



THECHAMPIONSHIP

SAMORIN 2020-2021 AGE GROUP ATHLETE QUALIFICATION

Title:	THE CHAMPIONSHIP SAMORIN 2020-2021 AGE GROUP ATHLETE QUALIFYING SYSTEM
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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** Samorin 2020-2021 can be achieved at any race after May 19th 2019 (after **CHALLENGEHEILBRONN** – the last qualification race for 2020) until **CHALLENGERICCIONE** on May 9th, 2021. The slot has to be redeemed before May 16th.

3.0 AGE GROUP SLOT ALLOCATION

The allocation of age group slots for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2021 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**.
- There are slots in the following age group categories:
 - Male 20-24
 - Female 20-24
 - Male 25-29
 - Female 25-29
 - Male 30-34
 - Female 30-34
 - Male 35-39
 - Female 35-39
 - Male 40-44
 - Female 40-44
 - Male 45-49
 - Female 45-49
 - Male 50-54
 - Female 50-54
 - Male 55-59
 - Female 55-59
 - Male 60-64
 - Female 60-64
 - Male 65-70
 - Female 65-70
 - Male 70+
 - Female 70+

- All registrations for 2020 have been transferred to 2021, except for the athletes that requested refunds. Based on the current number of **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance races and the above allocation of slots, there is a total of 4,752 individual age group qualifying slots available across **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance races.

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).
- 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**.
- Team qualifiers will have seven (7) days to confirm their spot after receiving the invite.
- Based on the current number of **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance races and the above allocation of slots, there is a total of 324 qualifying slots available for relay teams across **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full and middle distance races.

3.3 Age Group Loyalty Qualification

- Loyalty slots will be available to any age group athlete who participates in four (4) 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 four (4) or more **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events within the qualification period.
- Athletes will be required to submit a request (via email to thechampionship@challenge-family.com) 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.

3.4 Regional Championships

- For any (regional) championship-level events announced and conducted during the qualification period these (regional) championship events will carry the same qualification slots as **CHALLENGESAMORIN** (double of all other **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events).

3.5 New Events in the Qualification Period

- For all new **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events announced and conducted in the qualification period for **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2021**, each new Event will carry the same qualifying slots as described in chapter 3.1 for Individual entries, chapter 3.2 for Relay entries and the requirements for PRO athlete qualification.

4.0 QUALIFYING SLOT ROLLDOWN

In case one of the athletes or relay teams in the top six does not complete the entry a rolldown procedure is started. This is not applicable for PRO athletes, there is no rolldown for this category.

- Two weeks (14 days) after the initial invitation is sent the rolldown process starts.
- The athletes or teams ranked 7-12 in the race ranking per age group will be eligible for a rolldown.
- For example if in age group 40-44 three athletes redeemed the qualification slot, athletes placed on ranking 7, 8 and 9 in this age group are qualified and receive an invite.
- The invite needs to be redeemed within seven (7) days after receiving the invitation.
- Upon qualifying for **THECHAMPIONSHIP**

5.0 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.
- The qualifying athlete will have seven (7) days to register for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** (and pay the event registration fee) following the receipt of the registration code. Failure to register within the 7-day expiry period will waive the qualification.
- No party may offer discretionary special invitations to athletes to participate in **THECHAMPIONSHIP** as this is qualification only. These discretionary special invitations includes age-group athletes, professional athletes, media personalities, sponsors or any special invitation as **CHALLENGEFAMILY** wishes to issue. In those cases, athletes can be invited to the Open Middle Distance side event that takes place at the same moment.