



# THECHAMPIONSHIP

SAMORIN 2020-2021 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 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.



# THECHAMPIONSHIP

SAMORIN 2020-2021 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE QUALIFICATION

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## **1.0 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

**THECHAMPIONSHIP** middle-distance professional athlete qualification system for Samorin 2020-2021 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 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 8th.

## **3.0 SLOT ALLOCATION**

The allocation of slots for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2020-2021 in Samorin is outlined as follows:

### **3.1 TOP 10 finishers **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2019**

- One slot for each of the top ten (10) male professional finishers at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2019 (10 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top ten (10) female professional finishers at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2019 (10 slots in total).
- TOP 10 male and female finisher at **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2019 will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP** 2020-2021 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) 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 2019-2020 Ironman World Championship (6 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) female professional finishers at the 2019-2020 Ironman World Championship (6 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2019 Ironman World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2020-2021** 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 2019-2020 Ironman 70.3 World Championship (6 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top six (6) female professional finishers at the 2019-2020 Ironman 70.3 World Championship (6 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2019-2020 Ironman 70.3 World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2020-2021** 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) male professional finishers at the 2019-2020 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- One slot for each of the top three (3) female professional finishers at the 2019-2020 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots at the 2019-2020 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2020-2021** 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 ITU World Triathlon Series. Rankings determined following the completion of the WTS Grand Final (3 slots in total).
- All recipients of slots via the 2019-2020 World Triathlon Series rankings will be required to validate their **THECHAMPIONSHIP 2020-2021** 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** full 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** full distance and middle distance races (6 slots per race).

#### **4.0 RACE DATE**

*THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2021 in Samorin (Middle-Distance) is scheduled for August 29, 2021.

#### **5.0 RACE VENUE**

*THECHAMPIONSHIP* 2021 will take place at x-bionic® sphere, Samorin, Slovakia.

#### **6.0 PROPOSED PRIZE PURSE AND BREAKDOWN**

A minimum prize purse of €50,000.

##### **6.1 Prize Purse Breakdown**

Prize money, (based on the minimum prize purse of €50,000) will be distributed equally between the top eight (8) Male professionals and the top eight (8) females professionals as follows:

<b>Male Professional Athletes</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Prize Money</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	€10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€5,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€3,500
4 <sup>th</sup>	€2,500
5 <sup>th</sup>	€1,250
6 <sup>th</sup>	€1,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	€750
8 <sup>th</sup>	€500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€25,000</b>

<b>Female Professional Athletes</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Prize Money</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	€10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€5,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€3,500
4 <sup>th</sup>	€2,500
5 <sup>th</sup>	€1,250
6 <sup>th</sup>	€1,000
7 <sup>th</sup>	€750
8 <sup>th</sup>	€500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€25,000</b>

Any additional prize money amounts above the minimum prize purse will be allocated evenly and at the discretion of Event organisers among the top eight male and female professional finishers and an updated prize purse breakdown will be published.

#### **7.0 FULL INVITATIONS**

A limited number of professional will be offered HALF (3 male + 3 female) and FULL (3 male + 3 female) invitations to *THECHAMPIONSHIP* Samorin 2021. 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 for seven (7) nights free of charge (incl. swimming pool, gym, athletics facility and wellness). Half invitations include the same as full invitation EXCEPT: travel allowance (flights) and wellness) This can be at any time of the year, subject to availability of accommodation and venues for training purposes. Athletes accepting the full 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** 2021 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 code and details in order to complete an online registration for **THECHAMPIONSHIP** within thirty (30) days of receiving the registration code. 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. July 31, 2021 will be the latest date acceptable for cancellation. Full entry fee 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** 2021 are to be directed to **CHALLENGEFAMILY** Professional Athlete Liaison, Belinda Granger, via email [belinda@challenge-family.com](mailto:belinda@challenge-family.com).