



PROFESSIONAL TRIATHLETES  
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## Special Collins Cup Qualification Protocol for 2021

1. The Collins Cup: The Collins Cup is scheduled to be held at Samorin on August 28th, 2021, and will consist of three teams, USA, Europe and Internationals, of 12 PTO Professionals each (six men and six women).
2. Team Members: Eight members for each team (four men and four women) will qualify for their respective team based on this special qualification protocol. Four members of each team (two men and two women) will be Captain's picks and selected by the non-Athlete members of the PTO Board, after consultation with the Team Captains.
3. Qualifying Places: In order to qualify for a team, an athlete will have to be ranked in the top four places for their respective region as determined by this Special Collins Cup Qualification Protocol.
4. Qualifying Rankings: In determining the ranking for Collins Cup Qualification, an athlete's points will be determined by **averaging** the points, as calculated in accordance with the PTO World Ranking System, earned from the highest two of (i) any races completed between December 1, 2020 and before August 9, 2021 and (ii) the average of the Athlete's best three races for from December 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 (the "2019/2020 Period"). For example, if an athlete has two races before August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and scores 90 and 75 points, and the average of the athlete's best three races the 2019/2020 period is 85 points, then the athlete's average points for calculating their ranking for the Collins Cup is 87.5 points. This is based on their best race for the current year before August 9<sup>th</sup> being 90 points plus 85 points (their average points for their three best races in 2019/2020 Period) divided by two. Another example, if an athlete has two races before August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with points of 90 and 95, and their average three races from the 2019/2020 Period is 85 points, then the athlete's average points for calculating their ranking for the Collins Cup is 92.5 points. This is based on the athlete's two best races in 2021 before August 9<sup>th</sup>, being 90 points plus 95 points, divided by two. The average of the athlete's best three races for the 2019/2020 is not used to calculate their Collins Cup Rankings as it is lower than the athlete's two best races in 2021 completed before August 9<sup>th</sup>.