



THECHAMPIONSHIP

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 6 age group (Long and Middle-distance events) and top 3 age group (Standard distance events, where Standard distance is the main and the longest course) 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 triathlon.

2.0 AGE GROUP QUALIFICATION PERIOD

Qualification for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** Samorin 2025 can be achieved at any race from May 1st 2024 until May 1st, 2024. The slot has to be redeemed before May 9th, 2025.

3.0 AGE GROUP SLOT ALLOCATION

The allocation of age group slots for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 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 men and women age group at **CHALLENGEFAMILY full distance and middle-distance races**.
- One slot for each of the **top three (3) finishers** in each men and women age group at **CHALLENGEFAMILY Standard (Olympic) distance races** where Standard distance is the main and the longest course.
- There are slots in the following age group categories:
 - Men 18-24
 - Women 18-24
 - Men 25-29
 - Women 25-29
 - Men 30-34
 - Women 30-34
 - Men 35-39
 - Women 35-39
 - Men 40-44
 - Women 40-44
 - Men 45-49
 - Women 45-49
 - Men 50-54
 - Women 50-54
 - Men 55-59
 - Women 55-59
 - Men 60-64
 - Women 60-64
 - Men 65-70
 - Women 65-70
 - Men 70-74
 - Women 70-74
 - Men 75-79
 - Women 75-79
 - Men 80-84
 - Women 80-84

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-Men 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-Women 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.

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 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**, each new Event will carry the same qualifying slots as described in chapter 3.

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.

- Four (4) weeks after the initial invitation is sent the rolldown process starts.
- The invite needs to be redeemed within two (2) weeks after receiving the invitation.
- 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.

This is not applicable for:

- PRO athletes, there is no rolldown for this category.
- Standard-distance events, there is no rolldown for athletes racing standard distance.

5.0 QUALIFIER ENTRY SYSTEM

- Upon qualifying for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** at any one of the qualifier events, the qualifying athlete will receive a registration unique link (via email) from **CHALLENGEFAMILY**. This link 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 two (2) weeks to register for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** (and pay the event registration fee) following the receipt of the registration code. Failure to register within the two-weeks 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.