



2015 Paratriathlon National Championship Qualification Procedures

1. Introduction

The qualification procedures will explain how USA paratriathletes can enter to compete in the USA Paratriathlon National Championship Event. Any athlete that wishes to compete in the National Championship division at the 2015 USA Paratriathlon National Championship must be officially classified and placed in a USA Paratriathlon Category as outlined in USA Triathlon's Competitive Rules. If an athlete does not classify or does not qualify via the time standards, they may choose to race in the PC Open division.

2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Consideration

- a. Athlete must be eligible under all applicable rules of ITU (www.triathlon.org), the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (www.usada.org), and USA Triathlon.
- b. Athlete must be an annual member in good standing of USA Triathlon.
- c. Paratriathlon Category Classification: Each athlete must be Officially Classified and placed in a USA Paratriathlon Category as outlined in USA Triathlon's Competitive Rules. USA Paratriathlon categories shall be instituted and maintained as follows:

PT1 - Wheelchair users. Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to: muscle power, limb deficiency, hypertonia, ataxia, athetosis that prevent the ability to safely ride a conventional bike and run. Through classification assessment, athletes must have a score of up to 640,0 points. Athletes must use a recumbent handcycle on the bike course and a racing wheelchair on the run segment;

PT2 - Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limb deficiency, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement that through classification assessment have a score of up to 454,9 points. In both bike and run segments, amputee athletes may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices.

PT3 - Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limb deficiency, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement that through classification assessment have a score from 455,0 to 494,9 points. In both bike and run segments, the athlete may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices.

PT4 – Includes athletes with comparable activity limitation and an impairment of, but not limited to, limb deficiency, hypertonia, ataxia and or athetosis, impaired muscle power or range of movement that through classification assessment have a score from 495,0 to 557,0 points included. In both bike and run segments, the athlete may use approved prosthesis or other supportive devices.

PT5 - Total or Partial visual Impairment (IBSA/IPC defined sub-classes B1, B2, and B3): Includes athletes who are totally blind, from no light perception in either eye, to some light perception but unable to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction (B1) and partially sighted athletes with a visual acuity of less than 6/60 vision or visual field less than 20 degrees with best corrective vision (B2-B3). One guide is mandatory throughout the race. Must ride a tandem during the bike segment.



3. National Championship Division

The athlete must follow ALL steps (A, B and C) below in order to be eligible to compete in the National Championship division:

- A. Successful completion of a USAT-Sanctioned or ITU-Sanctioned sprint distance triathlon between the following distances:

Swim	Bike	Run
500 meters - 1,000 meters	15 kilometers - 30 kilometers	3 kilometers - 6 kilometers

- B. Within the minimum finishing time noted below:

Gender	General Category	Time
Women	PT2, PT3, PT4	1:46:56
Women	PT1	1:56:23
Women	PT5	1:42:05
Men	PT2, PT3, PT4	1:31:00
Men	PT1	1:29:28
Men	PT5	1:28:55

- C. The triathlon must be completed in the time frame between January 1, 2014 and April 27, 2015. Registration for the National Championship will close on April 27, 2015.