

**2022 IRONMAN® WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE QUALIFICATION & VALIDATION**

Certain Terms Used Herein

"2022 Qualifying Year" means the period between August 30, 2021 and August 28, 2022.

"2022 Championship Race" means the 2022 IRONMAN® World Championship race held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii on October 6, 2022 (WPRO) and October 8, 2022 (MPRO).

"Exemption" means, as applicable, the Five-Year Exemption, or the 2021 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 2022 Championship Race 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 Qualifying Races and Pro Qualifying Slots can be found on the [Pro Membership webpage](#)

"Championship Registration Cut-Off Date" means August 30, 2022.

1. Qualifying for the 2022 IRONMAN World Championship Race

- a. Only Pro Athletes are eligible to receive Pro Qualifying Slots.
- b. The Qualifying Races and Pro Qualifying Slots will be published on the Pro Membership Event Registration webpage (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 if that is specifically outlined in the event Athlete Guide and via the event PRO newsletter, 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 eligible Pro Athlete.
- e. Pro Qualifying Slots are NOT transferable, and deferrals are NOT permitted. There is no waiting list or roll down for non-qualified Pro Athletes.
- f. There will be no 2022 Championship Race entry fee associated with the acceptance of a Pro Qualifying Slot, provided, however, that a valid 2020 IRONMAN Pro Membership is required as a condition of participating in the 2022 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 2022 Championship Race. Any change in a Pro Athlete's status prior to the 2022 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 2021 IRONMAN® World Championship race winners (male and female) will receive exemptions to compete in the IRONMAN® World Championship races held during the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.

3. 2021 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 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champions will receive an invitation/exemption to enter the Pro Athlete division in the 2022 Championship Race (the "2021 IRONMAN 70.3 World Champion Exemption").

4. Exemption Limitations

- a. Pro Athletes who are eligible to compete in the 2022 Championship Race because of an Exemption will not be eligible to receive any other general Pro Qualifying Slot (e.g., if a returning IRONMAN World Champion using the Five-Year Exemption finishes 2nd 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. Pro Athletes who compete in the 2022 Championship Race because of an Exemption, warrant that a valid 2022 IRONMAN Pro Membership is required as a condition of participating in the 2022 Championship Race.
- c. Pro Athletes who are eligible to compete in the 2022 Championship Race because of an Exemption 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 2022 Championship Race. Any change in a Pro Athlete's status prior to the 2020 Championship Race must be disclosed immediately.

