



# THECHAMPIONSHIP

SAMORIN 2020-2021 AGE GROUP ATHLETE QUALIFICATION

---

Title:	THE CHAMPIONSHIP SAMORIN 2020-2021 AGE GROUP ATHLETE QUALIFYING SYSTEM
Date:	May 23, 2021
Updated:	March 17, 2021

---

## 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 *CHALLENGETURKU* on August 1st, 2021. The slot has to be redeemed before August 22nd.

## 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 are 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](mailto: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 end 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 include 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.