



BILLIGENCE PATHWAY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES OVERVIEW

Triathlon New South Wales (TNSW) and Triathlon ACT (TACT), in conjunction with our naming rights sponsors *Billigence* and affiliated Triathlon Clubs are providing a unique series of multisport events exclusively for the benefit of NSW / ACT Pathway athletes aged 13yrs through to 23yrs (as of the 31st December 2022).

BILLIGENCE PATHWAY CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES OBJECTIVES

The series has been created to provide our identified Pathway athletes with a suite of events that are:

- Predominantly scheduled prior to major National level competition
- Safe, cost effective events that are great value for money
- Align philosophy and delivery of race demands to those of National and International competition
- Concentrated competition fields exclusively for NSW/ACT Pathway & invited athletes
- Various race formats to challenge thinking, skill sets and tactical nous
- Racing that allows gender and age integration to promote close competition
- Located in a variety of geographical metropolitan and regional bases to provide convenience and access for greater participation
- Promote whole of state racing, squad interaction and social engagement in a fun environment
- Allow NSW and ACT affiliated Triathlon Clubs with interests in promoting Youth & Junior Sport engagement, the opportunity to contribute and allow local member and community benefits for future sustainability of the sport in the area

COVID SAFE RACING

All sanctioned Club events must adhere to NSW and ACT Public Health orders and consider Sport NSW recommendations. Public Health Order updates occur daily and restrictions to community sport and indeed individuals may change on a daily basis. Whilst TNSW / TACT and the respective Clubs will be doing our part in complying with protocols we urge individual athletes, parents, coaches and volunteers to keep up to date daily with relevant announcements and practice COVID safe plans.

For further details please refer to the [Sports NSW Coronavirus update / COVID-19 News - Sport and Recreation \(act.gov.au\)](#)

EVENTS

NOTE – THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING LOCAL APPROVALS FOR RCAE PERMITS AND COVID-19

Round 1 of the Pathway Championship Series

Date: Sunday 16/17 October 2021

Format: Draft Legal Super Sprint Triathlon & Draft Legal Handicap Time Trial

Distances: 300m Swim 8km Bike, 1.5km Run

Venue: Tomaree

Host: Tomaree Tri Club

Contact: Dean Morrison | dean@apexstructural.com.au | 0408 434 126

Round 2 of the Pathway Championship Series

Date: Friday - Sunday 29-31 October 2021

Format: Stromlo Super Sprint Race Weekend

Distances: Multiple formats/distances

Venue: Stromlo Forest Park - Canberra

Host: Performance Triathlon Coaching

Contact: Corey Bacon | canberramultisportevents@gmail.com | 0431 607 109

[Race Link](#)

Round 3 of the Pathway Championship Series

Date: 7 November 2021

Format: Draft Legal Duathlon

Distances: 1.2km Run 10km Bike 1.2km Run

Venue: Heffron Park – Maroubra

Host: Bondi Running and Triathlon Club

Contact: Chris Choi | race@bratclub.com.au | 0414 436 115

[Race Entry Link](#)

Round 4 of the Pathway Championship Series Date: 8am Sunday 21 November 2021

Format: Draft Legal Triathlon & Mixed Relay

Distances: 250m Swim Run 8km Bike 1.5km Run

Venue: International Regatta Centre Penrith

Host: Panthers Tri Club

Contact: Mark Thomas | President@pantherstricclub.com.au | 0410 424 454

Race Entry Link - TBC

Round 5 of the Pathway Championship Series

TNSW / TACT Youth & Junior/U23 Mixed Team Relay Championships

TNSW / TACT Super Sprint Youth Junior & U23 Championships

Date: 27 – 28 November 2020

Format: Super Sprint Rounds & Finals, Mixed Team Relay

Venue: Gosling Creek Reserve, Orange

Host: Orange Tri Club

Contact: Phil Tudor | phil@hotelcanobolas.com | 0428 622 444

Race Entry Link - TBC

Round 6 of the Pathway Championship Series

Date: one day of either 15/16 or 22/23 January 2022*

Format: Aquathon & Draft Free Enduro Triathlon (Swim bike run, swim bike run)

Distances: 300m Swim 8km Bike 1.5km Run

Venue: Port Kembla

Host: Illawarra Tri Club

Contact: Terry Wall | tbwall@hotmail.com | 0457 895 407

Race Entry Link - TBC

Round 7 of the Pathway Championship Series

Date: early February 2022*

Format: Super Sprint & Mixed Relay

Distances: 400m Swim 5km Bike 1500m Run

Venue: Cams Warf Central Coast

Host: Central Coast Triathlon Club

Contact: Matt Porta | honky.matt@gmail.com | 0407 203 585

Race Entry Link - TBC

Round 8 of the Pathway Championship Series (YOUTH ONLY)

Date: 27 February 2022*

Format: Draft Legal Enduro Triathlon (Heats & Finals)

Distances: 200 Swim 6km Bike 1km Run x 2

Venue: Macquarie Fields

Host: Macarthur Triathlon Club

Contact: Glenn Schwarzel | glennandjanet@bigpond.com | 0419 993 648

[Race Entry Link](#)

*Dates are tentative only, pending final confirmation.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible to compete across the 2021/22 Pathway Championship Series, athletes must meet the following guidelines:

1. **MEMBERSHIP** – Be a current (2021/2022) financial member of Triathlon Australia in any of the following memberships categories and be in good standing with TA, TNSW & TACT.
 - a) Junior or Adult Standard
 - b) Junior or Adult Premium Member (if wishing to race overseas)
2. **RACE CATEGORY AGE – Must be aged as of 31st December 2022**
 - a) Youth: 13 - 15yrs born in the years 2009, 2008 or 2007;
 - b) Junior: 16 – 19yrs born in the years 2006 – 2003;**
 - c) U23: 18 - 23yrs born in the years 1999, 2004;

** Whilst racing together, there will be recognition of both Junior (16-19 yrs) and Junior B (16-17yrs) within this category. Junior B athletes will be eligible for placings in both the Junior B and Junior category.

3. PHYSICAL & SKILL REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

- a) **BIKE SKILL REQUIREMENTS** - ALL athletes must be Draft Legally Endorsed. For new athletes (those that have not been draft legally endorsed), please refer to the 2021-2022 Bike Skills Endorsement Information and Procedure [HERE >](#).

Further to Draft Legal Endorsement, a higher standard of ability is demonstratable by any athlete competing at State level competition.

ALL	TA BIKE SKILLS COURSE
JUNIOR & YOUTH	Complete course once without error (Netball Court course not Rollers Skills course)

To view the Bike Skills Assessment please [click HERE >](#) (pg.1)

- b) **PHYSICAL STANDARDS & FITNESS** - The guideline standards for Youth & Junior athletes to compete are set below. Please note this is a **GUIDE** to ensure athletes are prepared to compete do not have a negative experience by being lapped out and withdrawn from the race. For further information to determine if an athlete is ready for State level of competition, please refer to your respective Regional Academy of Sport Head Coach, or the TNSW Coach Education and Pathway Manager.

FEMALES	SWIM DISTANCE/TIME	RUN DISTANCE/TIME
U23	400m/5:15	1500m/5:15
JUNIOR	400m/5:45	1500m/5:45
YOUTH	400m/6:00	1500m/6:00

MALES	SWIM DISTANCE/TIME	RUN DISTANCE/TIME
U23	400m/5:00	1500m/5:00
JUNIOR	400m/5:30	1500m/5:15
YOUTH	400m/6:00	1500m/5:30

- c. **PATHWAY PRIORITY** – Priority Entry into events will be given to existing Pathway Athletes (those members of the respective Regional Academy of Sport Programs, ROSTA, TACTTA, the TNSW/ACT Emerging Talent Squad & TNSW/ACT U23 Development Squad) & Host Club members. If race entries remain available invitations may be provided to Talent Transfer, Professional Athletes or other eligible athletes (e.g. athletes holding a Draft Legal License) at the discretion of TNSW / TACT Pathway Lead.

4. **ATHLETE PROFILING**

Athletes competing in the Youth and Junior categories across the series will be required to submit the following data;

- 400m swim (50m pool – if possible)
- 1500m run (tartan track)
- Bike Skills Assessment time (completed without error)

This data in addition to individual athlete sporting background information will be requested at the start of the season and must be completed prior to racing.

All times must be witnessed by an Accredited Triathlon Coach or completed at an officially timed event (i.e., Athletics and swimming meets with electronic timing)

Please note, this data is to be collected for the purposes of internal monitoring and analysis by Triathlon Australia High Performance.

SERIES POINT SCORE

A series point score will determine the **2021-2022 TNSW / TACT Youth I Junior I U23 Pathway Champions**.

There are 4 categories in the series:

1. Youth (13 - 15yrs);
2. Junior B (16-17yrs);
3. Junior (16–19yrs) *;
4. U23 (18-23yrs).

*Junior B athletes are eligible for both Junior and Junior B series points.

Billigence Pathway Championship Series Points

Youth athletes best **six (6) results/scores from eight (8) races** will count towards the overall point score final total. In the event of a tie the highest placed athlete at the TNSW Super Sprint Championships (Orange) will be determine the overall winners.

Junior & U23 athletes best **five (5) results/scores from seven (7) races** will count towards the overall point score final total. (Round 4 & Round 6 of the series will not offer points for these categories although athletes are still eligible to race). In the event of a tie the highest placed athlete at the TNSW Super Sprint Championships (Orange) will be determine the overall winners.

If any event is cancelled for the series, an adjustment will be made to the above allowing for 2 events within the series to be missed without penalty of missing point opportunities. (e.g. if Race 1 were cancelled from the series, points would be award for athletes in the best five (5) results from seven (7) races & for Junior & U23's, the best four (4) results from six (6) races).

NB – Round 5: TNSW / TACT Super Sprint Youth Junior & U23 Championships (Orange) is worth double points.

YOUTH			JUNIOR & U23		
Race #	1,2,3,4,6,7,8	5	Race #	1,2,3,4,6,7	5
Position	Points	Points	Position	Points	Points
1st	11	22	1st	11	22
2nd	9	18	2nd	9	18
3rd	8	16	3rd	8	16
4th	7	14	4th	7	14
5th	6	12	5th	6	12
6th	5	10	6th	5	10
7th	4	8	7th	4	8
8th	3	6	8th	3	6
9th	2	4	9th	2	4
10th	1	2	10th	1	2

AWARDS

Youth, Junior B, Junior and U23 Series

The Billigence Pathway Championship Series overall winners will receive an award and recognition courtesy of our naming rights Sponsor *Billigence* and TNSW/TACT and be acknowledged in publications/social media.

UNIFORMS AND COMPETITION RULES

All athletes competing across the 2021-2022 Pathway Championship Series must wear a triathlon race suit that meets the World Triathlon (WT) uniform guidelines, specifications include surname placement, rear zip, and logo size(s). The WT Uniform Guidelines can be found on the WT website here: www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/uniform_rules

If an athlete is a member of the RASi, ROSTA, TACTTA, TNSW/TACT ETS or U23 Squads, they must compete in their squad uniform to be eligible for points (unless they race in an WT Junior or Elite Triathlon Australia Tri Suit provided by the TAHF Program).

If an athlete does not have an WT compliant race suit, they may compete in a “cleanskin” race suit with no sponsors or markings.

Competition rules shall be as per WT & Triathlon Australia rules for Draft Legal events. This includes: bicycle, wheels (UCI approved), handle bar and wetsuit restrictions.

WT rules can be found here: www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/competition_rules

UCI Approved Wheel list: <http://www.uci.ch/inside-uci/rules-and-regulations/equipment-165067/>

It is the athlete and coach's responsibility to know and understand the WT and TA Draft Legal rules.

Athletes who are members of specific squads or programs must wear their current uniform unless prior members of the ITU Junior or U23 Elite Australian World Championship Team or Major Games Team (AYOF).

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