the online registration within the code expiry period will automatically waive their qualifying status and will be required to qualify at another Challenge Family or Non-Challenge Family qualifier event during the qualifier period. Once re-qualified, the registration process will be repeated.

### **8.3 Registration Process for qualifiers via Non-Challenge Family Events**

Professional athletes who are invited to participate in *THECHAMPIONSHIP* via a Non-*CHALLENGEFAMILY* event will receive a letter of invitation from the organizers of *THECHAMPIONSHIP* shortly after the event. Registration for *THECHAMPIONSHIP* from athletes who are invited via Non-*CHALLENGEFAMILY* events will only be validated once the athlete validates at and completes a *CHALLENGEFAMILY* middle or full distance event within the qualifying period.

### **9.0 Withdrawal prior to the race**

All athletes who accept their qualification slot and officially register must inform Belinda (belinda@challenge-family.com) no later than three weeks prior to the race if they no longer intend racing. May 13, 2019 will be the latest date acceptable for cancellation. Full entry fee will be charged if we are not informed before this date unless there is a valid reason (e.g.-injury or sickness).

### **10.0 THE CHAMPIONSHIP PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE LIAISON**

Professional athlete enquiries for The Championship 2019 are to be directed to Challenge Family Professional Athlete Liaison, Belinda Granger, via email [belinda@challenge-family.com](mailto:belinda@challenge-family.com).