



# 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 **CHALLENGEMALTA** on May 15th, 2022. The slot has to be redeemed before May 16th.

## 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) male professional finishers at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2021 (10 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top ten (10) female professional finishers at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2021 (10 slots in total).

### **3.2 CHALLENGEFAMILY Professional Athlete Slots**

- One slot for each of the top six (6) male 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) female 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) male professional finishers at the Ironman World Championship (6 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) female 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) male professional finishers at the Ironman 70.3 World Championship (6 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) female 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 World Triathlon Professional Athlete Slots

- One slot for each of the top three (3) male professional finishers at the World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) female professional finishers at the World Triathlon Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2021-2022 World Triathlon 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 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 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) male professional finishers at all new **CHALLENGEFAMILY** long distance and middle distance races in the qualification period (6 slots per race).
- One slot for each the top six (6) female professional finishers at all new **CHALLENGEFAMILY** long 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

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### 7.0 FULL INVITATIONS

A limited number of athletes will be offered **HALF** (3 men + 3 women) and **FULL** (3 men + 3 women) invitations to **THECHAMPIONSHIP**. A full invitation will include flight assistance, 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 invitations EXCEPT: travel allowance (flights) and wellness. 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 16, 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](mailto:belinda@challenge-family.com).