



THECHAMPIONSHIP

SAMORIN 2022 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE QUALIFICATION

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1.0 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

THECHAMPIONSHIP middle-distance professional athlete qualification system for Samorin 2022 is based on place getting, as opposed to the accrual of points. The allocation of qualification slots to professional podium finishers from **CHALLENGEFAMILY** 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 2022 can be achieved at any race after May 1st, 2021 until **CHALLENGELISBOA** on May 7th, 2022. The slot has to be redeemed before May 15th.

3.0 SLOT ALLOCATION

The allocation of slots for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2022 in Samorin is outlined as follows:

3.1 TOP 10 finishers *THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2022

- One slot for each of the top ten (10) men professional finishers at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2021 (10 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top ten (10) women professional finishers at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2021 (10 slots in total).
- TOP 10 men and women finisher at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2021 will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2022 slot by completing one **CHALLENGEFAMILY** event (full or middle distance) within the qualification period.

3.2 *CHALLENGEFAMILY* Professional Athlete Slots

- One slot for each of the top six (6) men professional finishers at all **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full distance and middle distance races in the qualification period (6 slots per race).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) women professional finishers **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full distance and middle distance races (6 slots per race).
- Slots will not roll down.

3.3 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** (up to 10 of all other **CHALLENGEFAMILY** events).

3.4 IRONMAN Professional Athlete Slots

- One slot for each of the top six (6) men professional finishers at the Ironman World Championship (6 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) women professional finishers at the Ironman World Championship (6 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2021/2022 Ironman World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2022** slot by completing one **CHALLENGEFAMILY** event (full or middle distance) within the qualification period.
- One slot for each of the top six (6) men professional finishers at the Ironman 70.3 World Championship (6 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) women professional finishers at the Ironman 70.3 World Championship (6 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2021/2022 Ironman 70.3 World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2022** slot by completing one **CHALLENGEFAMILY** event (full or middle distance) within the qualification period.
- A total of twenty-four (24) qualifying slots are available at Ironman events.

3.5 International Triathlon Union Professional Athlete Slots

- One slot for each of the top three (3) men professional finishers at the ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) women professional finishers at the ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2021-2022 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2022** slot by completing one Challenge Family event (full or middle distance) within the qualification period.
- One slot for each of the top three (3) ranked professional males in the ITU World Triathlon Series. Rankings determined following the completion of the WTS Grand Final (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) ranked professional females in the ITU World Triathlon Series. Rankings determined following the completion of the WTS Grand Final (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots via the 2021/2022 World Triathlon Series rankings will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2022** slot by completing one **CHALLENGEFAMILY** event (full or middle distance) within the qualification period.
- A total of twelve (12) slots are available for International Triathlon Union athletes

3.7 New Events in the Qualification Period

- One slot for each of the top six (6) men professional finishers at all new **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full distance and middle distance races in the qualification period (6 slots per race).
- One slot for each the top six (6) women professional finishers at all new **CHALLENGEFAMILY** full distance and middle distance races (6 slots per race).

4.0 RACE DATE

THECHAMPIONSHIP in Samorin (Middle-Distance) is scheduled for May 22, 2022.

5.0 RACE VENUE

THECHAMPIONSHIP 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 eight (10) Men professionals and the top eight (10) females professionals as follows:

Men Professional Athletes	
Position	Prize Money
1 st	€30,000
2 nd	€15,000
3 rd	€8,000
4 th	€6,500
5 th	€5,000
6 th	€3,500
7 th	€2,500
8 th	€2,000
9 th	€1,500
10 th	€1,000
TOTAL	€75,000

Women Professional Athletes	
Position	Prize Money
1 st	€30,000
2 nd	€15,000
3 rd	€8,000
4 th	€6,500
5 th	€5,000
6 th	€3,500
7 th	€2,500
8 th	€2,000
9 th	€1,500
10 th	€1,000
TOTAL	€75,000

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 men and women professional finishers and an updated prize purse breakdown will be published.

7.0 FULL INVITATIONS

A limited number of professional will be offered HALF (5 men + 5 women) and FULL (5 men + 5 women) invitations to *THECHAMPIONSHIP*. A full invitation will include flight assistance (economy class), accommodation at the 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 free of charge (incl. swimming pool, gym, athletics facility and wellness). Half invitations include the same as full invitation EXCEPT: travel allowance (flights and transfers) and wellness, This can be at any time of the year, subject to availability of accommodation and venues for training purposes. Athletes accepting the invitation will be required to complete promotional obligations of the event, which will be outlined in the invitation to the respective athletes.

8.0 REGISTRATION

8.1 Registration Fees

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

8.2 Registration Process for Qualifiers via Challenge Family Events

Professional athletes who qualify for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** at any **CHALLENGEFAMILY** event will receive a letter of congratulations from the organizers of **THECHAMPIONSHIP** shortly after the qualifying event. This letter will include a registration link and details in order to complete an online registration for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** within thirty (30) days of receiving the registration link. 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 **CHALLENGEFAMILY** or Non-**CHALLENGEFAMILY** qualifier event during the qualifier period. Once re-qualified, the registration process will be repeated.

8.3 Registration Process for qualifiers via Non- **CHALLENGEFAMILY 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 Granger (belinda@challenge-family.com) no later than four weeks prior to the race if they no longer intend racing. April 17, 2022 will be the latest date acceptable for cancellation. Full entry fee and all other fees such as accommodation or transfer 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 **THECHAMPIONSHIP** are to be directed to **CHALLENGEFAMILY** Professional Athlete Liaison, Belinda Granger, via email belinda@challenge-family.com.