

Club Champion & Age Group Champion Policy

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PURPOSE

To provide a procedure for the calculation of Age Group and Club Champion awards.

POLICY

This policy may only be changed via an Executive Committee meeting or at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

'Age Group Champion' is defined as the highest point scoring male athlete and highest point scoring female athlete in each Age Group (commencing at 15-19 years and increasing in five-year increments).

'Triathlon Club Champion' is defined as the highest point scoring male and female athletes in the Club (including professionals) across all Age Groups in Designated Triathlon Races.

'Duathlon Club Champion' is defined as the highest point scoring male and female athletes in the Club across all Age Groups in Designated Duathlon Races.

'Designated Triathlon Races' are defined as all triathlon distances, excluding Enticer, in the PTC race calendar for the current season. If a triathlon is cancelled and a duathlon is run in its place, the duathlon will count as a designated triathlon race in this instance.

'Designated Duathlon Races' are defined as all duathlon distances, excluding Enticer, in July, August, May and June in the current season.

'Age' is defined as age on the 31 December each calendar year. For example, for the 2023/2024 season, *'age'* is age on 31 December 2023.

All triathlon (and duathlon) races during the current season will contribute to an athletes point score. An athlete must finish a minimum of three (3) designated races to be eligible for an Age Group Champion and/or Club Champion award.

A Club Champion is also eligible to be awarded Age Group Champion.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Committee is responsible for evaluating and proposing any required changes to this policy.
- The Secretary is responsible for disseminating any changes prior to the AGM for discussion at the AGM.
- The Committee or the Secretary is responsible for designating a suitably skilled person to calculate championship points.

PROCEDURES

Age Group Champions

All triathlons, excluding Enticer, in the PTC race calendar for the current season, will be used as point scoring races for Age Group Champions. Duathlons do not contribute to the point score. However, if a triathlon is cancelled and a duathlon is run in its place, the duathlon will count as a designated race in this instance.

Three (3) male places (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and three (3) female places (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will be calculated for each Age Group, commencing at 15-19 years and increasing in five-year increments.

Eligibility (Age Group Champions)

- Age Group places will only be awarded where an athlete has completed three (3) or more designated races. This may result in an Age Group having less than three places, or no winner, awarded.
- Age criteria for racing in a particular age group is determined as age on the 31st December each calendar year. For example, for the 2023/2024 season, 'age' is age on 31 December 2023.
- To be eligible for an Age Group award, athletes must:
 - i. Be a current financial member of Panthers Triathlon Club; AND
 - ii. Have volunteered at a Club race in the award season (as recorded on the volunteer register). A family member can volunteer on the athlete's behalf. (An athlete may also be eligible if they have performed a function for the Club during the season - It is at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee to determine if the function performed is substantive); AND
 - iii. Have competed in a minimum of three (3) designated triathlon races (see policy introduction for definition of 'Designated Triathlon Races').

Selection Criteria (Age Group Champions)

- Athletes will be awarded points in accordance with the table below, provided they meet the Age Group Champion eligibility criteria.
- The first ten (10) male and first ten (10) female PTC members across the line in their age group, for each race, shall be awarded points counting towards their total.
- All Designated Triathlon Races will be counted towards an athlete's total point score.
- The PTC member with the highest accumulated points will win their age group, and the subsequent highest point scores will be second and third respectively.
- In the event of equal points for an age group winner (or place), a 'count back' will be conducted as follows (only for the tied athletes, not for all age group winners/place getters):
 - The race times of the tied athletes will be ranked in order.
 - Each athlete's three (3) fastest race times will be compared and whoever has the fastest two (2) race times out of three (3) is the winner (or place getter).

Points allocation table for Age Group Champions

Place	Age Group Points
1 st	10
2 nd	9
3 rd	8
4 th	7
5 th	6
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th	1

Club Champions

PTC will consider one male and one female for Triathlon Club Champions, and one male and one female for Duathlon Club Champions.

All triathlons, excluding Enticers, in the PTC race calendar for the current season, will be used as point scoring races for Triathlon Club Champions. Duathlons do not contribute to the Triathlon Club Champion point score. However, if a triathlon is cancelled and a duathlon is run in its place, the duathlon will count as a designated race in this instance.

All duathlons, excluding Enticers, in July, August, May and June in the current season, will be used as point scoring races for Duathlon Club Champions.

Eligibility (Club Champions)

To be eligible for a Triathlon Club Champion or Duathlon Club Champion award, athletes must:

- i. Be a current financial member of Panthers Triathlon Club; AND
- ii. Have volunteered at a Club race in the award season (as recorded on the volunteer register). A family member can volunteer on the athlete's behalf. (An athlete may also be eligible if they have performed a function for the Club during the season - It is at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee to determine if the function performed is substantive); AND
- iii. Have competed in a minimum of three (3) designated races (see policy introduction for definition of 'Designated Triathlon Races' and 'Designated Duathlon Races')

Selection Criteria (Club Champions)

- Athletes will be awarded points in accordance with the table below, provided they meet the Club Champion eligibility criteria.
- All Designated Triathlon Races will be counted towards an athlete's total point score.
- At each designated race, the first ten (10) PTC members across the line, regardless of age group, will be allocated points in accordance with the table below.
- Club Champions will be eligible for Age Group awards as well as the Club Champion award.
- In the event of equal points for a Club Champion, a 'count back' will be conducted as follows:
 - The race times of the tied athletes will be ranked in order.
 - Each athlete's three (3) fastest race times will be compared and whoever has the fastest two (2) race times out of three (3) is the Club Champion.

Points allocation table for Club Champions

Place	Club Champion Points
1 st	10
2 nd	9
3 rd	8
4 th	7
5 th	6
6 th	5
7 th	4
8 th	3
9 th	2
10 th	1