



**ITU  
WORLD TRIATHLON  
SERIES**



# **2018 WTS MEDIA GUIDE**



**ITU WORLD TRIATHLON SERIES | ABU DHABI | BERMUDA | YOKOHAMA | NOTTINGHAM / LEEDS | HAMBURG | EDMONTON | MONTREAL | GOLD COAST**

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# WELCOME TO THE ITU TRIATHLON WORLD SERIES

**Dear Athletes, Coaches, members of the National Federations, Sponsors and Media,**

I would like to extend to you all a very warm welcome to the 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series. As we enter the ninth season of WTS racing, it is with great pride that we reflect the journey we have been on to reach this point. The WTS has firmly established itself as the most prestigious competition in the annual triathlon calendar, and while we must always look forward and strive to achieve even more, we should also allow ourselves a moment to look back at the success and popularity that the events have generated in less than a decade of existence.

Certainly, the 2017 ITU triathlon season once again elevated our sport to new standards of achievement and endeavour, new levels of production and unparalleled quality in our host cities. The entertainment was non-stop throughout the nine unforgettable races.

If the 2017 season taught us anything, it is that Flora Duffy and Mario Mola are true legends of our sport. For this remarkable pair to both retain the crowns they won in 2016 displayed an inner competitive edge and determination that arguably cannot be taught in training. For Mola, a run of four straight victories saw him head to the Grand Final as men's favourite, while Duffy equalled the record five wins in a season to follow in the footsteps of the great Gwen Jorgensen.

There, the Grand Final lived up to its name, not least because of the quality of the fields that forced Mario Mola and Flora Duffy to produce their very best to secure the titles. Along with Jessica Learmonth, it was Katie Zafares who was able to push the Bermudan all the way, and in doing so ensured herself third place in the overall standings.

In the men's race, it was Vincent Luis who secured his first ever WTS win in dramatic style after bursting free of the pack in the final metres to edge out Kristian Blummenfelt. For Mario Mola, third place in Rotterdam was enough to see him win back-to-back titles and ensure the WTS trophy stayed in Spain for a remarkable fifth successive season.

The World Triathlon Series continues to grab the headlines, but this year also sees our World Cup season growing to 17 events, providing more and more athletes with world-class racing opportunities.

This year, the best young triathletes from around the world will get their chance to shine at the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games, and the Commonwealth Games take to Australia's beautiful Gold Coast in April, to where we will be returning in September for this year's WTS Grand Final. With its place in the Olympic programme now assured for Tokyo 2020, all eyes will also be on this year's Mixed Relay World Championships.

And so, as we kick-start another year in triathlon, it is with great pride that I reiterate ITU's commitment to growing triathlon and developing all of our multisports, working for the best interests of our athletes, nurturing new talent, and providing more and more opportunities for sports fans around the world to watch them compete at the highest level.

At ITU, we truly believe sport is for everybody, and this is one of the most important messages behind the World Triathlon Series ethos as well. To all of the athletes competing this year, I congratulate you on your commitment and wish you the best of luck. Enjoy this ITU season wherever in the world you are able to watch, follow or participate in an event, and we look forward to delivering another superb year of racing for the entire triathlon family.

Sincerely,

**Marisol Casado**

President, International Triathlon Union  
Member of the International Olympic Committee

# SERIES OVERVIEW

The ITU World Triathlon Series was introduced in 2009, creating a series of world championship races rather than a single-day world championship. From 2009 until 2011, it was called the Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship series, but was re-branded in 2012 as the ITU World Triathlon Series. There will be eight rounds in the 2018 season, culminating with the Grand Final in Gold Coast in September. The world's top triathletes will compete head-to-head for rankings points that determine the overall ITU world champion, with media and fans able to watch from everywhere with a live international broadcast feed available from every event.

## NEW FOR THE 2018 SEASON

One new city will be added to the 2018 World Triathlon Series, making it an eight-stop tour across the globe. For the fourth straight year, the Series opener will be held in the Middle East with a race slated in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. However this season, Abu Dhabi will return to its inaugural distance and start the year with a speedy sprint course. The second stop will be in Bermuda, where the small North Atlantic island will welcome the WTS for the very first time. Home of World Champion Flora Duffy, the elites will tour the city of Hamilton and the pink sand beaches on a standard-distance course. Yokohama will be the third stop. Following Leeds, which will be the fourth stop up, the Series will hit the halfway mark before continuing to Hamburg. After the elites compete in Germany, the circuit heads to Canada, where Edmonton will once again offer up a sprint distance race. For the second year in a row, the elites will stay in Canada and compete in Montreal, which will serve as the penultimate event on the calendar. Then to finish off the WTS season, athletes will head downunder to Australia as Gold Coast, Queensland will host the 2018 Grand Final. This will be the second time that Gold Coast has been honoured as the Grand Final city after first hosting the very first World Championships in 2009, back when the WTS was branded as the Dextro Energy ITU World Championships Grand Final.

New for 2018 is the addition of the brand new event circuit, the ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay Series. As the process begins for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games qualification, athletes will have a chance to compete in a three-stop tour to earn points for their nation. The first event will be held in Nottingham, England and coexisting alongside the WTS Leeds race weekend. National Teams of four members, two women and two men will all complete a mini-triathlon before tagging off to a teammate. The second event will be the 2018 ITU Mixed Relay World Championships in Hamburg. The German city boasts the popularity of the event with thousands showing up to watch the spectacle. This will be the sixth straight year that Hamburg has crowned the Mixed Relay World Champions. The Series will end in Edmonton, Canada, which will also coincide with the WTS event.

Paratriathlon will also see a three-stop World Paratriathlon Series tour in the 2018 season before finishing the year off with the World Championships in the Gold Coast. The season will begin in Yokohama, joining forces with the WTS. It then will see a stand alone event in Iseo- Franciacorta, Italy, a city that has hosted a paratriathlon event four times. The third competition will be in Edmonton, Canada once again making it a full weekend of elite racing with the WTS and Mixed Relay Series happening the same weekend. The year then caps off in Gold Coast, where the 2018 World Champions will be crowned.

## 2018 SEASON SCHEDULE

- 1 ABU DHABI  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
MARCH 2
- 2 BERMUDA  
BERMUDA  
APRIL 28
- 3 YOKOHAMA  
JAPAN  
MAY 12
- 4 NOTTINGHAM / LEEDS,  
ENGLAND  
JUNE 10
- 5 HAMBURG  
GERMANY  
JULY 14–15
- 6 EDMONTON  
CANADA  
JULY 27–29
- 7 MONTREAL  
CANADA  
AUGUST 25–26
- 8 GOLD COAST  
AUSTRALIA  
SEPTEMBER 12–16



# ITU TRIATHLON HISTORY

[ 1974 ]

The first recorded triathlon took place in San Diego, California. Organised by the San Diego Track & Field Club. The race consisted of a 5.3-mile run, a 5-mile bike and a 600-yard swim in the bay. 46 athletes finished the race.

[ 1989 ]

The first Congress of ITU was organised in Avignon, France on April 1. Thirty (30) NFs were in attendance. Four months later on August 6, the inaugural World Championships was held in Avignon France over an "Olympic Distance". More than 800 athletes representing 40 countries participated.

[ 1990 ]

First Duathlon World Championships was held in Cathedral City, USA

[ 1991 ]

The ITU Triathlon World Cup Series began, staging 11 races in eight countries.

[ 1994 ]

Triathlon was awarded full Olympic Games medal status by the IOC at its Congress in Paris. France's Isabelle Mouthon-Michellys and Rob Barel of the Netherlands won the first-ever Long Distance Triathlon World Championships.

[ 1997 ]

First Long Distance Duathlon World Championships was held in Zofingen, Switzerland, and the first Winter Triathlon World Championships took place in Mals, Italy.

[ 1998 ]

Aquathlon World Championships were first held, providing the opportunity for athletes who only swam and ran to join the multisport world.

[ 2000 ]

Triathlon made its Olympic debut at the 2000 Sydney Games. Brigitte McMahon (SUI) and Simon Whitfield (CAN) won the sport's first gold medals.

[ 2004 ]

First stand-alone Paratriathlon World Championships was held.

[ 2008 ]

Marisol Casado became ITU's second-ever President.

[ 2009 ]

The ITU World Triathlon Series was created as ITU's top tier race series, staging multiple rounds in iconic cities across the globe.

[ 2010 ]

The sport was officially accepted into the Paralympic Games at the IPC Governing Board meeting in Guangzhou, China.

[ 2011 ]

The discipline first emerged in 1996, but the inaugural ITU Cross Triathlon World Championships were held in 2011 in Extremadura, Spain.

[ 2015 ]

ITU has more than 160 affiliated National Federations.

[ 2016 ]

Paratriathlon officially debuted in the Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Games.

[ 2017 ]

Mixed Relays included in the Olympic Programme, starting in Tokyo 2020.

## THE BASICS

In this season, five of the ITU World Triathlon Series events will be Olympic distance races for the elite competitors, while the three remaining races will be Sprint distance.

An Olympic-distance triathlon, also referred to as standard-distance triathlon, combines a 1.5km swim, a 40km bike ride and a 10km run, while in the Sprint distance athletes race half of the distance on each leg.

Every triathlon includes two transitions (swim to bike and bike to run). Elite athletes typically make these transitions in less than 30 seconds. Average finishing times at world championship or a world cup race are around 1 hour and 50 minutes for the elite men and around two hours for the elite women. In 2018, three sprint-distance events have been integrated into the WTS. In Abu Dhabi, Hamburg and Edmonton, elite athletes will compete at these shorter races (swim 750m, bike 20km and run 5km).

A maximum of 65 men and 65 women may be entered at each World Triathlon Series race, with a maximum of 75 men and women competing in the Grand Final. The ITU World Triathlon Grand Final, which will be held in the Gold Coast in 2018, and will also host the Under23, Junior, Age-Group and Paratriathlon.

# PARTNERSHIPS

## THE COLLABORATIVE FORCES AT WORK

### INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION

The International Triathlon Union is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the world governing body for the Olympic Sport of Triathlon. ITU is the most influential organisation in the sport and the organiser of the world's premier triathlon events, including the ITU World Triathlon Series & ITU Triathlon World Cup Series. ITU has National Federations in more than 160 countries and its sport development initiatives are fuelling triathlon's extraordinary growth.



### GLOBAL PARTNER – NTT

The NTT Group's vision is to create a connected world. We do this by creating technology solutions and services that empower our clients' ambitions globally while contributing to sustainable growth. Our long heritage of delivering value to clients to the highest standard remains core to our values. As one of the world's largest ICT companies, the NTT Group comprises a select group of global technology companies. Our combined global operations generate a total revenue of US\$105 billion and we employ 242,000 skilled professionals at over 230 data centers in 88 countries worldwide. We work with over 10,000 clients and 80% of the Fortune Global 100 list. Our global network is supported by offices in every major geographic region, delivering support, service and technical expertise to our clients. And we are continuing to expand our operations and services in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia Pacific and Japan.



### PARTNER – SEL

SEL Logistics, which has more than 25 years of experience in major events, is providing logistics services for our World Triathlon Series, World Cup, and Paratriathlon events. The delivery of branding from event to event across the world is paramount to the success and awareness of the ITU brand. SEL's integrated services include the drawing up of transport documents, the management of customs clearance, the collection of packaged or unpackaged goods and the final delivery to each of ITU's event delivery partners across the globe. We know we're in good hands with SEL in ensuring consistent, smooth delivery as ITU's Official Supplier.



### PARTNER – ASICS

ASICS is a Japanese multinational corporation which produces footwear and sports equipment designed for a wide range of sports, including triathlon. The name is an acronym for the Latin phrase "Anima sana in corpore sano" which translates as "a healthy soul in a healthy body. Through our products and services, we aim to contribute to a healthy society. By integrating sustainability into every aspect of our business, we aim not only to create value for our customers and shareholders, but also for the world around us.



# PRIZE MONEY

Throughout the season, athletes can earn US\$1.48 million dollars with another US\$855,000 available to the top 35 men and women. With nearly US\$2.5 million dollars up for grabs, the WTS remains one of the richest triathlon circuits worldwide.

Finish Place	ITU World Triathlon Series Events	ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final	ITU World Triathlon Series Bonus Pool	ITU Triathlon World Cup Events	Mixed Team Relay
1	18,000	30,000	83,500	7,500	17,500
2	12,000	22,000	57,300	6,000	14,000
3	8,000	16,000	39,200	4,500	10,500
4	6,000	12,000	26,150	3,000	7,000
5	4,900	9,800	21,250	2,100	5,600
6	4,100	8,000	18,750	1,800	4,900
7	3,400	6,400	16,300	1,500	4,200
8	2,800	5,200	13,750	900	2,800
9	2,300	4,100	12,500	675	2,100
10	1,900	3,500	11,900	525	1,400
11	1,600	2,900	11,300	450	
12	1,400	2,500	10,650	375	
13	1,300	2,200	9,900	300	
14	1,200	2,000	9,150	225	
15	1,100	1,800	8,500	150	
16	1,000	1,600	7,750		
17	1,000	1,400	7,000		
18	1,000	1,300	6,400		
19	1,000	1,200	5,650		
20	1,000	1,100	4,900		
21		1,000	4,250		
22		1,000	3,600		
23		1,000	3,400		
24		1,000	3,350		
25		1,000	3,250		
26			3,200		
27			3,150		
28			3,100		
29			3,000		
30			2,900		
31			2,750		
32			2,600		
33			2,500		
34			2,400		
35			2,250		



# 2018 POINT SYSTEM

There will be two levels included in the rankings:

- ITU World Triathlon Series events,
- ITU World Triathlon Grand Final.

The final score will be obtained by adding the points gained in the ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final plus the 5 best scores in the ITU World Triathlon Series events.

The points earned by the winner of each event will be:

- 1250 for the ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 1000 for the ITU World Triathlon Series events.

The points will be decreased by 7.5% for every position.

Scoring for a season begins immediately after the Grand Final and ends with the following year's Grand Final. To earn points, athletes must finish within the cut-off time which will be determined by adding 5% to the winner's time in the men's event and 8% in the women's event.

For up-to-date rankings, click [HERE](#)

Finish Position	ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final	ITU World Triathlon Series Events	ITU Triathlon World Cup Events
1	1200	800	300
2	1110	740	278
3	1027	685	257
4	950	633	237
5	879	586	220
6	813	542	203
7	752	501	188
8	695	464	174
9	643	429	161
10	595	397	149
11	550	367	138
12	509	339	127
13	471	314	118
14	436	290	109
15	403	269	101
16	373	248	93
17	345	230	86
18	319	213	80
19	295	197	74
20	273	182	68
21	252	168	63
22	233	156	58
23	216	144	54
24	200	133	50
25	185	123	46

Finish Position	ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final	ITU World Triathlon Series Events	ITU Triathlon World Cup Events
26	171	114	43
27	158	105	40
28	146	97	37
29	135	90	34
30	125	83	31
31	116	77	-
32	107	71	-
33	99	66	-
34	92	61	-
35	85	56	-
36	78	52	-
37	72	48	-
38	67	44	-
39	62	41	-
40	57	38	-
41	53	-	-
42	49	-	-
43	45	-	-
44	42	-	-
45	39	-	-
46	36	-	-
47	33	-	-
48	30	-	-
49	28	-	-
50	26	-	-

## 2018 BROADCAST FACTS AND FIGURES



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### Races Live and On-Demand

All 8 World Triathlon  
Series events  
(16 individual races) live  
and on demand

The ITU Mixed Relay  
World Championships  
and two new Mixed  
Relay Series events live  
and on demand

**=37 hours**  
of HD TV footage



**14**

Magazine shows  
featuring every WTS,  
ITU World Cups &  
Multisport World  
Festival



**300+**

hours of archive  
footage dating back to  
1989

## LIVE TELEVISION

ITU, in collaboration with Infront Sports and HBS, will feature live coverage at all eight ITU World Triathlon Series races in 2018. Working alongside the largest public and sports broadcasters in the world, the WTS is the first triathlon series to have international live coverage at all events. With up to 20 camera positions at each event, including boat, motorcycle and helicopter cameras, triathlon fans can catch all the action from any corner of the world. The latest up-to-date broadcast technology will be used to bring the fan closer to the race than ever before. GPS graphics and live timing data will be incorporated into the live broadcast to provide second-by-second updates in real time. In 2018, ITU will produce a total of 19 live broadcasts with each broadcast lasting approximately two hours.

## TV MAGAZINE SHOW

ITU will produce 14 x 52-minute magazine shows throughout the 2018 ITU World Triathlon Series season. Each magazine show will provide a behind-the-scenes look at what life is like for the world's top triathletes, as well as a fast-paced recap of each event, athlete interviews and other exclusive features. For more information on Live TV and the TV Magazine show, please contact Adam Mason ([adam.mason@infrontsports.com](mailto:adam.mason@infrontsports.com)).

## NEWS FEED

Custom news feeds will be made available, on request, prior to each race via FTP. Immediately following each World Triathlon Series event a three-minute news feed will be made available via satellite or FTP server for international broadcasters. For more information on news please contact Fergus Murray ([Fergus.Murray@triathlon.org](mailto:Fergus.Murray@triathlon.org)).

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

ITU employs several award-winning sports photographers to cover every round of the ITU World Triathlon Series. These stunning high-resolution images are available on the AP wire and on the ITU Online Media Centre, free for editorial use.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

	<b>Twitter</b>	@worldtriathlon, @triathlonlive
	<b>Facebook</b>	facebook.com/worldtriathlon
	<b>Periscope</b>	@worldtriathlon
	<b>Instagram</b>	@worldtriathlon
	<b>Snapchat</b>	@worldtriathlon
	<b>YouTube</b>	youtube.com/worldtriathlon

## ITU WEBSITES

<b>triathlon.org</b>	Stay up to date on all of ITU's latest information from the World Triathlon Series to Multisports to Development news.
<b>WTS.triathlon.org</b>	Dedicated to covering all things World Triathlon Series. Find in-depth stats, race information, start lists, start times and much more.



# THE EVENTS



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MONTREAL  
CANADA  
AUGUST 25-26

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EDMONTON  
CANADA  
JULY 27-29

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BERMUDA  
BERMUDA  
AUGUST 26



TINGHAM / LEEDS  
AND  
E 10



HAMBURG  
GERMANY  
JULY 14



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ABU DHABI  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
MARCH 2

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YOKOHAMA  
JAPAN  
MAY 12



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GOLD COAST  
AUSTRALIA  
SEPTEMBER 12-16



# ITU WORLD TRIATHLON ABU DHABI

WOMEN'S RACE START	2 MARCH – 15:36
MEN'S RACE START	2 MARCH – 13:36pm
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://abudhabi.triathlon.org">abudhabi.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	OLALLA CERNUDA – <a href="mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org">olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	FLEUR CASTLE – <a href="mailto:Fleur.Castle@FactorThirtyOne.com">Fleur.Castle@FactorThirtyOne.com</a>

## ABOUT THE RACE

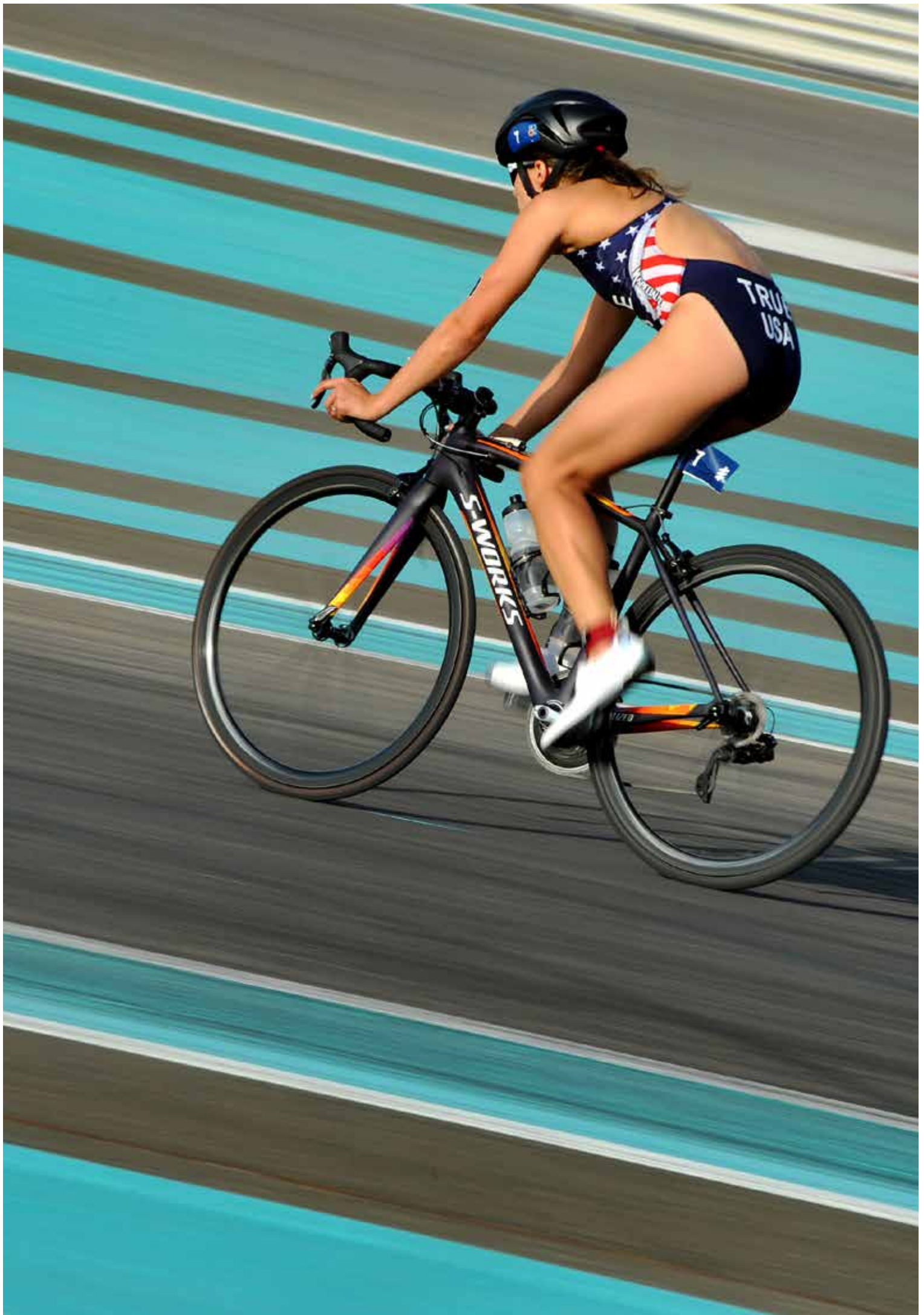
The event will be headquartered in front of the Viceroy Hotel at the Yas Marina, where a spectator-friendly environment including a 1,000-seater grandstand, a bike park, a 'Friends and Family' area, and refreshment kiosks will be offered. The elite event will feature a pontoon start with the top men and women on the ITU World Series rankings competing for line honours in the opening event of the 2018 season. Over the weekend, there are duathlon, paratriathlon, sprint, standard and middle distance events on offer for junior and age-group racers, providing everyone with the perfect challenge. Abu Dhabi has also committed to seeing our great sport grown amongst its youth by organizing kid and youth triathlons by offering a Family Fun Run and Kids Duathlon.

## COURSE PROFILE

Swim (0.75km) Athletes will complete one 750m lap in front of the Viceroy Hotel at the Yas Marina.

Bike (20km) Competitors will complete five 4km laps through the Yas Marina while riding part of the Circuit Formula 1 track.

Run (5km) The run will consist of two 2.5km run that finishes in front of the marina.



## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON ABU DHABI

### ELITE WOMEN

2016

1. Andrea Hewitt (NZL)
2. Jodie Stimpson (GBR)
3. Sara Vilic (AUT)

2016

1. Jodie Stimpson (GBR)
2. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)
3. Helen Jenkins (GBR)

2015

1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)
2. Katie Zaferes (USA)
3. Flora Duffy (BER)

### ELITE MEN

1. Javier Gomez (ESP)
2. Thomas Bishop (GBR)
3. Vincent Luis (FRA)

1. Mario Mola (ESP)
2. Richard Murray (RSA)
3. Joao Silva (POR)

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2. Vincent Luis (FRA)
3. Richard Murray (RSA)





## ACCOMMODATION

The event has seven official hotels all located on Yas Island ranging from 3 to 5 stars with easy access to the Athletes Village and race venue. For all your travel and accommodation needs please visit [abudhabi.triathlon.org](http://abudhabi.triathlon.org) or email: [manue@worldsport.co.za](mailto:manue@worldsport.co.za).

## ABOUT THE CITY

Abu Dhabi is the capital and the second most populous city of the United Arab Emirates. The city lies on a T-shaped island called Yas Marina situated on the Persian Gulf on the central western coast. Known as a city of luxury, Abu Dhabi is home to Ferrari World. The iconic Yas Island has something for everyone including unforgettable attractions and live concerts with the world's top performers, to traditional Emirati hospitality and pristine beaches.

## AGE GROUP COMPETITION

Please check [abudhabi.triathlon.org](http://abudhabi.triathlon.org) for times.

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

Pre-race press conference

On-site media centre with wireless internet

Photo positions on course

Photo stand at finish area

Mixed Zone for post-race interviews

Race previews and recaps, audio interviews, high-resolution photos at [media.triathlon.org](http://media.triathlon.org)



# MS AMLIN WORLD TRIATHLON BERMUDA

WOMEN'S RACE START	28 APRIL – 16:06
MEN'S RACE START	28 APRIL – 13:06
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://bermuda.triathlon.org">bermuda.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	OLALLA CERNUDA – <a href="mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org">olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	Please send your media inquiries to <a href="mailto:Vicki@tribermuda.com">Vicki@tribermuda.com</a>

## ABOUT THE RACE

In 2018 the World Triathlon Series will stop for the first time in Bermuda. The home of World Champion Flora Duffy will welcome both the amateurs and elite as well as spectators from all over the world. Triathletes are invited to enjoy some early season training, kick off their race calendar and bring their friends and families to relax on the pink sand beaches. On the last week of April, the City of Hamilton will become a TRIATHLON FESTIVAL. From Wednesday to Sunday different activities and festivities will take place and welcome everyone to be part of it - no matter if you are spectator, family member, triathlete or a happy volunteer - everyone will be inspired of Bermuda's beautiful triathlon side. Saturday 28th April will see athletes take to the sprint and standard distance events in a unique swim in the crystal clear Atlantic Ocean, a challenging bike course over hilly terrain and a run along the picturesque Front Street with its colorful buildings in the center of Bermuda's capital Hamilton.

## COURSE PROFILE

- Swim (1.5km) Swimming in the crystal-clear waters of Hamilton Harbour, athletes will complete a 700m lap followed by a slightly longer 800m final lap.
- Bike (40km) The bike will consist of 10 4km laps through the hilly terrain of the city.
- Run (10km) The run course will see 4 2.5km laps alongside the candy-coloured buildings on the city streets.











## ACCOMMODATION

A variety of carefully selected, athlete-friendly accommodation options are available starting at US\$317.65 per night. Note published rates already include taxes, resort fees and service fees.

Search and book your accommodations via [Nirvana Travel](#) today.

## ABOUT THE CITY

Coming to Bermuda you land on the top of a sea mountain. Our natural environment provides spectacular and challenging race courses for both Elite and Age Group athletes. A swim in the crystal clear turquoise Atlantic is followed by a bike leg over steep hills and along beautiful stretches of picturesque coastline. The island has a long history of hosting a diverse range of world class sporting events — from marathons to triathlons, open water swimming challenges to sailing regattas. Hamilton is a vibrant city with the majority of shops located on the streets between the Elite and Age Group transition zones. Front Street regularly is home to large events, street festivals and parades. The majority of the run course is on Front Street. If not racing, you can sit outside in any of the cafes, bars and restaurants lining the course to watch the action from street and balcony levels. Walk up Queen Street and you encounter the Age Group transition next to City Hall. The 300m connection from the swim exit will be carpeted in Bermuda Pink and lined with spectators coming out of shops..

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

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Photo positions on course

Photo stand at finish area

Mixed Zone for post-race interviews

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# ITU WORLD TRIATHLON YOKOHAMA

WOMEN'S RACE START	12 MAY – 10:06
MEN'S RACE START	12 MAY – 13:06
PARATRIATHLON	12 MAY – 06:55
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://yokohama.triathlon.org">yokohama.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	OLALLA CERNUDA – <a href="mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org">olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	RISA KUSUNOKI – <a href="mailto:kusunoki@jtu.or.jp">kusunoki@jtu.or.jp</a>

## ABOUT THE RACE

The ITU World Triathlon Series returns to Yokohama for the ninth time. The Series first appeared in Japan in 2009. The Japanese portal city skipped the 2010 Series, but it reappeared on the WTS calendar in 2011. Due to the devastating earthquake, the event was postponed to later that year with ranking points counting towards to the 2012 season. For the fifth year in a row, the WTS race will also be accompanied by the World Paratriathlon Series.

## COURSE PROFILE

- Swim (1.5km) Two-laps for a 1500m swim in the sea near Osambashi pier.
- Bike (40km) Nine 4.45km laps that begin and end in Yamashita park. The bike snakes around the giant Cosmo Clock 21 Ferris Wheel and Yokohama's waterfront.
- Run (10km) Four 2.5km laps around the Kanagawa Prefectural Government Building.
- Paratriathlon** Sprint distance (25.75km)





## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON YOKOHAMA

	<b>ELITE WOMEN</b>	<b>ELITE MEN</b>
2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flora Duffy (BER)</li> <li>2. Katie Zaferes (USA)</li> <li>3. Kirsten Kasper (USA)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> <li>2. Fernando Alarza (ESP)</li> <li>3. Kristian Blummenfelt (NOR)</li> </ol>
2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)</li> <li>2. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)</li> <li>3. Ai Ueda (JPN)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> <li>2. Crisanto Grajales (MEX)</li> <li>3. Kristian Blummenfelt (NOR)</li> </ol>
2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)</li> <li>2. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)</li> <li>3. Emma Moffatt (AUS)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> <li>2. Alistair Brownlee (GBR)</li> <li>3. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> </ol>
2014	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)</li> <li>2. Ai Ueda (JPN)</li> <li>3. Agnieszka Jerzyk (POL)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> <li>2. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> <li>3. Richard Murray (RSA)</li> </ol>
2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)</li> <li>2. Emma Moffatt (AUS)</li> <li>3. Jodie Stimpson (GBR)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)</li> <li>2. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> <li>3. Joao Silva (POR)</li> </ol>
2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lisa Norden (SWE)</li> <li>2. Anne Haug (GER)</li> <li>3. Maaike Caelers (NED)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joao Silva (POR)</li> <li>2. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> <li>3. Dmitry Polyansky (RUS)</li> </ol>
2011*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrea Hewitt (NZL)</li> <li>2. Emma Moffatt (AUS)</li> <li>3. Kate McIlroy (NZL)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joao Silva (POR)</li> <li>2. Alexander Bruykhankov (RUS)</li> <li>3. Dmitry Polyansky (RUS)</li> </ol>
2009*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lisa Norden (SWE)</li> <li>2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL)</li> <li>3. Juri Ide (JPN)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jan Frodeno (GER)</li> <li>2. Kris Gemmell (NZL)</li> <li>3. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> </ol>

\* Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Yokohama

## ABOUT THE CITY

As the first harbour city, Yokohama welcomed the world as the entrance to Japan. Since the time its port opened, Yokohama has been vigorously acquiring new cultures and information from foreign countries and introducing Japan to new food and a wide range of cultures, which entitles Yokohama as the birthplace of Japan's modern culture. Yokohama—referred to as “Hamakko” in Japanese—has been cheerful at enjoying life and willing to adopt all things good. Such a tradition of the “Hamakkos” cultivated long ago has been incorporated into the present fashionable and sophisticated streetscape that makes the city unique.

## ACCOMMODATION

To make your hotel reservations, please contact the official travel agency JTB via the following access site. JTB accommodation site: <https://amarys-jtb.jp/wts2018-elite/>

The Yokohama WTS LOC will contribute up to US\$250.00 of accommodation reimbursement to each athlete through their National Federations.

## AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

The age-group race in Yokohama is the largest mass-participation triathlon in Japan with over 2,000 athletes competing in 2015. Athletes may complete the 1.5km swim, 40km bike and 10km run individually or in the team relay with two or three people. Paratriathlon will also be contested in Yokohama, marking a crucial milestone for the paratriathlon movement in Japan.

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

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# ACCENTURE WORLD TRIATHLON MIXED RELAY NOTTINGHAM

## ITU WORLD TRIATHLON LEEDS

WOMEN'S RACE START	10 JUNE – TBD
MEN'S RACE START	10 JUNE – TBD
NOTTINGHAM MIXED RELAY	7 JUNE – 18:36
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://leeds.triathlon.org">leeds.triathlon.org</a> <a href="http://nottingham.triathlon.org">nottingham.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	OLALLA CERNUDA – <a href="mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org">olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	TOM GOLDSPIK – <a href="mailto:media@britishtriathlon.org">media@britishtriathlon.org</a>

### ABOUT THE RACE

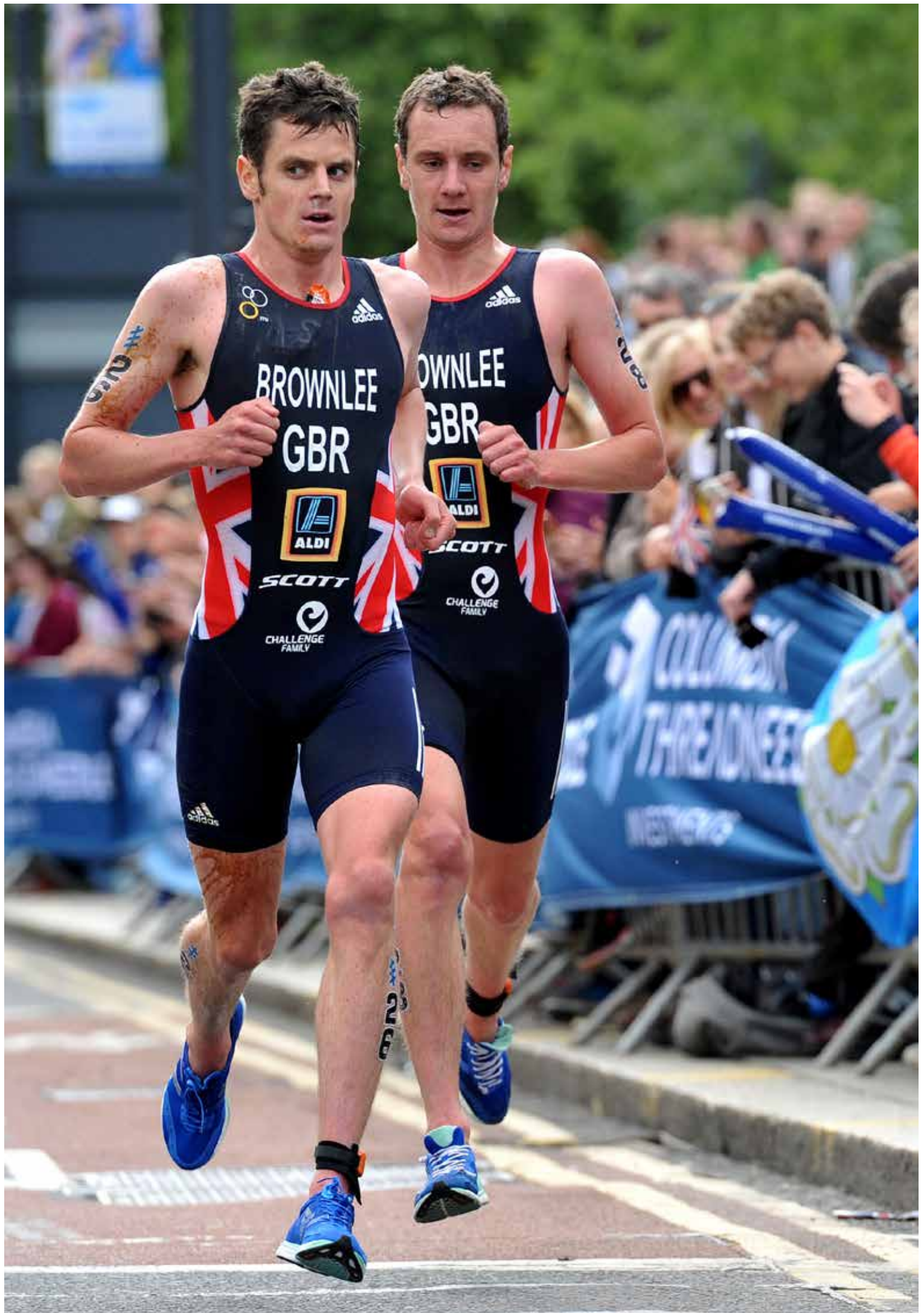
The inaugural ITU World Triathlon Leeds in 2016 represented the pinnacle of triathlon competition in the UK, providing recreational triathletes with a once in a lifetime opportunity to compete on the same course as the world's best. Following in the footsteps of the unforgettable 2014 Tour de France Grand Départ in Leeds and Yorkshire, this event attracts thousands of spectators to watch both the amateurs and the professionals. 5,000 triathletes of all levels of ability will compete on the unique 'point to point' course with two separate transition areas. Starting with an open water swim in the glorious Roundhay Park, the bike leg will see participants complete laps in and around Leeds city centre before completing a testing run course and crossing the finish line in the city centre.

### MIXED RELAY

Nottingham will host the first stop of the inaugural World Triathlon Mixed Relay Series, with teams of two men - two women competing in the thrilling event. In 2017, Mixed Relay was officially announced for its inclusion in the Olympic Programme for the Tokyo 2020 Games, so the new Series will give elites the opportunity to earn Team Ranking points and Olympic Qualification.

### COURSE PROFILE

- Swim (1.5km)** The swim will consist of two 750m laps in the Waterloo Lake next to Roundhay Park.
- Bike (40km)** The bike leg will see athletes leave Roundhay Park and head into the city centre and then complete seven laps in the city streets to finish at a second transition zone location in front of Millennium Square.
- Run (10km)** The run course will take you on a city centre loop which will take you past iconic landmarks such as Town Hall, Millennium Square and The Headrow









## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON LEEDS

	ELITE WOMEN	ELITE MEN
2017	1. Flora Duffy (BER) 2. Taylor Spivey (USA) 3. Alice Betto (ITA)	1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) 3. Fernando Alarza (ESP)
2016	1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) 2. Flora Duffy (BER) 3. Vicky Holland (GBR)	1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) 3. Aaron Royle (AUS)

## ACCOMMODATION

Leeds offers a range of other accommodation options, including global hotel names, budget options and more luxury style accommodation. For more information on different types of accommodation available in Leeds and availability

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## ABOUT THE CITY

Leeds' brilliant mixture of old and new, exciting attractions, fantastic shopping, iconic built heritage and superb entertainment means there's plenty here for you to sink your teeth into. The city is a compact one, neatly packaged up and ready for you to explore. With the welcoming residents, multitude of hidden gems and unique collection of eclectic shops and restaurants it's easy to see why visitors fall in love with Leeds. It's a city that's most definitely top of the 'cool list', one that's reinvented itself as a sophisticated, creative and inspiring destination. It is also home to the Brownlee brothers, Alistair and Jonny.

## AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

The age-group race in Leeds is a mass-participation triathlon with thousands of athletes having competed in the inaugural event in 2016. This year, new age-group courses will be revealed with several distances to choose from over the weekend with something for everyone, from the nervous first-timer to top Great Britain age-groupers. Mixed team relays, aquathlon and paratriathlon will also be contested over the weekend.

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

Pre-race press conference

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# HAMBURG WASSER WORLD TRIATHLON

## HAMBURG ITU TRIATHLON MIXED RELAY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S RACE START	14 JULY – TBD
MEN'S RACE START	14 JULY – TBD
MIXED RELAY	15 JULY – TBD
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://hamburg.com.triathlon.org">hamburg.com.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	OLALLA CERNUDA – <a href="mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org">olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	FREDERIK SCHMIDT - <a href="mailto:frederik.schmidt@ironman.com">frederik.schmidt@ironman.com</a> KATJA BRAND - <a href="mailto:katja.brand@ironman.com">katja.brand@ironman.com</a>

### ABOUT THE RACE

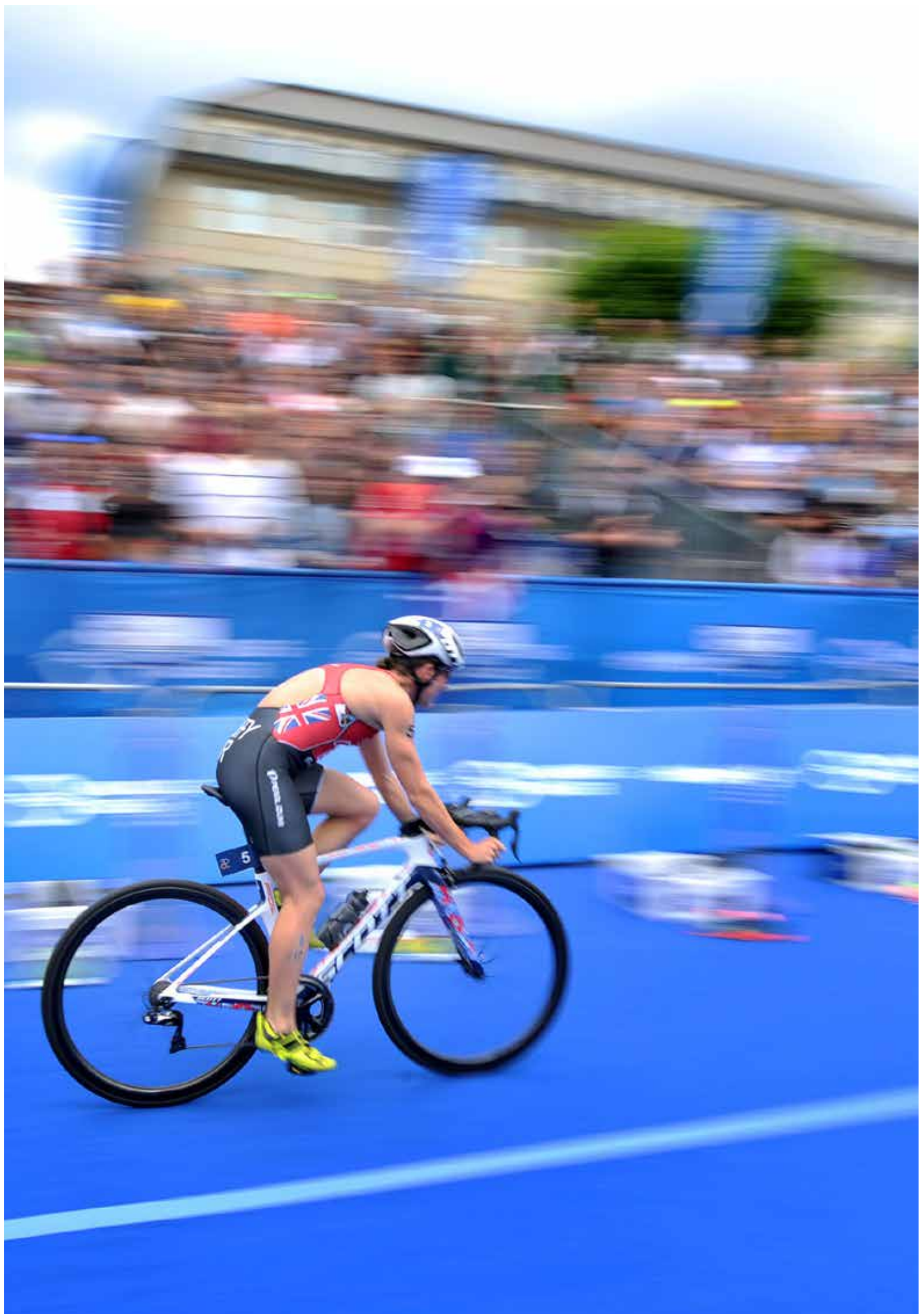
Hamburg is the longest-standing venue on the ITU World Triathlon Series calendar, having hosted events since 2002, including the 2007 World Championships. In 2012, the event featured a fast and furious sprint race. After such a successful event, the sprint race format returned again in 2013. Not only is Hamburg the oldest event on the WTS schedule, it hosts the world's largest age-group triathlon with more than 10,000 athletes having races last year. The entire city of Hamburg shuts down for the event, which is no easy feat considering it is the second largest city in Germany.

### MIXED RELAY

Hamburg will once again host the Mixed Team Relay World Championships for the sixth consecutive year. Each country will be allowed to enter two relays of four athletes (two men and two women). The teams will compete in the order of female-male-female-male. After each athlete finishes his or her swim-bike-run segment he or she will tag the next athlete in the relay to make the exchange.

### COURSE PROFILE

- Swim (750m)** Off a pontoon, athletes dive into an artificial lake within the city limits of Hamburg for a one-lap swim that exits after swimming through a dark tunnel for 40m.
- Bike (20km)** Athletes will bike six laps of a 3.33km loop on a flat, technical course that includes eight sharp turns around downtown Hamburg. Generally flat profile with no noteworthy climbs.
- Run (5km)** Off the bike, athletes will run two laps of a 2.5km loop on a flat course. There are two 180 degree turns per lap.





## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON HAMBURG

	<b>ELITE WOMEN</b>	<b>ELITE MEN</b>
2017	1. Flora Duffy (BER) 2. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS) 3. Laura Lindemann (GER)	1. Mario Mola (ESP) 2. Jacob Birtwhistle (AUS) 3. Ryan Sissons (NZL)
2016	1. Katie Zaferes (USA) 2. Rachel Klamer (NED) 3. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	1. Mario Mola (ESP) 2. Jacob Birtwhistle (AUS) 3. Fernando Alarza (ESP)
2015	1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) 2. Vicky Holland (GBR) 3. Non Stanford (GBR)	1. Vincent Luis (FRA) 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) 3. Mario Mola (ESP)
2014	1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) 2. Emma Jackson (AUS) 3. Kirsten Sweetland (CAN)	1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 2. Vincent Luis (FRA) 3. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)
2013	1. Anne Haug (GER) 2. Non Stanford (GBR) 3. Jodie Stimpson (GBR)	1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) 2. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 3. Javier Gomez (ESP)
2012	1. Erin Densham (AUS) 2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 3. Sarah Groff (USA)	1. Richard Murray RSA 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) 3. Steffen Justus (GER)
2011*	1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 2. Emma Jackson (AUS) 3. Emma Snowsill (AUS)	1. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) 2. William Clarke (GBR) 3. David Hauss (FRA)
2010*	1. Lisa Norden (SWE) 2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 3. Aileen Morrison (IRE)	1. Javier Gomez (ESP) 2. Jan Frodeno (GER) 3. Tim Don (GBR)
2009*	1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) 2. Lisa Norden (SWE) 3. Daniela Ryf (SUI)	1. Jarrod Shoemaker (USA) 2. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) 3. Alexander Bruykhankov (RUS)

\* Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Hamburg

## MIXED RELAY WORLD CHAMPIONS

2017 - Australia  
2016 - United States  
2015 - France  
2014 - Great Britain  
2013 - Germany

## ACCOMMODATION

Host Hotel: Le Royal Méridien

The Le Royal Meridien is conveniently located downtown near the race venue, approximately a 10-15 minute walk. With 284 rooms, it's close to the train station, shops and restaurants, and has a swimming pool, sauna, steam bath, jacuzzi and a 24-hour fitness centre.

## ABOUT THE CITY

Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany (after Berlin) with a population of 1.8 million. The city is located on the River Elbe, which provides easy access to the North and Baltic Seas and has made Hamburg one of the busiest ports on earth. The city encompasses 755 square miles (nearly seven times the size of Paris), making Hamburg the eight-largest city in the European Union. One of the most unique aspects of the city is its lack of skyscrapers, with no buildings reaching higher than ten stories.

## THE AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

The Hamburg round of the ITU World Triathlon Series is a special experience for age-group athletes. They get to participate in the world's largest triathlon and in front of a passionate audience who support all athletes. Last year, more than 10,000 age-groupers raced in Hamburg, on the picturesque course that includes swimming in the River Alster, cycling on the main shopping streets of the old trading city, running on the banks of the Binnenalster and the finish in front of the Hamburg City Hall.

## MEDIA FACILITIES /SERVICES

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# ITU WORLD TRIATHLON EDMONTON

WOMEN'S RACE START	27 JULY – TBD
MEN'S RACE START	27 JULY – TBD
PARATRIATHLON	27 JULY – TBD
MIXED RELAY	29 JULY – TBD
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://edmonton.com.triathlon.org">edmonton.com.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	CHELSEA WHITE – <a href="mailto:chelsea.white@triathlon.org">chelsea.white@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	CHRISTINA COLLINS – <a href="mailto:christina@edmontontriathlon.org">christina@edmontontriathlon.org</a>

## ABOUT THE RACE

Nine World Cups have been held in Edmonton since 2002. Edmonton also holds a special place in ITU history, having set a new standard for the triathlon world championships in 2001. In 2014 it was also the host city for the Grand Final. In over 20 years of World Cup races only one race has ever had to be cancelled, which was in Edmonton in 2004. After Loretta Harrop (AUS) won the women's race, a wintery blast hit the city and the men's race was called off. However, Edmonton has been a WTS regular host city for the last four years and has been announced as the host for the 2020 WTS Grand Final. New for 2018, Edmonton will be a shared host city for not only the World Paratriathlon Series, but the second leg of the ITU Mixed Relay Series.

## MIXED RELAY

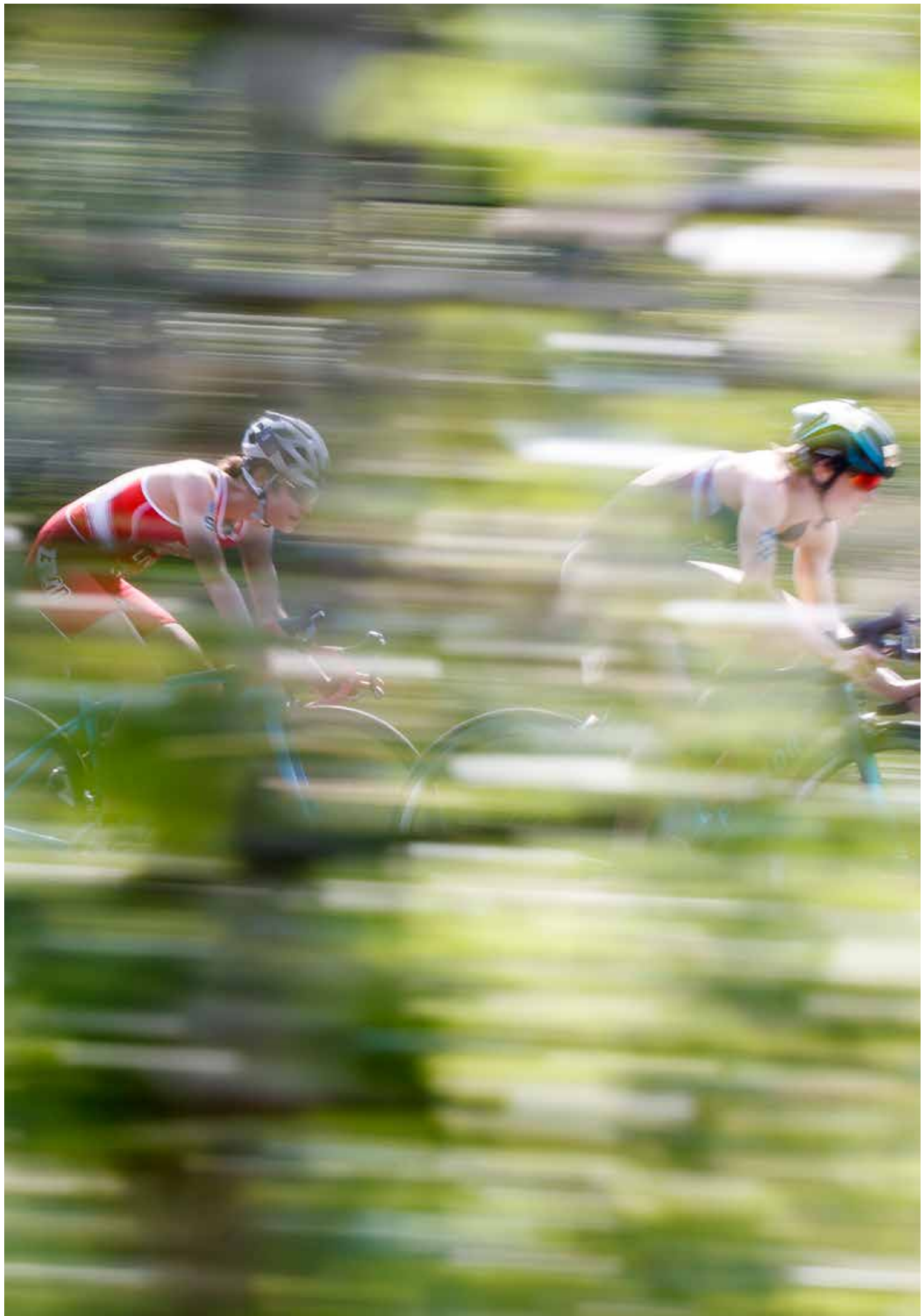
This year Edmonton will be hosting the Triathlon Mixed Relay Series, now a chance for elite athletes to earn qualifying points towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympics! The Mixed Relay Series is undoubtedly the most thrilling and action-packed race in Triathlon. Teams are comprised of two men and two women, each athlete competing in a mini sprint triathlon before tagging off to their next teammate. Fast paced and dramatic, the Mixed Relay Series is the perfect race to come out and watch.

## COURSE PROFILE

- Swim (750m) Athletes will have a beach start into a man-made lake for a one-lap swim.
- Bike (20km) Athletes will head out of Hawrelak Park, over River Valley to Victoria Road before heading back to the Park for a total of four laps.
- Run (5km) After transitioning back at the lake, athletes will run three laps out to Groat Road and back.

**Paratriathlon** Edmonton is the third stop in hosting the ITU World Paratriathlon Series. Paratriathlon made its Olympic debut in Rio 2016 and will showcase four medal events per gender in Tokyo 2020. Paratriathletes will complete a sprint distance course, 750m swim, 20km bike and 5km run.





## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON EDMONTON

	<b>ELITE WOMEN</b>	<b>ELITE MEN</b>
2017	1. Flora Duffy (BER) 2. Taylor Knibb (USA) 3. Katie Zaferes (USA)	1. Mario Mola (ESP) 2. Jake Birtwhistle (AUS) 3. Richard Murray (RSA)
2016	1. Summer Cook (USA) 2. Sarah True (USA) 3. Katie Zaferes (USA)	1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) 2. Mario Mola (ESP) 3. Richard Murray (RSA)
2015	1. Vicky Holland (GBR) 2. Flora Duffy (BER) 3. Gillian Backhouse (AUS)	1. Richard Murray (RSA) 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) 3. Mario Mola (ESP)
2014*	1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) 2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) 3. Nicky Samuels (NZL)	1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) 2. Mario Mola (ESP) 3. Javier Gomez (GBR)
2013**	1. Amelie Kretz (CAN)	1. Gregory Rouault (FRA)
2012**	1. Lauren Groves (CAN)	1. Kyle Jones (CAN)
2011**	1. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)	1. Bevan Docherty (NZL)
2007**	1. Emma Moffatt (AUS)	1. Bevan Docherty (NZL)
2006**	1. Emma Snowsill (AUS)	1. Hamish Carter (NZL)
2005**	1. Emma Snowsill (AUS)	1. Andy Potts (USA)
2004**	1. Loretta Harrop (AUS)	1. Race cancelled due to weather
2003**	1. Barbara Lindquist (USA)	1. Simon Whitfield (CAN)
2002**	1. Siri Lindley (USA)	1. Simon Whitfield (CAN)
2001***	1. Siri Lindley (USA)	1. Peter Robertson (AUS)

\* ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton

\*\* ITU Edmonton World Cup Winners

\*\*\* ITU Triathlon World Championships

## ACCOMMODATION

Local organisers have created a list of hotels recommend during your stay in Edmonton. The host hotels offer something for everyone, from budget-friendly selections to 5-star hotels. All accommodation options permit bikes to be stored in room as well as team notice boards / information desks in the lobby. Click here for more information: [edmonton.com/triathlon/travel/accom](http://edmonton.com/triathlon/travel/accom)

## ABOUT THE CITY

Edmonton is located in Western Canada and offers visitors a unique blend of attractions, natural beauty, nightlife, arts & culture and sports activities. Home to more than 1 million people, it is a vibrant northern city with a diverse cultural population and proximity to the Canadian Rockies. Edmonton has much to offer, including the Muttart Conservatory, the Gallery Walk and 160km of park trails. Immerse yourself in Alberta's natural wilderness by hiking in the Canadian Rockies, taking in the northern Lights or discovering one of many lakes, rivers and historical towns.

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

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# ITU WORLD TRIATHLON MONTREAL

WOMEN'S RACE START	25 AUGUST - TBD
MEN'S RACE START	26 AUGUST - TBD
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$150,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://montreal.triathlon.org">montreal.triathlon.org</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	CHELSEA WHITE – <a href="mailto:chelsea.white@triathlon.org">chelsea.white@triathlon.org</a>
LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT	<a href="mailto:info@triathlonmontreal.com">info@triathlonmontreal.com</a>

## ABOUT THE RACE

In 2016, Montreal debuted as a triathlon city for its first time hosting an ITU World Cup event. The following year, in 2017, Montreal joined the World Triathlon Series as the 24th city to ever host a race, since the inception of the Series in 2009. It was also the first time that a country had held two races in two different cities in the same season, an event that returns again this year in 2018. The venue for the race will be located in the Old Port of Montréal and the swim will take place at the Jacques-Cartier Quay.

## COURSE PROFILE – DISTANCE

Coming soon.









## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON MONTREAL

	ELITE WOMEN	ELITE MEN
2017	1. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS) 2. Flora Duffy (BER) 3. Andrea Hewitt (NZL)	1. Javier Gomez (ESP) 2. Kristian Blummenfelt (NOR) 3. Richard Murray (RSA)

## ACCOMMODATION

Host Hotel: InterContinental Montreal.

The InterContinental Montreal has proudly been selected as the Host Hotel for the 2018 Montreal International Triathlon. The InterContinental Montreal is located at the gateway of downtown and Old-Montreal, (approximately 20 minutes from Pierre-Elliott Trudeau International Airport). The Host Hotel is also walking distance from the venue. The address is 360, Saint-Antoine Street West, Montreal (Qc) Canada H2Y 3X4.

## ABOUT THE CITY

When it comes to sports, Montréal plays to win as Canada's first Olympic city. Montréal is a hub for promoting and developing elite sports in Québec and in Canada, hosting more than 60 national and international events in 32 disciplines each year. The French-Canadian city is also the largest city in the Quebec province set against the St. Lawrence river.

## AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

Please refer to [montreal.triathlon.org](http://montreal.triathlon.org)

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

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# ITU WORLD TRIATHLON GRAND FINAL GOLD COAST

WOMEN'S RACE START	15 SEPTEMBER – 15:06
MEN'S RACE START	16 SEPTEMBER – 15:06
U23 WOMEN START	14 SEPTEMBER – 10:00
U23 MEN'S START	14 SEPTEMBER – 12:45
JUNIOR WOMEN'S START	15 SEPTEMBER – 11:30
JUNIOR MEN'S START	15 SEPTEMBER – 13:15
PARATRIATHLON	15 SEPTEMBER
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	US\$280,000
WEBSITE	<a href="http://goldcoast.com.au/triathlon">goldcoast.com.au/triathlon</a>
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS (PRINT/WEB)	OLALLA CERNUDA – <a href="mailto:olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org">olalla.cernuda@triathlon.org</a>
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## ABOUT THE RACE

Gold Coast served as the first Grand Final World Championship race for the ITU World Triathlon Series when the WTS first began back in 2009. That meant the race was the first World Championships, which saw the world titles won over the course of the season in lieu of a one-day hit out race. With 70km of coastline, the “surfer’s paradise” is also the perfect location for a triathlon. Gold Coast has been a regular stop on the WTS tour since 2015, with this year hosting it’s second Grand Final event.

## COURSE PROFILE

Coming soon.







## PAST RESULTS ITU WORLD TRIATHLON GOLD COAST

	ELITE WOMEN	ELITE MEN
2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Andrea Hewitt (NZL)</li> <li>2. Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)</li> <li>3. Juri Ide (JPN)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> <li>2. Richard Murray (RSA)</li> <li>3. Fernando Alarza (ESP)</li> </ol>
2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Helen Jenkins (GBR)</li> <li>2. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)</li> <li>3. Andrea Hewitt (NZL)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> <li>2. Fernando Alarza (ESP)</li> <li>3. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)</li> </ol>
2015	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA)</li> <li>2. Sarah True (USA)</li> <li>3. Katie Zaferes (USA)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)</li> <li>2. Mario Mola (ESP)</li> <li>3. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> </ol>
2009*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Emma Moffatt (AUS)</li> <li>2. Lisa Norden (SWE)</li> <li>3. Helen Jenkins (GBR)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR)</li> <li>2. Javier Gomez (ESP)</li> <li>3. Jan Frodeno (GER)</li> </ol>

\* 2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU World Championship Grand Final Gold Coast



## ACCOMMODATION

Flight Centre Sports & Events are the Official Travel Partner for the 2018 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Gold Coast. Flight Centre Sports & Events can assist all Federations and athletes with arranging hotels, transfers and additional travel within Australia. Click [here](#) for more information and package prices.

## ABOUT THE CITY

When it comes to sun-soaked fun, no other destination shines like Australia's Gold Coast. Impressive outdoor venues, ideal weather and a friendly atmosphere make the Gold Coast a natural stage for year-round events. The spectrum ranges from international sporting championships to unique cultural exhibitions. Annual favourites include the Magic Millions Racing Carnival, Blues on Broadbeach Music Festival and the Quiksilver Pro Surfing Championship. Cultural and musical acts can be regularly seen at the Gold Coast Convention Centre and the Gold Coast Arts Centre, while festivals such as the Surfers Paradise Festival, the Gold Coast Film Festival light up the city.

## AGE GROUP COMPETITION

This year's Grand Final will feature a compact program with the Elite Men and Women finals on Saturday and all Age Group World Championships on Sunday. The decision to stage both the Age Group World Championship Olympic distance and the Sprint distance on the same day implies that athletes have to choose in which distance they want to participate. ITU regulations demand a 36 hour relay if athletes want to compete in both distances. Having both championships on the same day allows the organisation to present a unique race that will be staged against the backdrop of the iconic architecture of Rotterdam and the Maas river and guarantee a challenging, but safe course.

## MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

Pre-race press conference

On-site media centre with wireless internet

Photo positions on course

Photo stand at finish area

Mixed Zone for post-race interviews

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# ATHLETE PROFILES

## ELITE WOMEN

FLORA DUFFY (BER)  
ASHLEIGH GENTLE (AUS)  
KATIE ZAFERES (USA)  
KIRSTEN KASPER (USA)  
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JESSICA LEARMONTH (GBR)  
JOANNA BROWN (CAN)  
RACHEL KLAMER (NED)  
JOLANDA ANNEN (SUI)  
SUMMER COOK (USA)  
VICKY HOLLAND (GBR)  
TAYLOR KNIBB (USA)  
NON STANFORD (GBR)  
ALICE BETTO (ITA)

## ELITE MEN

MARIO MOLA (ESP)  
JAVIER GOMEZ (ESP)  
KRISTIAN BLUMMENFELT (NOR)  
RICHARD MURRAY (RSA)  
FERNANDO ALARZA (ESP)  
JONATHAN BROWNLEE (GBR)  
THOMAS BISHOP (GBR)  
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PIERRE LE CORRE (FRA)  
RYAN SISSONS (NZL)  
ALISTAIR BROWNLEE (GBR)  
HENRI SCHOEMAN (RSA)  
JOAO PEREIRA (POR)  
JACOB BIRTWISTHLE (AUS)

# ATHLETES PROFILE | ELITE WOMEN



## FLORA DUFFY (BER)

Twitter: @floraduffy  
Instagram: @floraduffy

Date of Birth: 20 September, 1987  
Place of Birth: Paget Parish, Bermuda



Born and raised in Bermuda, current World Champion, Flora Duffy, had a sensational win at the 2017 World Triathlon Series. She started competing in triathlon at the early age of seven and since then has dominated the events. Starting out competing in ITU events since 2005, Flora started out strong by representing her country at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. Flora went on to represent Bermuda at the 2012 London Olympic Games and again at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. In addition to competing in ITU triathlon events, Flora also races Xterra (off road triathlon).

Flora loves her beautiful home island of Bermuda where she has trained, with its challenging biking terrain, in particular, Corkscrew Hill, with its snake like climb and narrow technical track.

### Recent Highlights

- Winner of the 2017 and 2016 World Triathlon Series;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon Leeds;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- Winner at the 2016 Snowy Mountains ITU Cross Triathlon World Championships;
- Winner at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel;
- 2nd place at 2016 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 4th place at 2016 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- Winner of the 2016 and 2015 ITU Cross Triathlon World Champion; and
- 8th place at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.



## ASHLEIGH GENTLE (AUS)

Twitter: @AshleighGentle  
Instagram: @gentle\_ash

Date of Birth: 25 February 1991

In 2004, a family friend persuaded her to take up triathlon. Initially, this was to improve her running times, but she soon found that she enjoyed the swimming and cycling too. She won silver at the Junior World Championships in Hamburg in 2007 and Vancouver in 2008 before winning in Budapest in 2010. In 2011, she ran in her first ITU World Triathlon Series (WTS) event and was placed ninth.

In 2012 and 2013, she ran in ten WTS events, and was placed in the top ten in all of them. Being coached by Cliff English since 2014, she won silver in Yokohama in 2015 and 2016, and in Abu Dhabi in 2016. By May 2016, she was ranked third in the world and in the same year, the Australian Olympic Committee announced Gentle's selection as one of six triathletes who would represent Australia at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, her first Olympics, where she placed 26th.

### Recent Highlights

- 2017 ITU World Triathlon Series runner up
- 6th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 8th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast;
- 2nd place at the 2017 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- 26th place at 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games; and
- 10th place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel.



## KATIE ZAFERES (USA)

Twitter @KZaferes6  
Instagram: @kzaferes6

Date of Birth: 9 June 1989  
Place of Birth: Hampstead, MD, USA

Katie Zaferes (nee Hursey) is an American professional triathlete from Hampstead, Maryland, USA. She attended University at Syracuse where she ran track and then moved into ITU triathlon competitions.

Competing in ITU events since 2013, Katie has had a successful career and most recently, a number of significant placings throughout the seasons.

### Recent Highlights

- Third place in the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Series overall ranking
- Second place at the World Triathlon Series Rotterdam Grand Final;
- 3rd at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- Winner at the 2017 New Plymouth World Cup;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast;
- 7th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- Winner of 2016 ITU World Triathlon Series in Hamburg;
- 18th place at the 2016 Summer Olympics;
- Ranked 5th in the 2015 ITU World Triathlon Series; and
- Ranked 4th in the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Series.



## KIRSTEN KASPER (USA)

Twitter @KirstenKasper  
Instagram: @kirstenkasper

Date of Birth: 1991

Kirsten Kasper started triathlon in June 2014 and within three years of competing she finished 4th in the 2017 World Triathlon Series.

Prior to starting triathlon, Kirsten was a member of Georgetown University's Cross Country and Track and Field team for five years. In 2011, she was a scoring member of the NCAA Cross Country National Championship team. At Georgetown, she completed her Undergraduate in Marketing and Management and went on to get her Masters Degree in Sports Industry Management.

Kirsten has two goals: To be one of the top triathletes in the world and to make the Tokyo 2020 US Olympic team.

### Recent Highlights

- 4th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 5th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 9th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 9th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds; and
- 2nd place at the 2017 Cagliari ITU Triathlon World Cup.





## ANDREA HEWITT (NZL)

Twitter: @andreaheewittnz

Instagram: @andreaheewittnz

Date of Birth: 4 April 1982

Place of Birth: Christchurch, New Zealand

Andrea's first triathlon was in 2005 in New Zealand where she was crowned U23 World Champion. In 2006 she was the bronze medalist at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia. And the following week she had her first World Cup podium in Mooloolaba. Andrea finished her first season ranked 9th in the world and was awarded the ITU International Triathlon Rookie of the Year.

In 2007, she won her first World Cup in Kitzbühel, Austria, then in 2008, placed 8th in the Olympic Games Triathlon in Beijing, China. 2009 brought consistency with 3rd overall in the World Championship Series, being three podium finishes including a win in Madrid.

Andrea placed 2nd overall in the 2011 World Championship Series. The following year brought her a 6th in the London Olympic Games and bronze in the World Triathlon Series. Four years later, she went on to represent New Zealand at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

### Recent Highlights

- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- Winner of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast;
- Winner of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 7th place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games;
- 6th place at the 2012 London Olympic Games; and
- 8th place at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.



## JESSICA LEARMONTH (GBR)

Twitter: @Jess\_Learmonth

Instagram: @jllearmonth

Date of Birth: 1988

Place of Birth: Leeds, Yorkshire, UK

Triathlete Jessica Learmonth is fast becoming a bright prospect in the UK, after achieving impressive results in her first two years of elite races.

Competing for the first time in a triathlon in 2011, she has continued to improve and is racing at an elite level against some of the best Triathletes in the world.

2017 was the most prolific year on her career, with 9 podiums and 3 wins, and the title at the Kitzbühel ETU Triathlon European Championships as well as a silver medal in Stockholm and a bronze at Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final.

### Recent Highlights

- 3rd place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- Winner of the 2017 Kitzbühel ETU Triathlon European Championships;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 8th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 17th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg; and
- 30th place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel.



## JOANNA BROWN (CAN)

Twitter: @Jo\_Brown1  
Instagram: @jo\_brown1

Date of Birth: 12 November 1992  
Place of Birth: Ottawa, ON, Canada

Joanna Brown competed in her first triathlon at age 14 and a year later won the Valleyfield Eastern Canadian Championships. After making her international debut in 2009, Brown made herself known to the triathlon world with her bronze medal in the ITU World Junior Championship at the 2010 Grand Final. It was after that podium performance that she knew she wanted to represent Canada at the Olympic Games. Brown joined the national team in 2011 and made her ITU World Cup debut that season.

She had another great year in 2012 when she made her debut on the ITU World Triathlon Series, reached the podium in four Pan American Cup races, including one victory, and won a bronze medal at the ITU World U23 Championships, held at the Grand Final. In 2014 Brown achieved her best WTS result with her 17th place finish in Auckland. She also finished 2nd at the Canadian championships.

Joanna has had a successful career with many highlights, including most recently, 2017 that brought her a gold medal at the Ottawa CAMTRI Sprint Triathlon Premium American Cup and another gold in the Mixed Relay American Championships.

### Recent Highlights

- 5th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- Winner of the 2017 Ottawa CAMTRI Sprint Triathlon Premium American Cup;
- 3rd place at the 2017 Cagliari ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- 2nd place at the 2017 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 7th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton.



## RACHEL KLAMER (NED)

Twitter: @rachelklamer  
Instagram: @rachelklamer

Date of Birth: 8 October 1990  
Place of Birth: Harare, Zimbabwe

Rachel entered the National and International stage in 2008 when she won both the National Triathlon Championships (Junior) in Aalsmeer and the Duathlon Championships (Junior) in Oss, placed 4th in the European Junior Cup at Holten, and, at the age of 17, also started to compete in the elite category, placing 10th in the British Corus Elite Series.

In 2009, she won the silver medal at the European Triathlon Championships and the bronze medal at the Grand Final of the Dextro Energy World Championship Series (Junior).

At the age of 18, she took part in two Premium European Cups and achieved top placements among the world's elite triathletes. In 2015, she won the silver medal in the women's triathlon event of the inaugural European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan. Preparing for the Olympic Games in 2012, Rachel won the 3000m National Championships.

Since then, Rachel has had a number of great placements within the Triathlon Series, including the winner of the 2017 Holten ETU Sprint Triathlon Premium European Cup. She finished the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in 10th place.

### Recent Highlights

- 7th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- Winner of the 2017 Holten ETU Sprint Triathlon Premium European Cup;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 10th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 5th place at the 2017 Düsseldorf ETU Sprint Triathlon European Championships;
- 10th place at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.



## **JOLANDA ANNEN (SUI)**

Instagram: @jolandaannen

Date of Birth: 1 September 1992

Place of Birth: Schattdorf, Switzerland

Jolanda finished in first place at the 2016 ITU Triathlon World Cup event in Huatulco, which was Annen's first World Cup win, although she had taken silver in this race the year before. She also competed in the women's event at the 2016 Summer Olympics placing 14th.

2017 has brought about a number of great placements for her, including the victory in two World Cups and a 2nd place at the 2017 Düsseldorf ETU Sprint Triathlon European Championships.

### **Recent Highlights**

- 10th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 13th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 5th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 5th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 1st place at the 2017 ITU Cagliari World Cup;
- 1st place at the 2017 ITU Weihai World Cup
- 11th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 2nd place at the 2017 Düsseldorf ETU Sprint Triathlon European Championships;
- 6th place at the 2017 Kitzbühel ETU Triathlon European Championships; and
- 14th place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.



## **SUMMER COOK (USA)**

Twitter: @Sums01

Instagram: @Sums01

Date of Place: 1991

Place of Birth: Denver, Colorado, USA

Summer Cook was a varsity swimmer and runner at Villanova University where she obtained a B.A. in Political Science in 2013. Following graduation, she entered the USAT Collegiate Recruitment program, earning her pro card in March 2014. In 2016, she had three wins including her debut WTS win in Edmonton, the Chengdu World Cup, and the Tongyeong World Cup. She was named by ITU as the 2016 Women's Breakout Star of the Year.

2016 brought three gold medals in ITU World Series events and 2017 secured three gold medals in World Cup events and another victory at the Yucatán ITU Triathlon World Cup and Altafulla ETU Triathlon European Cup and Mediterranean Championships.

### **Recent Highlights**

- 9th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- Winner of the 2017 Yucatán ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- Winner at the 2017 Tongyeong ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- Winner at the 2017 Miyazaki ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- Winner of the 2017 Altafulla ETU Triathlon European Cup and Mediterranean Championships;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 12th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 12th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast.



## AND OTHERS TO WATCH...

### VICKY HOLLAND (GBR)

Twitter: @VixHolland  
Instagram: @VixHolland

Date of Birth: 12 January 1986  
Place of Birth: Gloucester, UK



In winning the bronze medal for Team GB at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Vicky became the first British woman ever to win an Olympic triathlon medal. Vicky won bronze at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and helped Team England win gold in the Mixed Relay.

After an injury that took her out of competition for nine months, Vicky returned to races in 2018 ITU Cape Town World Cup winning the race, presenting herself as one of the ones to beat during the 2018 season.

### NON STANFORD (GBR)

Twitter: @nonstanford  
Instagram: @nonstanford

Date of Birth: 8 January 1989  
Place of Birth: Swansea, UK



Non was the ITU World Champion in 2013 and represented Team GB at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, where she finished 4th, losing out on the bronze medal to teammate and friend Vicky Holland in a sprint for the finish line. Due to injury, Non's entire 2014 season was missed, but she came back strongly in 2015 to finish second at the Rio Olympic Test Event and the ITU World Triathlon Grand Final in Chicago – meeting the British Triathlon Olympic selection criteria in the process. 2017 was once again affected by injury, but she did achieve an ITU World Cup win in Chengdu, China and had a strong comeback finishing in second place in the first World Cup of 2018.

### TAYLOR KNIBB (USA)

Twitter: @taylorknibb  
Instagram: @taylorknibb

Date of Birth: 14 February 1998  
Place of Birth: Washington DC, US



Knibb may be young, but she can compete with the best of the triathletes. And when we say best of them, we mean the best, as in World Champion best Flora Duffy!

In the Montreal World Cup in 2016, Knibb was the one who took the risk of riding alongside Duffy as a duo. But the risk was worth the reward as she ended up taking her first World Cup podium spot, with the silver medal. Her success did not stop there either. She then went on to win the Junior Women's World Title in Cozumel a few weeks later.

In 2017, she repeated that strategy to claim her first ever podium in a WTS, claiming silver in Edmonton, only beaten by Flora Duffy. A month later, she claimed her second consecutive Junior World Title in Rotterdam.

### ALICE BETTO (ITA)

Instagram: @alice\_betto

Date of Birth: 10 December 1987  
Place of Birth: Cavaria, Italy



Coming back from an injury that took her out of the blue carpet for almost two seasons, Italian Alice Betto made a wonderful comeback to competition in 2017, claiming the first ever podium in a WTS race for a female Italian triathlete, when she crossed the finish line in third place in WTS Leeds. Betto also won the bronze medal at the 2017 Kitzbuhel European Championships, and finished in the top ten at 2017 ITU Cagliari World Cup and 2017 World Triathlon Stockholm.

# ATHLETES PROFILE | ELITE MEN



## MARIO MOLA (ESP)

Twitter: @mariomola  
Instagram: @mariomola

Date of Birth: 23 February 1990  
Place of Birth: Palma de Mallorca, Spain



### ITU Highlights

Mario Mola is currently the world's number one after winning the 2017 World Triathlon Series. Since 2005, Mario has participated in numerous National and International triathlon championships. 2006 saw his first international with the Spanish team and in 2009, Mario gave Spain its first triathlon title. By 2010 Mario was a fully-fledged member of the Spanish senior team in the World Championship, where he demonstrated his candidacy for London 2012 with a fifth-place finish.

By 2012, Mario was routinely finishing in top 10 positions in both the European Championships and World Triathlon Series and had earned his place as an Olympic contender, placing 19th overall in London. In 2016 Mario earned his first overall World Championship, beating Jonny Brownlee at the last moment possible in the Grand Final in Cozumel (Mexico). After being enshrined among the world's elite sportsmen, Mario continues to train hard. He always seeks the podium in a sport that continues to attract more followers with each day that passes.

### Recent highlights:

- Winner of the World Triathlon Series 2017 and 2016;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- Winner of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- Winner of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- Winner of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast;
- 8th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 5th place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel;
- 8th place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games; and
- 19th place at the 2012 London Olympic Games.



## JAVIER GOMEZ (ESP)

Twitter: @Jgomeznoya  
Instagram: @Jgomeznoya

Date of Birth: 25 March 1983  
Place of Birth: Basel, Switzerland

Gomez took up triathlon at the age of 15 after previously playing football and competing in swimming. But in 2000 at a routine medical test revealed an "abnormal heart valve", leading to a six-year battle between Gómez and the Spanish sporting authorities regarding his right to compete internationally. He initially won this right in 2003, but he was not selected for the 2004 Summer Olympics and in 2005 the CSD banned him from international and domestic competition until 2006.

In the nine years from 2002 to 2010, Gómez took part in 57 ITU competitions and achieved 54 top ten positions, among which are 23 first place finishes. In 2003 and in 2008, Gómez was ITU Triathlon World Champion (both under-23 and Elite categories respectively). In 2010, Gómez was the number one in the World Championship Series ranking, same place that he got in 2013 and 2014. In 2015 Gomez took his third consecutive ITU World Championship, and his fifth title overall. After skipping the Rio 2016 Olympics due to an injury, he finished the 2017 in an overall second place of the WTS.

### Recent Highlights

- 4th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 5th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 4th place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 2nd place at the 2012 London Olympics.



## KRISTIAN BLUMMENFELT (NOR)

Twitter: @Kristianblu  
Instagram: @Kristianblu

Date of Birth: 14 February 1994  
Place of Birth: Bergen, Norway

Kristian trains up to eight hours a day, swimming up to 45 km, cycling about 400 km and running up to 120 km per week.

Kristian is a track runner and represented the clubs Fana IL and TIF Viking and competed in the junior race at the 2011 European Cross Country Championships. In triathlon, he won a bronze medal at the 2015 European Championships and placed 13th at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

2017 has brought about a number of podium places including securing the silver medal at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final, which meant that he finished the Series in third place.

### Recent Highlights

- Silver medal at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 8th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 9th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 3rd at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 6th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds; and
- 15th place at the 2017 Madrid ITU Triathlon World Cup.



## RICHARD MURRAY (RSA)

Twitter: @RD\_murray  
Instagram: @RD\_murray

Date of Birth: 4 January 1989  
Place of Birth: Cape Town, South Africa

Richard won the Junior Duathlon World Championships in 2007 and 2008 and the U23 African Championships in both triathlon and duathlon in 2010. In 2012, Richard scored his first win in the WTS in Hamburg and podiumed twice more the same season. Richard also podiumed at the WTS Grand Final in Chicago in 2015.

During 2016, after winning the World Cup series race in New Zealand and finishing second in the WTS in Abu Dhabi, Richard broke his collarbone during the WTS Gold Coast race. After three months out, Richard came back to win the Duathlon World Championships, the Island House Invitational and finished 4th at the Rio Olympics. In 2017, Richard won two World Cup races, the Xterra South African Championships, the first Triathlon Super League and finished second at the WTS Gold Coast race. His overall performance earned him the fourth place in the 2017 WTS overall rankings.

Ranked in the top five triathletes globally for the past 5 years, Richard's goal is to win the World Triathlon Series and Gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

### Recent Highlights

- Winner of the 2017 Cape Town ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- Winner of the 2017 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 7th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 5th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast;
- 4th place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel; and
- 4th place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.





## **FERNANDO ALARZA (ESP)**

Twitter: @Fernando\_Alarza

Instagram: @fernando\_alarza

Date of Birth: 23 March 1991

Place of Birth: Talavera de la Reina, Spain

Fernando made his ITU debut back in 2009, securing eighth place at the 2009 Budapest ETU Duathlon European Championships. He has since gone on to have incredible triathlon success over the years with 16 podium finishes, including the 2016 ESP Triathlon National Championships and the winner at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town and most recently with podium finishes in Yokohama, Leeds and on the Gold Coast.

### **Recent Highlights**

- 11th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Rotterdam;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 9th at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 18th place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games;
- 9th place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel



## **JONATHAN BROWNLEE (GBR)**

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Date of Birth: 30 April 1990

Place of Birth: Bramhope, UK

Two-time Olympic medallist, Jonathan Brownlee, started out his successful career as the British youth champion in both triathlon and duathlon in both 2006 and 2007. In 2008 he won bronze medals at both the ETU European Junior Triathlon Championships and ITU World Junior Championships.

Despite a 15-second penalty, he took Bronze in the Triathlon event at the London 2012 Olympic Games, his brother taking the Gold. Brownlee also took gold in the mixed triathlon team relay at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, with brother Alistair, Vicky Holland and Jodie Stimpson.

In 2015, Jonathan won the World Triathlon Gold Coast as well as the World Triathlon Auckland, followed by a successful 2016, securing second place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games. 2017 brought a gold medal at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm and more podium finishes.

### **Recent Highlights**

- Winner at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 5th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton;
- 2nd place at the 2016 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Cozumel;
- 2nd place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games; and
- 3rd place at the 2012 London Olympic Games.



## THOMAS BISHOP (GBR)

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Website: ryanbailie.com

Date of Birth: 1990  
Place of Birth: Leeds, UK

Tom trains at the British Triathlon centre in Leeds, coached by Jack Maitland and Malcolm Brown. He has a twin brother, David, who is also an international triathlete based in Loughborough. His mother, Hilary, is also an excellent cyclist.

In 2010, he was recognised as the British Triathlon Male Junior Triathlete of the Year following his successful season of winning international medals in both triathlon and duathlon.

He has won world championship medals at U23 level and in 2014 started to make an impact at senior level. Tom ended the 2016 season strongly with a win at the Lisbon ETU Triathlon European Championships. 2017 has brought some great placings and he continues to perform consistently at a high level.

### Recent Highlights

- 10th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 2nd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 4th place at the 2017 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships;
- 5th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- Winner at the 2016 Lisbon ETU Triathlon European Championships.



## VINCENT LUIS (FRA)

Twitter: @vincentluis  
Instagram: @vincentluis

Date of Birth: 27 June 1989  
Place of Birth: Vesoul, France

Winner of the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final, Vincent has been competing in ITU events since 2005. Vincent represented his country at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, placing 7th. Vincent has had a number of successful races, to date, 19 podiums and 8 wins under his belt. 2017 not only brought him gold at the World Triathlon Series Grand Final but a number of wins throughout the season, with several top 10 placings including a bronze medal in Abu Dhabi.

### Recent Highlights

- Gold medal at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 6th place at the 2017 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships;
- 4th place at the 2017 Düsseldorf ETU Sprint Triathlon European Championships;
- 10th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi;
- 7th place at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.



## **PIERRE LE CORRE (FRA)**

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Date of Birth: 3 February 1990

Place of Birth: Vannes, France

Pierre Le Corre start practising his first sports discipline at the age of six, swimming , until his departure for the United States in 2006. In Philadelphia , without neglecting swimming, he discovered running. By deciding not to abandon either of the two disciplines, triathlon proved to be the most appropriate choice when returning to France in 2009.

Pierre became world champion in 2013. The following year, based on very good results in running, he became champion of France elite of triathlon. In 2015, he finished in 10th place in the world championships , and acquired a new title of champion of France.

In 2016, he finished 8th and the first French of the world series of triathlon thanks to his 3rd place in Stockholm. The major event of his season remains his participation in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games alongside Vincent Luis and Dorian Coninx , he finished 25th in 1 hour 48 minutes and 36 seconds. 2016 and 2017 has brought some great results resulting in multiple podium finishes.

### **Recent Highlights**

- 7th place at the 2017 Rotterdam World Triathlon Series Grand Final;
- 2nd place at the 2017 Düsseldorf ETU Sprint Triathlon European Championships;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm;
- 8th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Leeds;
- 9th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 7th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton.



## **RYAN SISSONS (NZL)**

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Date of Birth: 24 June 1988

Place of Birth: Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Ryan was born in Zimbabwe and moved to New Zealand as a boy and turned to triathlon relatively late with his first competition being at the New Zealand Schools Nationals in 2007. One taste for the sport however and Sissons was hooked. He has raced on the ITU stage since 2009 and after a strong campaign in 2016, 2017 was his best season so far, after winning the Madrid ITU Triathlon World Cup and finishing in podium positions in New Plymouth World Cup.

In 2017 he also earned his first WTS podium ever, finishing third in WTS Hamburg, and a fourth place in WTS Stockholm, 7th in Gold Coast and 8th in Montreal gave him the top ten overall ranking.

Ryan has twice stood on the podium with the New Zealand team at the ITU World Mixed Relay Championships (bronze 2010 and silver 2013) and was the silver medal winner in the 2010 ITU U23 Men's World Championships. Ryan raced at the London Olympic Games, finishing 33rd on that occasion.

Ryan was coached by the late Laurent Vidal in the six months prior to the Frenchman's tragic passing in late 2015 and carries the initials LV on his bike.

### **Recent Highlights**

- Winner of the 2017 Madrid ITU Triathlon World Cup;
- 4th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm;
- 8th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montréal;
- 3rd place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg;
- 7th place at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast; and
- 23rd place at the 2017 World Triathlon Grand Final Rotterdam.



## AND OTHERS TO WATCH...

### ALISTAIR BROWNLEE (GBR)

Twitter: @AliBrownleetri  
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Date of Birth: 23 April 1988  
Place of Birth: Yorkshire, Great Britain



Alistair Brownlee is one of the greatest triathletes of all time, only one who has earned two Olympic and consecutive gold medals, after winning in London 2012 and Rio 2016 Games. It all started at a young age when he was introduced to triathlon at a young age by his uncle. As a junior, he was a successful fell and cross country runner, and in 2006 he moved to Yorkshire, to focus on triathlon and study at University of Leeds.

Brownlee represented Great Britain at the 2008 Summer Olympics in the triathlon event, finishing in 12th place and first British competitor. That year he also won the under 23 world championship.

Brownlee won the 2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU World Championship - winning all five of the season's events in which he competed, and that year he became the first person to win the ITU Triathlon World Championships titles for Junior Men (2006), Under 23 Men (2008) and Senior Men (2009).

Alistair went on to also win the 2011 ITU world title after winning the Grand Final in Beijing. Since then, Alistair has gone on to win Olympic glory at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games as well as the 2012 London Olympic Games. 2016 was a incredible year for him with three gold medals and a bronze. In 2017 he only raced one WTS event, on his hometown, Leeds, which he has won for two consecutive years.

### JOAO PEREIRA (POR)

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Date of Birth: December 28, 1987  
Place of Birth: Alhandra, Portugal



Joao Pereira started participating in Triathlon in 2008 and immediately revealed great ability for the sport. In 2009 on the Gold Coast, he reached the podium for the 1st time getting a bronze in the Under 23 championship.

In 2014, he confirmed his skills entering to the Gold Group and performed an excellent season, managing to stay in 5th place at the ITU rankings, and was considered by the ITU as "Breakout of the Season".

In 2016, Joao represented Portugal and secured 5th place at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games and in 2017, Joao won two gold medals at Düsseldorf ETU Sprint Triathlon European Championships and Kitzbühel ETU Triathlon European Championships.

### HENRI SCHOEMAN (RSA)

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Date of Birth: 10 March 1991  
Place of Birth: Vereeniging, South Africa



Henri starting competing in the elite field in 2011, and with his strength in swimming, he has been a strong competitor since then. During the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games, Henri earned the bronze medal in the men's race in his debut Olympic appearance. This was even more special as it was the first Olympic medal South Africa has won in the sport. He then followed up that dream-worthy performance by winning his first-ever World Triathlon Series race at the Cozumel Grand Final. 2017 saw two silver medals and a number of impressive races throughout the season.

### JACOB BIRTWHISTLE (AUS)

Twitter: @JakeBirtwhistle  
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Date of Birth: January 4, 1995  
Place of Birth: Tasmania, Australia



Jacob splits his time between home in Australia, training camps in Europe and competing on the world triathlon stage. From a running background, Jacob was crowned Australian junior champion 11 times over the middle-long distance events. At the age of 17, Jacob began to transition from running into triathlon. Since then he has had huge success winning multiple ITU races. Jacob has two goals: to become the World and 2020 Olympic Champion.

2017 has seen a spectacular season for Jacob with a triumphant win at the 2017 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships as well as securing two silver medals, one at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton and the other at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg. In 2018 he will compete for Australia on the Commonwealth Games in The Gold Coast (Australia).

# 2017 REVIEW



## ABU DHABI

In the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Series season opener in Abu Dhabi, Spaniard Javier Gomez Noya returned to competition with his 13th career WTS win after almost a year break from the Series. Great Britain's Tom Bishop claimed the silver medal, his first WTS medal of his career. The bronze went to France's Vincent Luis, who made a comeback appearance after not having raced the WTS circuit for nearly 15 months. The 2017 WTS season for the women officially debuted with an exciting and emotional sprint finish that saw New Zealand's Andrea Hewitt take the gold at Abu Dhabi. Hewitt's win was a long time coming as her victory was dedicated to her beloved and talented fiancé, the late Laurent Vidal. Earning the silver medal was Great Britain's Jodie Stimpson, who was edged out by Hewitt by just an inch in an epic sprint battle. Third place went to Austria's Sara Vilic, who stepped onto the WTS podium for the very first time.

## GOLD COAST

Australia's Gold Coast had been a happy hunting ground for Mario Mola and the Spaniard continued that run when he took out the 2017 Jewel World Triathlon Series Gold Coast event. Mola's training partner, Richard Murray (RSA) took the silver medal, with Fernando Alarza (ESP) beating out Javier Gomez (ESP) to finish off the podium in third. It took Andrea Hewitt (NZL) six years to get back on top of a WTS podium after her win in Abu Dhabi. She then backed it up by going two-for-two to start the year after she claimed the 2017 Jewel World Triathlon Gold Coast title in Australia. Taking the silver medal was Australia's own Ashleigh Gentle, while finishing with the bronze was Japan's Juri Ide, who made a comeback to the WTS podium for the first time since 2014.

## YOKOHAMA

For the second year in a row, Spaniard Mario Mola claimed victory at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama. Joining him once again on the podium was Spanish compatriot Fernando Alarza. The bronze then went to Norway's Kristian Blummenfelt, who pulled off a last-second attack on the blue carpet during the run to overtake Henri Schoeman (RSA) and get the final podium spot. In her first race back after claiming her debut WTS World Title last year, Flora Duffy (BER) returned to the 2017 season and walked right back to the familiar top of the podium when she won the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama. Rain made the race day a little more challenging for all the women out on the course. Joining Flora on the podium were USA compatriots Katie Zaferes, who claimed the silver, and Kirsten Kasper, who with the bronze earned her first WTS medal of her career.

## LEEDS

Despite dedicating his season to longer distances, Great Britain's Alistair Brownlee returned to the WTS to reclaim his hometown race at the 2017 Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon Leeds. Finishing right behind Alistair was his younger brother Jonathan Brownlee. The bronze medal then went to Spain's Fernando Alarza, who collected his third straight WTS podium. Earning her fourth career World Triathlon Series victory and second consecutive win of the season, Flora Duffy (BER) claimed the 2017 Columbia Threadneedle World Triathlon Leeds in a near-perfect race scenario. Joining the reigning World Champion on the podium was two WTS medal first-timers: Taylor Spivey (USA) and Alice Betto (ITA).

## HAMBURG

Becoming the first man to ever repeat a win at the venue, Spaniard Mario Mola captured his fifth career sprint distance victory at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg. For the second year in a row, the silver medal went to Aussie Jacob Birtwhistle, who similar to 2016 put forth a last second effort in the final metres to bypass the competition and get second. The bronze then went to Kiwi Ryan Sissons, who earned his first WTS podium of his career. Flora Duffy (BER) continued to be unstoppable after earning her third straight victory of the season at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg. The silver medal went to Aussie Ashleigh Gentle, who picked up the fastest run split time of the day. The podium was finished then by Germany's own Laura Lindemann who at a sprint finish on the blue carpet earned her a first-time WTS medal in front of a home crowd.

## EDMONTON

A furious sprint in the last kilometre gave Spaniard Mario Mola his fourth victory of the season in the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Edmonton. Second crossing the finish line was Aussie Jake Birtwhistle, who claimed his third silver medal in his WTS career. On the battle for bronze, another running specialist, Murray, ended up third, 8 seconds ahead of Jonathan Brownlee. Flora Duffy (BER) had an smooth and close to perfect race in 2017 ITU WTS Edmonton, where she claimed the fourth victory of the season and the sixth of her career. Behind her, and astonishing Taylor Knibb (US), who managed to cross the finish line second to get her first ever WTS podium. In third, after a hard battle with Summer Cook, was Katie Zaferes, with the fastest run of the day.

## MONTREAL

An impressive run gave Spaniard Javier Gomez Noya his 14th victory in the World Triathlon Series after claiming the title of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montreal. Gomez crossed the finish line with a clear 15 seconds lead over Kristian Blummenfelt (NOR). And the push on the final meters was enough for Richard Murray (RSA) to grab the bronze medal, mimicking his performance in Edmonton. Australian triathlete Ashleigh Gentle was the first ever winner of the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Montreal, in a brand new circuit that has become the newest addition to the WTS. The win was not only a first for the host city, but was a first for Gentle as she captured her first ever WTS gold. Along with her on the podium were Flora Duffy (BER) and Andrea Hewitt (NZL).

## STOCKHOLM

Keeping the event in the family name, Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) collected his first victory of the season after performing a perfect race in 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm. Crossing the line after Brownlee, the silver and bronze was decided on an uphill sprint finish, with Kristian Blummenfelt (NOR) taking second and Pierre Le Corre (FRA) in third. Becoming only the second woman in ITU history to have won five World Triathlon Series races in a single season, Bermuda's Flora Duffy secured the place in history after a dominating victory at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm. Taking the silver medal was Great Britain's Jessica Learmonth, who earned her first career WTS medal, while the bronze went to Aussie Ashleigh Gentle who had a come-from-behind performance that gave her a fourth podium finish this season.

## ROTTERDAM

Keeping the world title for the nation of Spain for the fifth year in a row, a third-place finish at the 2017 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Rotterdam was enough to grant Mario Mola a back-to-back ITU World Triathlon Championship crown. Winning the Grand Final race gold was France's Vincent Luis, who claimed his first WTS victory of the season. The silver medal went to Kristian Blummenfelt (NOR), who with his second-place finish, he advanced 271 points over South Africa's Richard Murray to take the third spot on the overall World Championship podium. Crossing the line in fourth, Javier Gomez Noya (ESP) secured enough points to be named second overall in the season. In what looked like a near perfect race outcome that suited her strengths, Flora Duffy (BER) claimed victory and reclaimed her ITU World Championship title for the second year in a row. Coming in second place in the race was Katie Zaferes (USA), who pushed her way into the third overall spot in the rankings. The bronze medal then went to Jessica Learmonth (GBR). Aussie Ashleigh Gentle finished sixth, enough to to maintain her second-place spot on the world championship podium.

# STATISTICS





# 2017 WORLD TRIATHLON SERIES RANKINGS

## TOP 20 MEN

POS	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COUNTRY	POINTS
1	Mario	Mola	ESP	4728
2	Javier	Gomez Noya	ESP	4311
3	Kristian	Blummenfelt	NOR	4281
4	Richard	Murray	RSA	4010
5	Fernando	Alarza	ESP	3722
6	Jonathan	Brownlee	GBR	3685
7	Thomas	Bishop	GBR	3141
8	Vincent	Luis	FRA	3083
9	Pierre	Le Corre	FRA	2894
10	Ryan	Sissons	NZL	2799
11	Andreas	Schilling	DEN	2365
12	Jacob	Birtwhistle	AUS	2132
13	Vicente	Hernandez	ESP	2127
14	Raphael	Montoya	FRA	2054
15	Henri	Schoeman	RSA	2050
16	Aaron	Royle	AUS	1949
17	Simon	Viain	FRA	1772
18	Richard	Varga	SVK	1651
19	Joao	Pereira	POR	1634
20	Wian	Sullwald	RSA	1571

## TOP 20 WOMEN

POS	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	COUNTRY	POINTS
1	Flora	Duffy	BER	5200
2	Ashleigh	Gentle	AUS	4320
3	Katie	Zaferes	USA	4302
4	Kirsten	Kasper	USA	3819
5	Andrea	Hewitt	NZL	3774
6	Jessica	Learmonth	GBR	3281
7	Joanna	Brown	CAN	3181
8	Rachel	Klamer	NED	3103
9	Jolanda	Annen	SUI	2748
10	Summer	Cook	USA	2554
11	Charlotte	McShane	AUS	2504
12	Taylor	Spivey	USA	2475
13	Gillian	Backhouse	AUS	2460
14	Yuko	Takahashi	JPN	2303
15	Ai	Ueda	JPN	2214
16	Alice	Betto	ITA	2210
17	Jodie	Stimpson	GBR	1997
18	Claire	Michel	BEL	1924
19	Yuka	Sato	JPN	1921
20	Vendula	Frintova	CZE	1876

For up-to-date rankings, click [HERE](#)

# PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS

## ELITE

YEAR	HOST	MEN	WOMEN
2017	Rotterdam, NED	Mario Mola (ESP)	Flora Duffy (BER)
2016	Cozumel, MEX	Mario Mola (ESP)	Flora Duffy (BER)
2015	Chicago, USA	Javier Gomez (ESP)	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)
2014	Edmonton, CAN	Javier Gomez (ESP)	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)
2013	London, ENG	Javier Gomez (ESP)	Non Stanford (ENG)
2012	Auckland, NZL	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)	Lisa Norden (SWE)
2011	Beijing, CHN	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	Helen Jenkins (GBR)
2010	Budapest, HUN	Javier Gomez (ESP)	Emma Moffatt (AUS)
2009	Gold Coast, AUS	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	Emma Moffatt (AUS)
2008	Vancouver, CAN	Javier Gomez (ESP)	Helen Tucker (GBR)
2007	Hamburg, GER	Daniel Unger (GER)	Vanessa Fernandes (POR)
2006	Lausanne, SUI	Tim Don (GBR)	Emma Snowsill (AUS)
2005	Gamagori, JPN	Peter Robertson (AUS)	Emma Snowsill (AUS)
2004	Madeira, POR	Bevan Docherty (NZL)	Sheila Taormina (USA)
2003	Queenstown, NZL	Peter Robertson (AUS)	Emma Snowsill (AUS)
2002	Cancun, MEX	Ivan Rana (ESP)	Leanda Cave (GBR)
2001	Edmonton, CAN	Peter Robertson (AUS)	Siri Lindley (USA)
2000	Perth, AUS	Olivier Marceau (FRA)	Nicole Hackett (AUS)
1999	Montreal, CAN	Dmitriy Gaag (KAZ)	Loretta Harrop (AUS)
1998	Lausanne, SUI	Simon Lessing (GBR)	Joanne King (AUS)
1997	Perth, AUS	Chris McCormack (AUS)	Emma Carney (AUS)
1996	Cleveland, USA	Simon Lessing (GBR)	Jackie Gallagher (AUS)
1995	Cancun, MEX	Simon Lessing (GBR)	Karen Smyers (USA)
1994	Wellington, NZL	Spencer Smith (GBR)	Emma Carney (AUS)
1993	Manchester, GBR	Spencer Smith (GBR)	Michellie Jones (AUS)
1992	Muskoka, CAN	Simon Lessing (GBR)	Michellie Jones (AUS)
1991	Queensland, AUS	Miles Stewart (AUS)	Joanne Ritchie (CAN)
1990	Orlando, USA	Greg Welch (AUS)	Karen Smyers (USA)
1989	Avignon, FRA	Mark Allen (USA)	Erin Baker (NZL)

## U23

YEAR	HOST	MEN	WOMEN
<b>2017</b>	Rotterdam, NED	Raphael Montoya (FRA)	Tamara Gorman (USA)
<b>2016</b>	Cozumel, MEX	Jorik Van Egdom (NED)	Laura Lindemann (GER)
<b>2015</b>	Chicago, USA	Jake Birtwhistle (AUS)	Audrey Merle (FRA)
<b>2014</b>	Edmonton, CAN	Dorian Coninx (FRA)	Sophia Saller (GER)
<b>2013</b>	London, ENG	Pierre LeCorre (FRA)	Charlotte McShane (AUS)
<b>2012</b>	Auckland, NZL	Aaron Royle (AUS)	Non Stanford (GBR)
<b>2011</b>	Beijing, CHN	Matthew Sharp (GBR)	Agnieszka Jerzyk (POL)
<b>2010</b>	Budapest, HUN	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)	Emma Jackson (AUS)
<b>2009</b>	Gold Coast, AUS	Franz Loeschke (GER)	Hollie Avil (GBR)
<b>2008</b>	Vancouver, CAN	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	Daniela Ryf (SUI)
<b>2007</b>	Hamburg, GER	Gregor Buchholz (GER)	Lisa Norden (SWE)
<b>2006</b>	Lausanne, SUI	Will Clarke (GBR)	Erin Densham (AUS)
<b>2005</b>	Gamagori, JPN	Jarrod Shoemaker (USA)	Andrea Hewitt (NZL)
<b>2004</b>	Madeira, POR	Sebastian Dehmer (GER)	Annabel Luxford (AUS)
<b>2003</b>	Queenstown, NZL	Javier Gomez (ESP)	Nikki Egyed (AUS)
<b>2002</b>	Cancun, MEX	Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS)	Pilar Hidalgo (ESP)



## JUNIORS

YEAR	HOST	MEN	WOMEN
2017	Rotterdam, NED	Matthew Hauser (AUS)	Taylor Knibb (USA)
2016	Cozumel, MEX	Austin Hindman (USA)	Taylor Knibb (USA)
2015	Chicago, USA	Manoel Messias (BRA)	Laura Lindemann (GER)
2014	Edmonton, CAN	Raphael Montoya (FRA)	Laura Lindemann (GER)
2013	London, ENG	Dorian Coninx (FRA)	Tamara Gorman (USA)
2012	Auckland, NZL	Wian Sullwald (RSA)	Fumika Matsumoto (JPN)
2011	Beijing, CHN	Lukas Verzbicas (USA)	Mikayla Nielsen (NZL)
2010	Budapest, HUN	Fernando Alarza (ESP)	Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)
2009	Gold Coast, AUS	Mario Mola (ESP)	Emmie Charayron (FRA)
2008	Vancouver, CAN	Vincent Luis (FRA)	Kirsty McWilliam (GBR)
2007	Hamburg, GER	Aurelien Raphael (FRA)	Hollie Avil (GBR)
2006	Lausanne, SUI	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	Kirsten Sweetland (CAN)
2005	Gamagori, JPN	Steve Duplinsky (USA)	Anais Moniz (POR)
2004	Madeira, POR	Valentin Meshcheryakov (RUS)	Juliette Benedicto (FRA)
2003	Queenstown, NZL	Terenzo Bozzone (NZL)	Felicity Abram (AUS)
2002	Cancun, MEX	Terenzo Bozzone (NZL)	Marion Lorblanchet (FRA)
2001	Edmonton, CAN	Sebastian Dehmer (GER)	Nicola Spirig (SUI)
2000	Perth, AUS	Frederic Belaubre (FRA)	Anneliese Heard (GBR)
1999	Montreal, CAN	Courtney Atkinson (AUS)	Anneliese Heard (GBR)
1998	Lausanne, SUI	Tim Don (GBR)	Nicole Hackett (AUS)
1997	Perth, AUS	Andriy Glushchenko (UKR)	Nicole Hackett (AUS)
1996	Cleveland, USA	Sebastien Berlier (FRA)	Joanne King (AUS)
1995	Cancun, MEX	Chris Hill (AUS)	Marie Overbye (DEN)
1994	Wellington, NZL	Ben Bright (AUS)	Clare Carney (AUS)
1993	Manchester, GBR	Olivier Hufschmid (SUI)	Sarah Harrow (NZL)
1992	Muskoka, CAN	Spencer Smith (GBR)	Sonja Krolik (GER)
1991	Queensland, AUS	Eric Myllimaki (CAN)	Sonja Krolik (GER)
1990	Orlando, USA	Thomas Leutenegger (SUI)	Sonja Krolik (GER)

## MOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WINS

WINS	MEN
<b>22</b>	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)
<b>14</b>	Javier Gomez (ESP)
<b>12</b>	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)
<b>11</b>	Mario Mola (ESP)
<b>2</b>	Richard Murray (RSA)
	Bevan Docherty (NZL)
	Joao Silva (POR)
	Jan Frodeno (GER)
<b>1</b>	Fernando Alarza (ESP)
	Vincent Luis (FRA)
	Henri Schoeman (RSA)
	Jarro Shoemaker (USA)
	Stuart Hayes (GBR)
	Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS)
	Steffen Justus (GER)

WINS	WOMEN
<b>15</b>	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)
<b>13</b>	Flora Duffy (BER)
<b>5</b>	Andrea Hewitt (NZL)
	Paula Findlay (CAN)
	Emma Moffatt (AUS)
<b>4</b>	Lisa Norden (SWE)
	Nicola Spirig (SUI)
	Jodie Stimpson (GBR)
<b>3</b>	Anne Haug (GER)
	Non Stanford (GBR)
<b>2</b>	Vicki Holland (GBR)
	Sarah True (GBR)
	Helen Jenkins (GBR)
	Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI)
	Erin Densham (AUS)
	Emma Snowsill (AUS)
<b>1</b>	Summer Cook (USA)
	Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)
	Katie Zaferes (USA)
	Anne Haug (GER)
	Daniela Ryf (SUI)

## MOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WINS IN A SINGLE SEASON

WINS	MEN	YEAR
<b>5</b>	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2009
<b>4</b>	Mario Mola (ESP)	2017
	Mario Mola (ESP)	2016
	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2014
	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2011
<b>3</b>	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2013
	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2013
<b>2</b>	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2017
	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2015
	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2010
	Mario Mola	2016
	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)	2015
	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2015
	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2014
	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2010

WINS	WOMEN	YEAR
<b>7</b>	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	2015
<b>6</b>	Flora Duffy (BER)	2017
<b>5</b>	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	2014
<b>4</b>	Emma Moffatt (AUS)	2009
<b>3</b>	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	2013
	Paula Findlay (CAN)	2011
<b>2</b>	Flora Duffy (BER)	2016
	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	2016
	Paula Findlay (CAN)	2010
	Lisa Norden (SWE)	2012
	Erin Densham (AUS)	2012
	Nicola Spirig (SUI)	2012

## MOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES MEDALS IN A SINGLE SEASON

MEDALS	ATHLETE	YEAR
<b>8</b>	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2015
<b>6</b>	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)	2013
<b>5</b>	Mario Mola (ESP)	2017
	Mario Mola (ESP)	2016
	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2014
	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)	2014
	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2012
	Alistair Brownlee (GBR)	2011
<b>4</b>	Javier Gomez (ESP)	2010
	Jan Frodeno (GER)	2010
	Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)	2009

MEDALS	ATHLETE	YEAR
<b>7</b>	Flora Duffy (BER)	2017
	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	2015
<b>6</b>	Katie Zaferes (USA)	2015
	Gwen Jorgensen (USA)	2014
<b>5</b>	Non Stanford (GBR)	2013
	Anne Haug (GER)	2013
<b>4</b>	Andrea Hewitt (NZL)	2011
	Helen Jenkins (GBR)	2011
	Emma Moffatt (AUS)	2009
<b>3</b>	Lisa Norden (SWE)	2012
	Erin Densham (AUS)	2012
	Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI)	2012

# ITU PROPERTIES

## ITU WORLD CUP CIRCUIT

The first ever ITU Triathlon World Cup was held in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. The distance was 2km swim, 50km bike and 12km run. Carol Montgomery (CAN) won the women's event while Mike Pigg (USA) won the men's race. From 1991 until 2009, the circuit was ITU's premier competition series. During this time, athletes were named World Champions in a one-day event, as opposed to over the course of the season as is the current fashion with the World Triathlon Series.

The race series continues today, serving as a stepping stone for athletes looking to improve their speed and skills en route to ITU's most competitive league – the World Triathlon Series.

## MIXED RELAY

ITU's Triathlon Mixed Relay format consists of teams of four, comprised of two men and two women. Each athlete completes a mini triathlon of swimming, cycling and running, before tagging their team mate. Races last between an hour and ninety minutes depending on the course layout and are very explosive and exciting to watch.

Des Moines, Iowa hosted the first official Mixed Relay World Championships in 2009. Switzerland was crowned the inaugural Mixed Relay World Champions. The World Championship event has been held every year since with stops in Sweden, Switzerland and Hamburg. This year, Hamburg will again host the Mixed Team Relay World Championships for the sixth consecutive year. In 2017 Mixed Relay was officially announced to be part of the Olympic programme for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. This year in 2018, Mixed Relay will have three races as its own Series with events being held in Nottingham, Hamburg and Edmonton.

## DUATHLON

The 2013 Duathlon World Championships marked the 24th time the two-sport discipline has been contested on the ITU schedule. Starting with a 10km run, then 40km bike and finished off with another 5km run, the event is not for the faint of feet. The first World Championships was held in 1990 in Cathedral City, USA. Since then, the race has been held every year, with the USA hosting the race on six occasions.

## LONG DISTANCE DUATHLON

In recent years, Zofingen has become synonymous with long distance duathlon, as the Swiss city has hosted the World Championships a sensational seven times. Held over a 10km run, 150km bike, 30km run, the long distance duathlon is one of toughest events ITU offers up.

The World Championship race made its debut on the ITU schedule in the Swiss town in 1997 and returned in 1998. The event saw a slight pause in competition in 2009 and 2010, but has remained a constant on the seasonal schedule every year since.

## LONG DISTANCE TRIATHLON

Long distance triathlon is an incredibly important part of ITU, as it is a grueling test of mental and physical endurance contested over a 4km swim, 120km bike and a 30km run. The 2013 season marked the 20th season of Long Distance Triathlon World Championship races. Started in 1994 in Nice, France, France's Isabelle Mouthon-Michellys and Rob Barel of the Netherlands won the first-ever titles.

## AQUATHLON

When the Aquathlon World Championships were first held in 1998, it provided the opportunity for athletes who only swam and ran to join the multisport world. Without the need for a bike, the 2.5km swim, 1km swim, 2.5km run opened up the triathlon community to a whole new discipline. Typically, the Aquathlon World Championship races are held alongside the ITU Triathlon World Championships.





## CROSS TRIATHLON

Cross Triathlon is the ITU's newest multisport. The discipline first emerged in 1996 on the island of Maui, when mountain biking and triathlon met in a bold new racing format that consisted of an ocean swim, a mountain bike race and a trail run. Today, a typical cross triathlon comprises of 1.5km swim in open water, lake or river, 30km mountain bike on off-road trails and a 10km trail run on a variety of surfaces.

The inaugural ITU Cross Triathlon World Championships were held in 2011 in Extremadura, Spain with South Africa's Conrad Stoltz and Melanie McQuaid from Canada crowned the very first World Champions across a 1km swim, 20km mountain bike and 6km cross-country run. Extremadura was deemed a huge success with over 400 athletes competing across the Elite, Junior, age-group and paratriathlon categories in the swim, mountain bike and cross-country run discipline.

## WINTER TRIATHLON

The first ITU Winter Triathlon World Championships were first held in Mals, Italy, in 1997 and it was two Italians, Paola Riva and Maria Canins, who claimed the first world across the run, mountain bike and cross-country ski discipline – all on snow.

## ITU PARATRIATHLON

ITU has supported the development of Paratriathlon for nearly two decades. But it wasn't until 2004 that the first stand-alone Paratriathlon World Championships was held as a part of the Madeira ITU World Championships. France dominated the event, with Jose Rodrigues heading up a first to seventh place sweep in the men's race. The women's race belonged to Canada with Chantal Denholm and Lorene Hatelt sweeping the podium. Then called men's and women's AWAD races, all athletes competed in just one large category.

The sport was officially accepted into the Paralympic Games at the IPC Governing Board meeting in Guangzhou, China in December 2010 and made its Paralympic Games debut in Rio 2016. Following the announcement that Paratriathlon had been accepted in the Paralympics, the sport saw massive growth.

The 2013 London World Championships saw the biggest field of paratriathletes ever, with more than 200 athletes from 26 nations. In 2017, ITU launched the new World Paratriathlon Series and ITU Paratriathlon World Cup series. In 2018, Yokohama, Iseo, Edmonton and Gold Coast will host WPS races and the ITU Paratriathlon World Championships, with top paratriathletes from all over the world competing also on 7 Paratriathlon World Cups.

In January 2018, the International Paralympic Committee announced that paratriathlon will have eight medal events in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games -two more than in Rio-, and increased the field to 80 athletes.



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## FAQ

### **HOW CAN ATHLETES QUALIFY TO COMPETE IN THE SERIES?**

National Federations (NF) will enter athletes and the start list will be based on the current athlete's ranking. Each NF will be allowed a maximum of six athletes with the host NF given a maximum of eight spots. A maximum of 65 men and 65 women will make up the Elite category with up to 75 men and 75 women in the Grand Final.

### **HOW DO ATHLETES QUALIFY FOR THE GRAND FINAL?**

Athletes qualify through a detailed qualification process, which takes into account his or her world championship ranking, ITU points standing and respective continental championships.

### **WILL THERE BE INVITATIONS FOR "NEW FLAG" AND/OR "SPORT DEVELOPMENT" ATHLETES?**

Spots at the start line will continue to be reserved for athletes from developing countries who have proven ability to compete at this level.

### **HOW CAN THE PUBLIC FOLLOW THEIR FAVOURITE ATHLETES?**

The public may keep track of all their favourite triathletes at [www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org) where all athlete bios, current rankings and event times may be found, and can watch races live with a subscription through [www.triathlonlive.tv](http://www.triathlonlive.tv)

### **HOW DOES ITU IMPLEMENT ANTI-DOPING STRATEGIES?**

The ITU has accepted the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) Code to help keep the sport of triathlon clean; the ITU Anti-Doping Rules are in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code. Please visit [www.triathlon.org/about/anti-doping](http://www.triathlon.org/about/anti-doping) for more information.



# GLOSSARY



<b>OLYMPIC DISTANCE TRIATHLON</b>	1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run
<b>SPRINT-DISTANCE TRIATHLON</b>	750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run
<b>ELITE TRIATHLETE</b>	A professional triathlete who competes at an international level.
<b>AGE-GROUP TRIATHLETE</b>	A non-professional (i.e. amateur) triathlete who competes against other athletes within their five-year age bracket (e.g. 25-29, 30-34, etc.).
<b>BRICK WORKOUT</b>	A combination workout during which an athlete completes a swim and bike or bike and run back-to-back.
<b>DNF</b>	"Did not finish"
<b>DNS</b>	"Did not start"
<b>T1</b>	Transition 1: The change from swim to bike.
<b>T2</b>	Transition 2: The change from bike to run.
<b>DRAFTING</b>	All ITU World Triathlon Series and ITU World Cup events are draft legal on the bike, allowing athletes to follow directly behind the rider in front of him or her in order to save energy.
<b>SPLIT TIME</b>	An athlete's time for one segment of the race (swim, bike or run).
<b>LAP TIME</b>	An athlete's time for a single swim, bike or run lap.
<b>PENALTY BOX</b>	An athlete may be given a 15-second penalty in the Penalty Box if assessed by a Technical Official to have unintentionally infringed the rules – for example, failure to properly place one's helmet in the designated box after T2. The Penalty Box only appears in the run segment.



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