



## Women's Triathlon 2012 Event Policy

**Events Applicable too:** Long Course  
Short Course  
Mini 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](mailto:info@trievents.com.au)*

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUNDS**

In the event where a participant is injured and cannot race, a refund will be given (minus a \$10 administration fee) if the participant withdraws prior to 9am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012. To receive a refund the participant must provide a valid medical certificate.

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 has registered for the wrong event
- Any unforeseen circumstances that will affect the event or its participants.

## **TRANSFERS**

### Individual Transfers

Participants in the Women's Triathlon are able to transfer from one event/distance to the other by emailing [info@trievents.com.au](mailto:info@trievents.com.au).

Changes will be accepted without charge until 5pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012. Changes made after this date can be made with a \$10 administration fee.

Changes to a longer distance within the event will include the upgrade fee of the difference in the price between the 2 events; change to a shorter distance will receive no refund and still incur a \$10 administration fee.

## **TRANSFERS FROM WOMEN'S TRIATHLON TO OTHER EVENTS**

Entrants in the Women's Triathlon who are unable to participate in the Women's Triathlon due to injury or sickness are able to; providing a valid medical certificate is provided and subject to TriEvents approval transfer their entry into one of the remaining races in the TriEvents TriSeries the last races being:

TriEvents TriSeries City of Rockingham Triathlon – 4 March 2012

TriEvents TriSeries Hillarys #2 Triathlon – 25 March 2012

The participant will be charged the difference between the event (in the case where the entry fee for the event the participant is transferring to is less than the Women's Triathlon entry fee, no refund will be provided and a \$10 administration fee will still be incurred.

Participants will be unable to transfer their entry from year to year e.g. Women's Triathlon 2012 to Women's Triathlon 2013.

All transfers are subject to availability.

## **LOST TIMING BANDS**

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

Competitors 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 competitor'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 competitor feels it is faulty.

All competitors must return the timing band once they have crossed the finish line in the buckets provided.

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 you to return your timing band if you forget to do it at the event). No exceptions will be granted or excuses accepted in relation to the issue.

Competitors 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.

Competitors 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](mailto: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. Once these are published no changes will be made.

Medals and prizes will not be stripped from athletes 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 athlete to contact TriEvents and advise them of the situation.

TriEvents will then make every attempt to provide the affected athlete 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 an athlete is absent from presentations, they will have two weeks to collect their place medal from the TriEvents office. No medals will be available for collection at future events for those recipients who are absent.

## **VENUESWEST TRAINING COURSE REFUND POLICY**

### Refunds

A refund (less a 10% administration fee) will be given if you withdraw prior to the application closing date of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

A refund (less 30% administration fee) will apply if you withdraw after 28<sup>th</sup> December 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.

### Insurance

You are advised to take out your own personal accident insurance if you are not a member of TWA (Triathlon Western Australia).

### Information

Bikes must be mechanically sound and helmets must be Australian Standard approved. You will not be permitted to take part in the cycle if the coach deems your bike to be unroadworthy. If you are in doubt take your bike to your local bike shop for a safety check.

Confirmation of your session times and additional information on what you need to bring will be **sent out directly by VenuesWest one week prior to the beginning of the course.**

Due to the course often being fully booked we ask you to stay in the sessions that you have chosen for the duration of the course. If you are unable to attend one of your sessions, unfortunately you cannot make it up in another session. Please contact us if this is a major problem.

## **CONTINGENCY PROCEDURES**

### Water Pollution

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

- Swim leg of event cancelled
- Event converted either to bike/run only or to run/bike/run where competitors will be permitted to wear running shoes

### 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.
- SMA 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 make the necessary decisions:

- Prior to competitors 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 competitors, at the discretion of the Race Director the event will be cancelled.

## Other Unforeseen Circumstances

In the case that there is any unforeseen circumstances which require immediate action, the event organisers will refer to 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 competitors 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 inline 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 bulk 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 athletes 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.

### 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 below

## **Competition Rules**

These rules apply to Races in the TriEvents TriSeries Competition and are based in accordance with Triathlon Australia Race Competition Rules which can be found on [www.triathlon.org.au](http://www.triathlon.org.au)

### Penalties

There is a time penalty for rule violations to be served at the penalty box on the course in lieu 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 competitor as a finisher from the results of the event.

### General Rules

Competitors 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 reentered 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 him/herself 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 competitor may use any swimming stroke for propulsion through the water, tread water or float.

A competitor may stand on the bottom or rest by holding an inanimate object such as a buoy or stationary boat. However, a competitor 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 competitor must retire from the competition.

A competitor must wear the swim cap by TriEvents.

### Bicycle Course Rules

A competitor, 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 competitor 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 competitor 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.

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

**Drafting** off another bicycle or motor vehicle or motorcycle is forbidden. A competitor 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 competitor may not run with a bare torso or without shoes on any part of the run course of an event.

### Transition Rules

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

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

A competitor must not interfere with another competitor's equipment but where accidental interference occurs the offending competitor 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 due to flood, cyclone, torrential rains or other Acts of God conditions, 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 (see question 6) must be mentioned in the entry form under Medical Conditions.