



# Paratriathlon

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This update is not intended as a regular communication tool, however with all the significant developments in paratriathlon currently occurring I am keeping it going in the short term to maximise the spreading of the word. The information will also be included in the monthly Triathlon Australia (TA) Member's Newsletter.

## NEW INFORMATION

- **International Paratriathlon Calendar for 2014 Released**
- **Classification under the new ITU classification system confirmed for Australian and Oceania Championships**



## 1. International Paratriathlon Calendar

The ITU has released some of the confirmed dates on the 2014 Paratriathlon calendar. Important to note for us the confirmation of the Elwood event as an international race on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Also if you are looking for an international race not too far away the Yokohama event on 17<sup>th</sup> May is also confirmed. I know there is still a possibility of a race in New Zealand under discussion, and the likely date was in March, but this is not confirmed.

If you are aiming to compete at the World Championships as an Elite athlete you will certainly need to do the Elwood race as well as the Oceania Championships.





# International Triathlon Union - Internal News

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## ITU confirms 2014 Paratriathlon dates

### To all National Federations, Athletes and Coaches:

ITU would like to make you aware it has confirmed several dates on the 2014 Paratriathlon calendar. In the coming season, the calendar will feature a record number of International Paratriathlon Events in the preparation for Paratriathlon's debut in the 2016 Paralympic Games.

### Confirmed International Paratriathlon Events:

2014 Elwood ITU Paratriathlon International event, (AUS): 16 February

2014 Yokohama ITU Paratriathlon International event, (JPN): 17 May

2014 Besançon ITU Paratriathlon International event, (FRA): 25 May

2014 London ITU Paratriathlon International event, (GBR): 30 May -1 June

2014 Chicago ITU Paratriathlon International event, (USA): 28-29 June

2014 Lago d'Iseo ITU Paratriathlon International event (ITA): 4-5 July

ITU expects to add four races to the calendar in the coming months with interest from one more city in Europe, as well as two in the Americas and one in Oceania. In addition to the International Paratriathlon Events, four Continental Championships have been confirmed, but are expected on all five continents, pending final confirmation from Asia.

### Continental Championships to date:

2014 Penryth OTU Paratriathlon Oceania Championship, (AUS): 12<sup>th</sup> January

2014 Troutbeck ATU Paratriathlon African Championship, (ZIM): 12-13 March

2014 Dallas PATCO Paratriathlon American Championship, (USA): 31 May-1 June

2014 Kitzbuehel ETU Paratriathlon European Championship, (AUT) : 21-22 June

The Paratriathlon season will culminate with the World Championships in Edmonton, Canada on 30 August, 2014.

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## 2. Classification at the Oceania Championships

It is now likely that we will have the opportunity to classify Australian athletes under the new ITU classification system at the Australian and Oceania Championships in Penrith.

- This applies to athletes with a physical disability only. It does not apply to athletes with a Visual Impairment. The ITU classification of VI athletes is still being reviewed.
- Any athlete considering competing at the 2014 World Paratriathlon Championships either as an Elite or as an Open competitor MUST therefore be classified.
- Every athlete with a physical disability now has to be classified again, regardless of any previous international classification.
- You will be contacted directly to confirm your appointment which will be either on the Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January or the morning of the Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January.
- We will try and extend the classification opportunity to as many athletes as possible, and I am hopeful we may be able to classify everyone who wants to compete in the Paratriathlon race.
- Athletes please therefore ensure you:
  - Enter the race before December 12<sup>th</sup>
  - If you have never been classified please return the two classification forms to [Kathryn.peric@triathlon.org.au](mailto:Kathryn.peric@triathlon.org.au) before December 12<sup>th</sup>. Entries or forms received after this date may make it impossible to arrange your classification.

All athletes:

[http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport\\_paratriathlon\\_TEMPORARY\\_CLASSIFICATION\\_FOR\\_M\\_2012.pdf](http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport_paratriathlon_TEMPORARY_CLASSIFICATION_FOR_M_2012.pdf)

PLUS

Visual impairment

[http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport\\_paratriathlon\\_MEDICAL\\_DIAGNOSTICS\\_VISUAL\\_IMPAIRMENT\\_2012.pdf](http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport_paratriathlon_MEDICAL_DIAGNOSTICS_VISUAL_IMPAIRMENT_2012.pdf)

OR Physical Disability

[http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport\\_paratriathlon\\_CERTIFICATE-OF-DIAGNOSIS\\_2012.pdf](http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport_paratriathlon_CERTIFICATE-OF-DIAGNOSIS_2012.pdf)



## **Australian Paratriathlon Calendar**

### **2013**

15 December \*City of Joondalup Triathlon WA State Sprint Championships  
Whitfords Nodes Beach Park, Hillarys, WA  
<http://www.triserieswa.com.au/enter.html>

### **2014**

12 January #^Oceania and Australian Paratriathlon Championships  
[http://www.triathlon.org.au/State\\_Associations/NSW/Events/Triathlon\\_NSW\\_Events/Australian\\_Paratriathlon\\_Championships.htm](http://www.triathlon.org.au/State_Associations/NSW/Events/Triathlon_NSW_Events/Australian_Paratriathlon_Championships.htm) Penrith, NSW

16 February #Gatorade Triathlon Series, Australian Sprint Championships Elwood, VIC  
<http://supersprint.com.au/events.aspx>

6 April QLD Championships Redcliffe, QLD

\*Not suitable for wheelchair users

^ Will also include Enticer races, including a team race.

# International ITU Paratriathlon Event

## **Equipment Adaptation, Knee Brace and Classification forms**

To compete in a National Paratriathlon race you must meet the ITU Rules and Regulations. These are available on the ITU website and you should read them. The link for all ITU Paratriathlon documents, and the 2013 ITU Rules is:

[http://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads\\_category/paratriathlon](http://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads_category/paratriathlon). If you require approval for an equipment adaptation on your bike, or to swim with a knee brace (Tri 1), or if you have not been classified for triathlon competition you need to complete the relevant form/s below and return them to Kathryn Periac by email ([Kathryn.periac@triathlon.org.au](mailto:Kathryn.periac@triathlon.org.au)) or by mail to Triathlon Australia, PO Box 13, ALEXANDRIA NSW 1435

### **Equipment Forms**

- Request for Adaptation on bicycle

[http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/Impairment\\_Adaptation\\_on\\_bicycles\\_-\\_Request\\_form\\_v4.docx](http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/Impairment_Adaptation_on_bicycles_-_Request_form_v4.docx)

- Knee Brace Approval Request

[http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/Knee\\_Brace\\_Approval\\_Request\\_Form\\_v1.pdf](http://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/Knee_Brace_Approval_Request_Form_v1.pdf)

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