

2022 TRIATHLON NSW CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Triathlon NSW is pleased to announce the 2022 Triathlon NSW Club Championships will be held on Saturday 21st May 2022 at the stunning location of Forster Main Beach in the Mid North Coast of NSW.

To compete at the NSW Club Championships, each participant must be a fully financial Standard or Premium member of Triathlon Australia and a member of a Triathlon NSW Affiliated Club in season 2021/2022. This rule will be strictly enforced for both the junior and adult event, as this event remains a main benefit of membership to Triathlon Australia / NSW.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS OFFERED

Junior Club Championships Information

Age Group	Distance (Swim, Bike Run)
7 - 9 years old	50m, 2.2km, 600m
10– 11 years old	150m, 4.4km, 1.20km
12 – 13 years old	300m, 6.6km, 1.8km
14 - 15 years old	500m, 15km, 4 km (Half Club Distance)

Adult Club Championships Information

Age Group	Distance (Swim, Bike Run)
16+	500m, 15km, 4 km (Half Club Distance)
16+	500m, 15km, 4 km (Half Club Distance Fun Wave)
16+ (Teams Division)	500m, 15km, 4 km (Half Club Distance)

16+	1km, 30km, 8 km (Full Club Distance)
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CLUB DIVISIONS

The divisions for Club Championships will be decided based on Triathlon Australia membership numbers on 31st January 2022. This will include all Standard and Premium Triathlon Australia members in our affiliated clubs, excluding juniors (those aged 15 or under at the 'Cut Off'), Basic Members, Social members, and Trial memberships.

Age determination for all categories is determined by age on December 31st during the season of the triathlon competition.

We recognise that not all Clubs are of equal size so again will award Four (4) Divisional Winners based on the size of the Club based on membership.

JUNIOR POINTS

Performance points are awarded for each individual age and gender (12 years, 13 years, 14 years and 15 years old) as such:

- 1st place 5 points,
- 2nd place 4 points,
- 3rd place 3 points
- 4th place 2 points.
- 5th and beyond 1 point

Only the first competitor from each Club will earn performance points. The 2nd and subsequent athlete from each Club "blocks" the performance points available to other clubs.

All competitors in the 7 – 9 event and 10 – 11 events, who complete the event will earn one (1) participation point for their club. No performance points are awarded for these two events.

There is no cap to the number of participants a club can enter.

ADULT POINTS

The points system for Full Club Championships event will be the same as last year.

In each age category performance points will be allocated;

- 1st place 30 points,
- 2nd place 29 points,
- 3rd place 28 points
- down to 30th place 1 point.

Only the first competitor from each Club will earn performance points. The 2nd and subsequent athlete from each Club “blocks” the performance points available to other clubs.

All competitors who complete the Full Club Champs event will earn two (2) for their club. There is no cap to the number of participants a club can enter.

All competitors who complete the half club distance will earn one (1) for their club with no performance points allocated, nor any blocks in place. This includes those participating in the ‘Fun Wave’.

All teams who complete the half club distance will earn one (1) for their club.

The Winning Clubs will be determined by calculating the sum of all the performance points and participation points scored by members of each club.

VOLUNTEER POINTS

The success of this wonderful event is dependent on the contribution of dedicated volunteers.

Elite Energy have indicated they require over 100 volunteers across the junior and adult races. All volunteers at the 2022 Club Championships will receive one (1) point for their club, irrespective of their role, except for Technical Officials.

Nominations will be opened online, and roles will be allocated evenly across clubs until all roles are appointed and with minimum volunteer requirements taken into account.

Please understand that registration alone does not guarantee you a volunteer role. Priority will be given to ensure clubs have enough to reach their minimum numbers. It should also be noted that should COVID-19 restrictions limit the number of those who can attend the event, Elite Energy may review their requirements.

Triathlon NSW acknowledges that the event cannot occur without volunteers, so reserves the rights to allow volunteers to do multiple shifts or offer additional points to roles that are short of number if required. Delivering the event safely and with enough volunteers remains the organisations main priority.

Volunteers who assist and earn a point during the junior event, can participate in the adult race. This affords the opportunity to earn a second point and assist with the junior event if there are insufficient numbers.

All volunteers must be 12 years of age on 21st May 2022 and all points earned from volunteers will go towards the ‘Adult Club Championships’ points tally. All volunteers between the age of 12 and 16 will only be allocated to ‘Aid Station’ roles and will require an adult to also volunteer, who will supervise the volunteers at a ratio of 5:1. This must be mentioned when registering the juniors and the adults into the system.

Technical Officials at 2022 Club Championships

All nominations from accredited technical officials will be accepted to attend the 2022 NSW Club Championships. To be eligible to earn Club Championship points for their club an official must have officiated at least three events in the 2021/22 season prior to 21st May 2022 from the following list:

- all open sanctioned events in NSW,
- all Billigence pathway events

Up to three Technical Officials from each club will receive 10 Club Championship points each for officiating at the Club Champs. Each additional Technical Official provided by the club will receive 1 point towards their club's total.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM VOLUNTEERS

To be eligible to be awarded the overall Club Champion or Divisional Champion a Club must provide a minimum number of Volunteers including Technical Officials.

Clubs are expected to contribute a minimum of 5% of their eligible membership at the cut-off date for volunteering to be eligible for a title. If a club has less than the required volunteers and win their division, they will be reduced into second position.

For example, if your club has 50 members, you are required to contribute 2 volunteers ($0.05 * 50 = 2.5$ volunteers, but for the purpose of Club Championships, clubs are to round down to the nearest whole number.

Clubs under 20 members are not expected to contribute volunteers, although points are available if they do, and we strongly encourage you to contribute and volunteer.

Volunteers are not required to be Triathlon Australia Members, although are encouraged to take out the social membership.

Triathlon has introduced a maximum number of volunteers a club can register to ensure equality of opportunity, noting that Triathlon NSW reserves the right to adjust this number if required for this event to be successfully delivered.

TRIATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY:

Triathletes with a disability are very welcome to participate in Club Champs. At this stage because of the small number, they will participate in their relative Age Group Category. Because of physical constraints, the course is not suitable for those who would compete in a Wheelchair.

Approval

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1st February 2022