



TriEvents

Event Management

Women's Triathlon 2017 Event Policy

Events Applicable too: Long Course
Short Course
Mini Course
Duathlon Course
TADPOLES

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For any clarifications required on this document or issues that need to be addressed please contact TriEvents by calling 08 9244 5200 or alternatively put all concerns in writing and email info@trievents.com.au

ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUNDS

All entries into the event are non-refundable.

In the event that a race is cancelled (due to the reasons outlined below), there will be no refunds. In the case of triathlons around the world, competitors are not entitled to a refund if an event is cancelled, as event costs are similar regardless of whether the event goes ahead.

Refunds will not be issued in the following circumstances:

- The planned format of the course is changed or altered due to weather conditions, endangerment to the safety of participants or any 'acts of god'.
- The event is cancelled due to weather conditions, endangerment to the safety of participants or any 'acts of god'.
- Participant suffers injury in the lead up to the event they have registered for.
- Participant has registered for the wrong event.
- Any unforeseen circumstances that will affect the event or its participants.

Exception: If a participant suffers an injury that deems them ineligible to participate, upon receipt of a valid medical certificate covering the date of the event that is received before 12noon the Wednesday before the event, a participant may be eligible for a refund. If a competitor is awarded a refund, they will receive their entry fee minus a \$10 administration fee.

ELIGIBILITY FOR TRANSFERS

Individual Transfers

All entries into the event are non transferable. It will be at the discretion of TriEvents and the Race Director if the participant can provide a medical certificate which deems them unable to participate in the chosen event by 5pm the Wednesday before the event they may be eligible to transfer to an event in the SunSmart Triathlon Series.

The medical certificate is valid for the transfer of one race only and that is subject to availability. Medical certificates received after 5pm the Wednesday before the event will be deemed ineligible and no transfers will be awarded.

If a participant sustains an injury and is not able to compete in future races, at the discretion of TriEvents and the Race Director, upon receipt of a valid medical certificate covering the date of the last race that is received before 5pm the Wednesday before the event, they may be able to transfer their entry into the name of another participant. Any changes requested after 5pm the Wednesday before will be deemed ineligible and no transfers will be awarded.

In the case that a transfer is awarded to a participant, an administration fee of \$10 will be charged.

Participants will not be able to transfer from year to year e.g. transferring an entry from 2017 to 2018.

LOST TIMING BANDS

Timing Bands are an expensive piece of equipment and become the responsibility of the participant once they are collected at registration.

Participants are encouraged to test the strap of their timing band before the race. If they discover any faults with the band or timing device then it is the participant's responsibility to notify registration or timing and receive a replacement band. There is no charge to replace the band prior to the race if the participant feels it is faulty.

All participants must return the timing band to the buckets provided once they have crossed the finish line.

Lost Timing Band Fee of \$40 will apply in the event that you do not return your timing band given to you at registration (a window of 10 days following the event is allowed for participants to return your timing band if you forget to do it at the event). No exceptions will be granted or reasons accepted in relation to the issue.

Participants who fail to complete the race are required to hand in the timing band at the finish line collection point located in the athlete recovery area.

Participants who fail to pay the Lost Timing Band Fee will be ineligible to compete for the remainder of the Pursuit or Enticer Series.

PRIZE/MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

Results and presentations are made with the best information available to event organisers on race day. All results announced at presentations are provisional. No alterations or corrections will be made on race day unless all who are involved are present and reach an agreement that satisfies everyone including event organisers.

If you have an issue with the results (on event day), please approach the stage *calmly* after all presentations have been completed to discuss the issue further. Alternatively email info@trievents.com.au outlining the issue and the matter will be addressed and solved as quickly as possible.

Final results of each race will be published on the website by 5pm Tuesday following the race. Once these are published no changes will be made.

Medals and prizes will not be stripped from participants where they were awarded on the basis of the information available directly after the race. Should results change from event day to the Tuesday following, it is the responsibility of the affected participant to contact TriEvents and advise them of the situation.

TriEvents will then make every attempt to provide the affected participant with the correct place medal and where possible will provide a prize of similar value.

If results are required for selection purposes, those results published on the Tuesday following shall be deemed correct and will be used.

If a participant is absent from presentations, they will have two weeks to collect their place medal from the TriEvents office. After which time the medals will be recycled for future events. No medals will be available for collection at future events for those participants who are absent.

PERTH INTEGRATED HEALTH TRAINING COURSE REFUND POLICY

Refunds

A refund (less a 10% administration fee) will be given if you withdraw prior to Wednesday 11th January 2017.

A refund (less 30% administration fee) will apply if you withdraw after 11th January but prior to the start of the course.

If you withdraw within the first 3 weeks of the course, a 50% refund will be given but only upon receipt of a medical certificate.

Strictly no refunds once the 4th week of the training course has commenced; no exceptions.

CONTINGENCY PROCEDURES

Water Pollution

If it is evident at a site inspection of the swimming area that pollution/chemicals are at unacceptable levels and will jeopardise the safety of participants then the following actions shall occur:

- Swim leg of event cancelled
- Event converted either to bike/run only or to run/bike/run.

Extreme Heat

Where high temperatures are an issue on event day, the following actions will be set in place and implemented:

- Medical tent situated and manned at finish and contactable by mobile.
- Medical personnel and ambulance in attendance
- Hosing point on run course to cool runners
- Additional medical staff on course
- Participants showing signs of heat exhaustion withdrawn from race
- Larger or more frequent drink stations located on course

Electrical Storm/Extreme Weather

In situations where there is an obvious risk of an electrical storm or extreme bad weather, event organisers will undertake the following actions:

- Prior to participants arriving fence off parking areas affected and organise marshals/officials to direct to alternative parking
- Alterations or changes made to course as necessary (e.g. bike/run leg altered if roads flooded)
- Participants notified of danger areas prior to commencement
- Postponement to beginning of race to allow bad weather to pass
- Fence off spectator areas which are deemed a risk, organise safe alternative areas
- If the event and its location is seen to endanger the safety of participants, at the discretion of the Race Director the event will be cancelled.

Other Unforeseen Circumstances

In the case that there are any unforeseen circumstances which require immediate action, the event organisers will refer to the detailed Risk Management Plan for the event and act accordingly.

If you witness a situation as a participant that you feel is unsafe or will jeopardise the safety of participant please report all concerns directly to an event organiser (most frequently found at the registration tent or in the bike transition area) and appropriate actions will be taken.

EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

Extreme Weather Policy

TriEvents will ensure that they provide a duty of care to all participants and staff, with the wellbeing of individuals being of the highest importance.

Extreme weather may be defined as weather that threatens the immediate or long-term safety of individuals, as a result of rain, lightning, wind or heat. The risk to individuals wellbeing is determined in line with Sports Management Australia's Guidelines 2005-2006, as well as the Bureau of Meteorology's forecast conditions.

Events are likely to be cancelled or postponed or modified in the following circumstances, 2 to 5 hours prior to the event:

Weather Condition	Extreme Weather Determinant
Ambient temperature	>36 degrees Celsius
Wet bulb globe temperature (shade)	>30
Apparent temperature (wind chill)	<2 degrees Celsius
Wind speed	>40km per hour
Rainfall	>80mm within 24 hours

In cases of extreme weather TriEvents will make the decision to cancel an event. Notice of event cancellations will be made at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time, where possible.

For more information about specific policies for events, see below.

Lightning

If there is thunder storms/lightning in the vicinity of the course then the event will be delayed until it is deemed safe to start. If the delay is such that the event cannot be conducted prior to the expiry time of the road closure permit then the race distances shall be shortened at the discretion of the Race Director and Technical Officials. If there is insufficient time to conduct the event prior to the expiry time of the road closure permit then the event will be cancelled.

High Winds

If wind speeds exceed 40km/hour, or it is determined that the speed and direction of wind will cause risk to participants on course, the Race Director and Technical Officials have the right to change the course, or cancel the race.

Rough Water

If the condition of the swim course is deemed to be too rough to conduct a safe swim then the Race Director and Technical Officials will either modify the swim course or cancel the swim leg. If the swim leg of the Triathlon is cancelled then the event shall become a Duathlon (run/bike/run). The distances can be modified at the discretion of the Race Director and Technical Officials.

Shark Sighting

In the event there is a shark alarm warning caused by the presence of a tagged shark within 5km of the swim course less than 1 hour prior to the swim; the swim leg will be cancelled and the race converted to a duathlon.

In the event there is a confirmed sighting of a shark that has not set off the alarm system within 5km of the swim course at any time within 24 hours prior to the start of the swim; the swim leg will be cancelled and the race converted to a duathlon.

In accordance with our Terms and Conditions Waiver

Section 13) If the event is cancelled due to flood, cyclone, torrential rains or other Acts of God conditions, I understand that my entry fee will not be refunded.

Full Terms and Conditions listed at the end of this document.

COMPETITION RULES

These rules apply to the Women's Triathlon Competition and are based in accordance with Triathlon Australia Race Competition Rules which can be found on www.triathlon.org.au

Penalties

There is a time penalty for rule violations to be served at the penalty box on the course in line with the Stop-Start Penalty. The time served is depicted by the cycle course distance.

Stop-Start Penalties are served with a Technical Officer on the spot and the competitor is required to stop and obey any instructions provided by the Technical Officer. Competitors are able to proceed once the Yellow Card has been withdrawn and are advised to do so.

Disqualification

This penalty is handed down by the Race Referee either on personal observation or by observations made by the Technical Officers or Race Competition Jury. This penalty removes the participant as a finisher from the results of the event.

General Rules

Participants must:

- Practice good sports conduct at all times;
- Be responsible for their own safety, the safety of their own equipment and be considerate of the safety of others;
- Treat other competitors, officials, volunteers and spectators with respect and courtesy;
- Be responsible for keeping on the designated event course.
- If leaving the course for any reason the course must be re-entered at the same point;
- Not wear, use or carry items deemed to be a hazard to self or others e.g. a hard cast, jewellery, glass/metal containers or electronic and entertainment devices such as, but not limited to, mobile phone, mobile disc players, MP3 players or 2 way communication devices;
- Not leave equipment or discarded articles of equipment anywhere on the course, except at the approved dedicated locations;
- Withdraw immediately from the event if deemed by the event medical personnel that they appear to present a danger to the health or welfare of either themselves or another person;

Failure to comply with any of the above will result in the competitor receiving one of the forms of Penalty previously described.

Swim Course Rules

A participant may use any swimming stroke for propulsion through the water, tread water or float.

A participant may stand on the bottom or rest by holding an inanimate object such as a buoy or stationary boat. However, a participant may not make use of either the bottom or inanimate objects to make forward progress.

In an emergency, a competitor should raise an arm overhead and call for assistance. Once assistance is rendered beyond the provision of an inanimate object on which to rest, the participant must retire from the competition.

A participant must wear the swim cap provided by TriEvents.

Bicycle Course Rules

A participant, whether mounted on the bicycle or dismounted, is not permitted to have a bare torso at any time while on the bicycle course of the event.

A participant is not permitted to make any forward progress on the bicycle course without the bicycle and all its component parts.

Bicycle helmets are compulsory and must be approved by a national accredited testing authority recognised by a national federation that is an affiliate of the ITU.

The bicycle helmet must remain securely fastened on the head of a participant at all times once the bicycle is removed from the bicycle rack, while on the bicycle course and until the bicycle is replaced on the bicycle rack.

Participants must keep to the left unless passing another participant and are required to overtake on the right side of the lane. Participants found overtaking on the inside will receive a penalty.

Drafting off another bicycle or motor vehicle or motorcycle is forbidden. A participant is deemed to have been passed once the leading edge of the front wheel of the passing bicycle has moved in front of the leading edge of the front wheel of the bicycle being passed.

Run Course Rules

A participant may not run with a bare torso or without shoes on any part of the run course of an event.

Transition Rules

A participant must mount and dismount the bicycle at the respective designated mounting and dismounting zones.

A participant must at all times rack their own bicycle only at their designated bicycle rack location and leave it in a stable position;

A participant must not interfere with another participant's equipment but where accidental interference occurs the offending participant must replace the equipment to its former position and state.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

PARTICIPANTS AGREEMENT WARNING: This is a legal document that affects your rights.

- 1) I acknowledge that this event involves the real risk of serious injury or even death from various causes including exertion, drowning, dehydration, accidents with other competitors, marine life or other water users, vehicles or other road users, general public, course or weather conditions or other causes.

- 2) I understand that I should not compete in events unless I have trained appropriately and my physical condition has been verified by a medical practitioner.
- 3) By competing, I accept all risks necessarily flowing from my participation which could result in loss of life or permanent injury. Accordingly, I release all persons or corporations associated directly or indirectly with the conduct of the event from all claims, demands and proceedings arising out of my participation and I hereby indemnify them against all liability (including liability for their negligence and negligence of others) for all injury, loss or damage arising out of or connected with my participation in the event. This release shall extend to and include TriEvents WA, Triathlon Western Australia, Triathlon Australia Inc and/or any other sponsors and their respective directors, partners, managers, officers, agents, contractors, employees and volunteers including medical and paramedical personnel appointed for the event. The owners, licensees and occupiers of land upon which the event or any part is conducted, any statutory body or local authority having control over any land upon which the event or any part of it is conducted or which is involved indirectly with the event in any matter whatsoever and promoters, sponsors and event organisers. This release and indemnity continues forever and binds my heirs, executors, personal representative and assigns.
- 4) I consent to receiving any medical treatment, including ambulance transportation, which the event organisers think desirable during or after the event.
- 5) I consent to event organisers using my name, image and likeness before, during and after the event for event promotional broadcasting or reporting purposes in the media.
- 6) I understand that compulsory insurance cover effected for participants in this event may not cover me for all injury, loss or damage sustained by me.
- 7) Safety precautions undertaken by organisers (such as course supervision, race safety briefings, encouragement to wear personal distress units) are a service to me and other competitors but are not a guarantee of safety.
- 8) I am fully responsible for the security of my personal possessions at the event.
- 9) My registration is not transferable to other people. If I am unable to compete, or if the event is cancelled by way of circumstances beyond the control of the event directors, my registration fee is non-refundable.
- 10) I have listed with my entry my medical or physical conditions from which I suffer that might affect my performance or be relevant if medical treatment is needed.
- 11) I agree to abide by all race rules and directions issued by TriEvents WA and other event organisers.
- 12) Event organisers may change the event format, course or other race conditions at their discretion. If that occurs, this agreement applies to the changed conditions.
- 13) If the event is cancelled under any circumstances. I understand that my entry fee will not be refunded.
- 14) I understand that TriEvents WA may retain my personal details for marketing purposes and may provide this information to sponsors of this event.
- 15) I acknowledge that my race timing band remains the property of BlueChip Timing. I agree to pay \$40 should I not return my timing band to BlueChip Timing.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have read this document and fully understand it.

In the event that I am under 18 years of age, my parent/guardian has read this document and fully understands it.

Medical conditions must be mentioned in the entry form under Medical Conditions.