



# THECHAMPIONSHIP

SAMORIN 2020 AGE GROUP ATHLETE QUALIFICATION

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## 1.0 AGE GROUP QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

**THECHAMPIONSHIP** middle-distance age-group qualification system is based on place getting, as opposed to the accrual of points. This simplified system provides all races with a fair and equitable share of **THECHAMPIONSHIP** qualification slots and provides athletes with a clear and concise understanding of the process. The allocation of qualification slots to the top six age group finishers from **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events is designed to ensure that **THECHAMPIONSHIP** is purely focused on achievement and elite age group performance, cementing the events' status at the pinnacle of middle and long distance triathlon.

## 2.0 AGE GROUP QUALIFICATION PERIOD

Qualification for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2020 in Samorin will commence at Challenge Wanaka in February, 2019 and conclude at Challenge St. Pölten in May 2020 (Date TBC).

## 3.0 AGE GROUP SLOT ALLOCATION

The allocation of age group slots for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2020 in Samorin is outlined as follows:

### **3.1 Challenge Family Age Group Athlete Slots (Individuals)**

- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers in each male and female age group at **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full distance and middle distance races.
- Slots will roll down in each category up to 12th place.
- Qualifiers will have four (4) weeks to confirm their spot after the qualifying race.

### **3.2 Relay Team (Age Group) Athlete Slots**

- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers of the mixed relay team at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance events (where relays are conducted).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers of the all-male relay team at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance events (where relays are conducted).

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- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers of the all-female relay team at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance events (where relays are conducted).
- Team structure at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** must comprise a minimum of two (2) members of the qualifying team racing at **THECHAMPIONSHIP**.
- Slots will roll down in each category up to 12th place.
- Team qualifiers will have four (4) weeks to confirm their spot after the qualifying race.

### 3.4 Age Group Loyalty Qualification

- Loyalty slots will be available to any age group athlete who participates in three (3) or more **CHALLENGEFAMILY** races (full or middle distance) within the qualification period for **THECHAMPIONSHIP**.
- Loyalty slots are available to any age group athlete regardless of their finishing time or finishing position at **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events, so long as they have participated in a minimum of three (3) or more **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events within the qualification period.
- Athletes will be required to submit a request (via email) for one of the loyalty slots and prove they registered and started three **CHALLENGEFAMILY** races within the qualification period. A total of 300 slots are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Upon receipt of the request from the first 300 loyalty qualifiers, and proof of the three races, the “loyalty athlete” will be provided with a registration code to which they can use to register for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** online. The “loyalty athlete” will have to the close of registration period to complete their online registration using the registration form.

### 3.5 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.

### 3.7 New Events in the Qualification Period

For all new **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events announced and conducted in the qualification period for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2019, each new Event will carry the following qualifying slots.

- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers in each male and female age group at **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full distance and middle distance races.
- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers of the mixed relay team at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance events (where relays are conducted).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers of the all-male relay team at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance events (where relays are conducted).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) finishers of the all-female relay team at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance events (where relays are conducted).
- Slots will roll down in each category up to 12th place.

## 4.0 QUALIFIER ENTRY SYSTEM

- Upon qualifying for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** at any one of the qualifier events, the qualifying athlete will receive a registration code (via email) from **CHALLENGEFAMILY**. This code will allow the athlete to complete the online registration form for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** at the event website. Qualification for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** is only finalized upon completion of the on-line registration form and full payment of the event registration fee.

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- The qualifying athlete will have four (4) weeks to register for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** (and pay the event registration fee) following the receipt of the registration code. Failure to register within the 4-weeks expiry period will waive the qualification. After the 4-weeks period the left qualification slots will roll down up to max. 12th place.
- **CHALLENGEFAMILY** may offer discretionary special invitations to athletes to participate in **THECHAMPIONSHIP**. These discretionary special invitations may be age-group athletes, professional athletes, media personalities, sponsors or any special invitation as Challenge Family wishes to issue.