

## 2024 IRONMAN® WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

### PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE QUALIFICATION & VALIDATION

#### Certain Terms Used Herein

**"2024 Qualifying Year"** means the period between August 21, 2023, and August 19, 2024.

**"2024 Championship Race"** means the 2024 IRONMAN® World Championship race held in Nice, France on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (WPRO) and 2024 IRONMAN® World Championship held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (MPRO).

**"Exemption"** means, as applicable, the Five-Year Champion Exemption, the 2023 Podium Exemption, or the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption (as each such term is defined in Sections 2 - 5 below).

**"Pro Athletes"** means those certain professional triathletes that are active members of, and in good standing with elite/ professional status with their World Triathlon Member National Triathlon Federation and the IRONMAN® Pro Membership Program.

**"Pro Qualifying Slots"** means those certain 2024 Championship Race qualifying entry slots awarded by IRONMAN to Pro Athletes in accordance with IRONMAN's rules and policies (as may be changed from time to time by IRONMAN in IRONMAN's sole discretion).

**"Qualifying Races"** means those certain IRONMAN® branded races identified by IRONMAN, in IRONMAN's sole discretion, where Pro Athletes may compete to earn a Pro Qualifying Slot. A current list of eligible Qualifying Races offering Pro Qualifying Slots can be found at [www.ironman.com/pro-athletes](http://www.ironman.com/pro-athletes).

**"Championship Registration Cut-Off Date"** means August 26, 2024.

**"Validation Race"** means racing competitively (as determined by IRONMAN in IRONMAN's sole discretion) and finishing at least one (1) Qualifying IRONMAN (excluding the 2023 IRONMAN World Championship) OR two (2) Qualifying IRONMAN 70.3 (excluding the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship) events that offers Pro qualifying slots during the 2024 IRONMAN Qualifying Year. (Period ending August 19, 2024, for IRONMAN events and period ending June 30, 2024, for IRONMAN 70.3 events).

#### **1. Qualifying for the 2024 IRONMAN World Championship Race**

- a. Only Pro Athletes are eligible to receive Pro Qualifying Slots.
- b. The Qualifying Races offering Pro Qualifying Slots will be published at [www.ironman.com/pro-athletes](http://www.ironman.com/pro-athletes) (as may be changed from time to time by IRONMAN in IRONMAN's sole discretion).
- c. The published Pro Qualifying Slots are in addition to the Exemptions (as detailed below).
- d. Any Pro Athlete that chooses not to accept their Pro Qualifying Slot or does not attend the Qualifying Race's slot allocation ceremony, may, at IRONMAN's sole discretion, be required to forfeit their right to such Pro Qualifying Slot and such slot may be rolled down to the next present eligible Pro Athlete.
- e. Pro Qualifying Slots are NOT transferrable, and deferrals are NOT permitted. There is no waiting list or rolldown for non-qualified Pro Athletes.
- f. There will be no 2024 Championship Race specific entry fee at the time of acceptance of a Pro Qualifying Slot, however, a valid 2024 IRONMAN Pro Membership for the event (single event Pro membership or current annual Pro membership) is required as a condition of participating in the 2024 Championship Race.
- g. Pro Athletes accepting a Pro Qualifying Slot represent and warrant that their elite/professional athlete status with their World Triathlon Member National Triathlon Federation is current and will be so at the time

of the 2024 Championship Race. Any change in a Pro Athlete's status prior to the 2024 Championship Race must be disclosed immediately.

**2. Previous IRONMAN® World Champion Exemption**

- a. Subject to certain requirements set forth by IRONMAN (and as may be changed from time to time by IRONMAN in IRONMAN's sole discretion), former Pro Athlete IRONMAN® World Champions will receive an invitation/exemption to enter the Pro Athlete division in the IRONMAN® World Championship race for a period of five (5) years after winning the IRONMAN® World Championship (the "**Five-Year Exemption**"). (e.g., the 2023 IRONMAN® World Championship race winners (male and female) will receive exemptions to compete in the IRONMAN® World Championship races held during the years 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028).
- b. Former Pro Athlete IRONMAN® World Champions using the Five-Year Exemption to enter the 2024 Championship Race will be required to validate their entry by completing a Validation Race.

**3. 2023 IRONMAN® World Championship Podium Finishers Exemption**

- a. Subject to certain requirements set forth by IRONMAN (and as may be changed from time to time by IRONMAN in IRONMAN's sole discretion), any Pro Athlete who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2023 IRONMAN® World Championship race will receive an invitation/exemption to enter the Pro Athlete division in the 2024 Championship Race (the "**2023 Podium Exemption**").
- b. Pro Athletes who are eligible to compete in the 2024 Championship Race because of the 2023 Podium Exemption will be required to complete a Validation Race.

**4. 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption**

- a. Subject to certain requirements set forth by IRONMAN (and as may be changed from time to time by IRONMAN in IRONMAN's sole discretion), the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champions will receive an invitation/exemption to enter the Pro Athlete division in the 2024 Championship Race (the "**2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption**").
- b. Pro Athletes who are eligible to compete in the 2024 Championship Race because of the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption will be required to complete a Validation Race.

**5. IRONMAN Pregnancy Policy Deferral**

- a. In accordance with the GLOBAL Pregnancy Policy: [www.ironman.com/policies](http://www.ironman.com/policies), Pro Qualifying slots awarded during the 2024 Qualifying year may, upon approved verification, be deferred to 2025 Championship event.

**6. Exemption Limitations**

- a. Pro Athletes who are eligible to compete in the 2024 Championship Race because of an Exemption will not be eligible to receive any other Pro Qualifying Slot (e.g., if a returning IRONMAN World Champion using the Five-Year Exemption finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Qualifying Race with two (2) guaranteed Pro Qualifying Slots, such slot will automatically roll to the next eligible Pro Athlete finisher in such Qualifying Race).
- b. The 2023 Podium Exemption is valid ONLY for the 2024 Championship Race and the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption is valid ONLY for the 2024 Championship Race.
- c. In the event that a former IRONMAN World Champion that is currently eligible under the Five-Year Exemption finished in a podium position (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place) at the 2023 IRONMAN® World Championship race, the 2023 Podium Exemption for the 2024 Championship Race does NOT roll to an athlete that finished in a position outside of a podium position at the 2023 IRONMAN® World Championship race.
- d. In the event that the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion that is currently eligible under the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption finished in a podium position (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place) at the

2023 IRONMAN World Championship race, the 2023 Podium Exemption for the 2024 Championship Race does NOT roll to an athlete that finished in a position outside of a podium position at the 2023 IRONMAN® World Championship race.

- e. In the event that the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion is eligible to compete in the 2024 Championship Race because of any other Exemption (*e.g.*, the Five-Year Exemption or the 2023 Podium Exemption), the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption does NOT roll to any other athlete (*e.g.*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher at the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship will not receive the 2023 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption if the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher is eligible to participate in the 2024 Championship Race due to the Five-Year Exemption and/or the 2023 Podium Exemption).
- f. Any 2024 deferred Pro qualifying slots approved under the Global Pregnancy Policy are valid ONLY for the 2025 IRONMAN World Championship.

## **7. Wild Cards**

- a. Due to extraordinary circumstances, IRONMAN may, in its sole discretion, elect to offer special invitations to participate in the 2024 Championship Race.
- b. IRONMAN, in its sole discretion, may elect to offer special invitations to 2024 Olympic Champions to participate in the 2024 Championship Race.