## **BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES** INFORMATION **BOOKLET 24/25**









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# OVERVIEW OBJECTIVES



NEW SOUTH WALES AND ACT TRIATHLON, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR NAMING RIGHTS SPONSORS BILLIGENCE AND AFFILIATED TRIATHLON CLUBS AND SUPPLIERS 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 2025).

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 the 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, U23 and
   Para Sport engagement the
   opportunity to contribute and allow
   local member and community
   benefits for future sustainability of
   the sport in the area

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#### **BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES**

**VENUE: Nelson Bay** 

**HOST:** Tomaree Triathlon Club

Reverse Triathlon, Magic Mile Foot Race, Triathlon Final



The Billigence Pathway Series (BPS) will again be a focus of racing for the pathway this season. The Athlete Guides will show all formats and be released close to the race dates.

**ROUND 1 OF THE BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES** DATE: 13th October 2024 **VENUE:** Five Islands Secondary College **HOST:** Illawarra Triathlon Club 2 x Super Sprint Triathlon, Dash for Cash Swim **ROUND 2 OF THE BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES** DATE: 2nd / 3rd November 2024 VENUE: Orange Gosling Reserve, Orange **HOST:** Orange Triathlon Club MR Team event, Aquathon, Triathlon Enduro, Supersprint Championships Triathlon **ROUND 3 OF THE BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES** DATE: 24th November, 2024 **VENUE:** Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre HOST: MacarthurTriathlon Club Aquathon, Lemans Crit, Duathlon Final **ROUND 4 OF THE BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES** DATE: 2nd February, 2025 VENUE: Sydney International Regatta Centre **HOST:** Panthers Triathlon Club Super Sprint (Youth) Sprint (Junior / U23) **ROUND 5 OF THE BILLIGENCE PATHWAY SERIES** DATE: 2nd March, 2025

# **ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE
ACROSS THE 2024/25 PATHWAY
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, ATHLETES
MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING
GUIDELINES:



#### 1. MEMBERSHIP

Be a current (2024/2025) financial member of Triathlon Australia in any of the following memberships categories:

- 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 2024

- a) Youth: 13 15yrs born in the years 2012, 2011, 2010
- b) Junior B: 16-17yrs born in the years 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006\*\*
- b) Junior: 18 19yrs born in the years 2007, 2006\*\*
- c) U23: 20 23yrs born in the years 2005 2002 2004 2001
- $^{\ast\ast}$  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.



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

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 and 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 Triathlon NSW 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/5:30
YOUTH	400M/6:00	1500M/6:00

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 to their respective Regional Academy of Sport for those in academies or NSW Triathlon Pathway Lead for those in ROSTA, TACTTA and Development squads:

- 400m swim (50m pool if possible)
- 1500m run (tartan track)
- Bike Skills Assessment (completed competently 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 the first Pathway Race.

All times must be witnessed by an official NSW Triathlon Bench Marking Event or completed at an officially timed event (i.e., Athletics and swimming meets with electronic timing)

Please note, this data may be collected for the purposes of internal monitoring and analysis by AusTriathlon High Performance.



A SERIES POINT SCORE WILL
DETERMINE THE 2024–2025
TNSW / TACT YOUTH, JUNIOR &
U23 PATHWAY CHAMPIONS AND
OVERALL SERIES WINNERS.

POSITION	POINTS
Position	Points
1st	11
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

There are 6 categories in the series:

- 1. Youth (13 15yrs)
- 2. Junior B (16-17yrs)\*
- 3. Junior (16-19yrs) \*
- 4. U23 (18-23yrs)
- 5. Para PTS4\*
- 6.Para PTS3\*

- \*Junior B athletes are eligible for both Junior and Junior B series points.
- \*Para Athletes are eligible for both Para and relative category series points.

#### **Billigence Pathway Series Points**

Youth, Junior, U23 and Para athletes best four (4) results/scores from five (5) races will count towards the relative category point score final total. All five (5) races in the series can count towards category point ( with only the top 4 results counting). In the event of a tie the highest placed athlete at the TNSW Super Sprint Championships (Orange) will determine the overall winners.

Youth, Junior U23 and Para athletes best three (3) results/scores from four (4) races will count towards the overall series point score final total. Race four Penrith does not have overall points on offer, but does have category points on offer. In the event of a tie in the overall points score, the highest placed athlete at the TNSW Super Sprint Championships (Orange) will determine the overall winners.

Para Athletes are eligible for points in their respective age category eg Juniors, and are also eligible in the respective fram/Classification/Classificatio

#### **Category Awards**

The Billigence Pathway Series will have Category Champions for Youth, Junior B, Junior, U23, Para PTS4, Para PTS3. All 5 races will provide points for categories. Race 4 will not provide points for overall, but will provide points for category.

#### **Overall Awards**

The Billigence Pathway Series Overall Series Placegetters will receive prize money and recognition from the naming rights sponsor Billigence and NSW/ACT Triathlon and will be acknowledged in publications/social media. Race 4 will not provide points for overall, but will still provide points for category.

## **UNIFORM AND COMPETITION RULES**

All athletes competing across the 2024-2025 Pathway Championship Series must wear a triathlon race suit that meets the World Triathlon (WT) uniform guidelines specifications and include surname placement, rear zip, and logo size(s).

The WT Uniform Guidelines can be found on the WT website HERE:

If an athlete is a member of the Regional Academy of Sport. ROSTA, TACTTA or Development Squads, they must compete in their squad uniform to be eligible for points (unless they race in a WT Junior or Elite AusTriathlon Tri Suit provided by the ATHP Program).

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

#### **Race Rules**

Draft legal races will be governed by the World Triathlon 2024 Competition Rules.

https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/World-Triathlon Competition-

Rules 2024 20240219.pdf

The Non-Drafting race will be governed by Triathlon Australia Race Competition Rules July

https://www.triathlon.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2024/07/AusTriathlon-Race-Competition-Rules-August-2024.pdf Please familiarise yourself with the rules.

It is the athlete and coach's responsibility to know and understand the WT and AT Draft Legal and Triathlon race rules

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