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WELCOME TO THE ITU TRIATHLON WORLD SERIES

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

I'd like to welcome you to the 2015 ITU World Triathlon Series. It's hard to believe we are now entering our seventh season, what a journey it has been. What started as the Dextro Energy Series in 2009 and was later re-branded the ITU World Triathlon Series has reached a level of success and popularity beyond our imagination.

The 2014 ITU triathlon season was one of the most exciting and competitive seasons we have ever seen in the Series. With constant changes to the World Triathlon Series leaderboard that saw the World Champions named in down to the line battles at the Grand Final, there was never a dull moment.

We were treated to a wonderful blend of familiar rivalries amongst the men, while the women's season was punctuated with breakout after breakout performances by Gwen Jorgensen. The U.S. native made the history books when she took home five consecutive gold medals starting in Yokohama all the way to the Grand Final.

The Grand Final in Edmonton was nothing short of incredible. In her signature come-from-behind fashion, Jorgensen outran all podium contenders to secure the gold and World Champion title. Jorgensen proved to be the unstoppable threat to the season, especially in the Grand Final, but what marvelous performances by all of the women.

In the men's racing, what an exciting finish to the season to see the rivalry between Javier Gomez and Jonathan Brownlee come to a close at the Grand Final when Gomez was able to claim the bronze medal just ahead of Jonathan Brownlee to secure the World Champion title.

Beyond the World Triathlon Series, preparation for paratriathlon's debut into the Paralympic Games in 2016 continued at full force yet again with strong participation at the World Championships. While Mixed Relay won't yet be included in the Olympic programme, we enjoyed one of the most successful Mixed Relay World Championships to date, with the German team impressing in a come-from-behind performance to claim the World Title. The World Cup circuit continued to successfully serve as an important development tool, with 13 new athletes winning a World Cup event this year.

In looking ahead, we should all be excited for the direction in which triathlon is headed, with participation continuing to increase every year. We are especially thrilled to be adding the Middle East as a host site to our WTS circuit, allowing us to continue to include triathlon in new parts of the world. As we forge ahead with another epic season, I'd like to reiterate ITU's commitment to growing the sport of triathlon to evolving all of our multisports, but always with the athletes being our foremost priority.

We truly believe sport is for all, and this is an important message of the World Triathlon Series as well. We here at ITU look forward to the challenge of continuing to grow the sport in the coming years. To each and every athlete competing this year, I wish you good luck.

Overall, I hope you enjoy this ITU season wherever in the world you are able to watch, follow or participate in an event, and I look forward to sharing this year with you.

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 ten rounds in the 2015 season, culminating with the Grand Final in Chicago 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 2015 SEASON

Two races will be added to the docket in 2015 to now make it a ten-stop 2015 ITU World Triathlon Series. For the first time ever, a WTS race will be held in the Middle East with a race slated in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Abu Dhabi will offer a sprint-distance race for the elites, as well as standard, sprint and maxi for age-group athletes. A standard-distance race in the familiar site of Gold Coast, Queensland will also be added to the WTS Series for the first time since 2009 when the Australian course served as the site for the Grand Final. London, which typically hosts a standard-distance course, will be switching things up and serving up a sprint course for the elites. While Stockholm, the cobblestone city, is normally a fast and furious sprint race, in 2015, it will go long and showcase a standard-distance course. In addition to the WTS events, World Paratriathlon Events will again feature alongside the races in Yokohama, London, Edmonton and Chicago, in preparation for its debut in Rio next summer.

2015 SEASON SCHEDULE

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | MARCH 6-7 |
| AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND | MARCH 28-29 |
| GOLD COAST, QUEENSLAND | APRIL 11-12 |
| CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | APRIL 25-26 |
| YOKOHAMA, JAPAN | MAY 16-17 |
| LONDON, ENGLAND | MAY 30-31 |
| HAMBURG, GERMANY | JULY 18-19 |
| STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN | AUGUST 22-23 |
| EDMONTON, CANADA | SEPTEMBER 5-6 |
| CHICAGO, USA | SEPTEMBER 15-20 |

THE BASICS

Six of the ITU World Triathlon Series events will be Olympic distance races for the elite competitors. An Olympic-distance triathlon, also referred to as an intermediate- or standard-distance triathlon, combines a 1.5km swim, a 40km bike ride and a 10km run. 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 2 hours for the elite women. In 2015, four sprint-distance events have been integrated into the WTS. In Abu Dhabi, London, 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 Chicago in 2015, and will also host the Under23, Junior, Age-Group, Paratriathlon and Aquathlon World Championships. Age Groupers have can qualify for the Aquathlon, Sprint and Standard distance races.

ITU Triathlon History

The first recorded triathlon took place in San Diego, California on September 24, 1974. It was organised by the San Diego Track & Field Club as an alternative to the rigors of training on the track. The race, which took place in San Diego's Mission Bay, consisted of a 5.3-mile run, followed by a 5-mile bike and a 600-yard swim in the bay. A total of 46 athletes finished the race. The International Triathlon Union (ITU) was founded in 1989 as the world governing body for triathlon and has been headquartered in Vancouver, Canada ever since. A total of 30 National Federations attended the first ITU Congress in Avignon, France in 1989. Today there are over 120 National Federations. The ITU Triathlon World Cup Series began in 1991, staging 11 races in eight countries. The ITU World Triathlon Series was created as ITU's top tier race series in 2009, staging multiple rounds in iconic cities across the globe. Triathlon was awarded full Olympic Games medal status by the IOC at its Congress in Paris in 1994. Triathlon made its Olympic debut at the 2000 Sydney Games. Switzerland's Brigitte McMahon and Canada's Simon Whitfield won the sport's first gold medals.

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 represents National Federations in 169 countries and its sport development initiatives are fuelling triathlon's extraordinary growth.

Lagardère Unlimited Events

Lagardère Unlimited Events is one of the world's market leaders in sports marketing and event management and is part of the Lagardère Unlimited network of agencies, which includes SPORTFIVE, IEC in Sport and World Sports Group. Lagardère Unlimited Events specialises in the promotion, marketing, organisation and delivery of televised mass participation endurance sports, for elite and age-group participants, i.e. triathlon, cycling and swimming. Lagardère Unlimited Events will support the entire series and share its knowledge with each event to ensure high standards and quality. In addition to providing the ITU World Triathlon Series with marketing expertise, Lagardère Unlimited Events will provide live and post production TV coverage produced by the Lagardère Unlimited Production Hub and provide international TV distribution through the worldwide sales network of Lagardère Unlimited.

PRIZE MONEY

With ITU leading as one of the top sport's to honour equal earnings for both men and women, in 2015 there is \$692,500 available to the top 35 men and women. With around \$2.2 million dollars up for grabs, the WTS remains one of the richest triathlon circuits worldwide.

2015 POINTS SYSTEM

There will be three levels included in the rankings: ITU Triathlon World Cup events, ITU World Triathlon Series events and the ITU World Triathlon Grand Final. The final ranking will be obtained by adding the five top scores from the World Triathlon Series and ITU Triathlon World Cup events, plus the points gained at the Grand Final. Scoring for a season begins immediately after the Grand Final and ends with the following year's Grand Final. Athletes can only score points from a maximum of five events on the same continent, excluding the Grand Final. Points are awarded to the top 50 athletes at the Grand Final; top 40 for World Championship Series events and top 30 for ITU Triathlon World Cup events.

[The full breakdown of points is available here.](#)
[For up to date rankings, click here.](#)

LIVE TV

ITU, in collaboration with Upsolut Sports, will feature live coverage at all ten ITU World Triathlon Series races for the seventh time in 2015. 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 outside 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 2015, ITU will produce a total of 20 live broadcasts with each broadcast lasting approximately two hours.

TV MAGAZINE SHOW

ITU will produce 14 x 52-minute magazine shows throughout the 2015 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 Carsten Richter (crichter@lagardere-unlimited.de).

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).

2014 BROADCAST FACTS AND FIGURES

- 5.43 billion Broadcast contacts
- Broadcast in 160 countries, for more than 1,000 hours
- Entire series broadcast live in over 50 countries
- 10 x 52 minute magazine shows
- 670 hours of programming
- 389m TV contacts per race on average

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- Start Lists for each race, available for download prior to every event

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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.

ROUND 1 – ABU DHABI

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON ABU DHABI

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|----------------------------|---|
| WOMEN'S RACE START: | 6 MARCH – 15:05 PM (GMT + 4 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | 6 MARCH – 17:06 PM |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE | http://abudhabi.triathlon.org |
| ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: | (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org |

ABOUT THE RACE

The event will be headquartered at the Abu Dhabi Sailing & Yacht Club on the breakwater opposite the Abu Dhabi Corniche, where a spectator-friendly environment including a 1,000-seater grandstand, a bike park, a 'Friends and Family' area, refreshment kiosks and a kids zone will be built. The elite event will feature a beach start off the Volvo Ocean Race yacht pontoons with the top men and women on the ITU World Series rankings competing for line honours in the opening event of the 2015 season. This weekend there are aquathlon, sprint, relay, standard and maxi distance events on offer to provide 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.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (750m) - Athletes will complete one lap off the Volvo Ocean Race yacht pontoons.

Bike (20km) - Competitors are in for a scenic four-lap bike course along the coast.

Run (5km) - The run will consist of two run loops.

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

ROUND 2 – AUCKLAND

BARFOOT&THOMPSON WORLD TRIATHLON AUCKLAND

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| WOMEN'S RACE START: | 29 MARCH – 12:50 PM (GMT + 13 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | 29 MARCH – 16:40 PM |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://auckland.triathlon.org |
| ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: | (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org |

ABOUT THE RACE

Auckland joined the WTS calendar as the host of the Grand Final in 2012. That year, we were treated to a down to the line sprint finish between Jonathan Brownlee and Javier Gomez for the world title, with Gomez just edging the Brit out for the win. Gomez has repeated his gold medal performance every year since then, and lines up yet again to defend the title. Auckland has become a race favourite amongst athletes for its challenging bike course, while championed by spectators for its near-constant views of triathlon action.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (1.5km) - Athletes dive off a pontoon into a sheltered area next to Queens Wharf and will swim two laps. Wetsuits are not expected.

Bike (40km) - After transitioning on Queens Wharf, the first of eight laps starts at the waterfront and winds its way up Auckland's steep main street, Queen Street, with three separate climbs each lap.

Run (10km) - Four-lap, 10km that starts at the waterfront and heads along Quay and Queen streets,

before the finish down on Queens Wharf.

MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

Pre-race press conference

On-site media centre with wireless internet

Photo positions on course

Photo stand at finish area

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PAST RESULTS

2014 BARFOOT & THOMPSON AUCKLAND

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Jodie Stimpson (GBR) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Anne Haug (GER) | 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 3. Aaron Royle (AUS) |

2013 BARFOOT & THOMPSON AUCKLAND

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Anne Haug (GER) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Maaïke Caelters (NED) | 2. Mario Mola (ESP) |
| 3. Felicity Abram (AUS) | 3. Joao Silva (POR) |

2012 BARFOOT & THOMPSON GRAND FINAL AUCKLAND

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| 1. Anne Haug (GER) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI) | 3. Sven Riederer (SUI) |

2011 ITU Auckland World Cup

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) | 1. Kris Gemmell (NZL) |
| 2. Tomoko Sakimoto (JPN) | 2. Bevan Docherty (NZL) |
| 3. Mariko Adachi (JPN) | 3. Ryan Fisher (AUS) |

1998 ITU Auckland World Cup

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Michellie Jones (AUS) | 1. Hamish Carter (NZL) |
| 2. Joanne King (AUS) | 2. Chris Hill (AUS) |
| 3. Sian Brice (GBR) | 3. Craig Walton (AUS) |

1997 ITU Auckland World Cup

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Emma Carney (AUS) | 1. Miles Stewart (AUS) |
| 2. Nicole Andronicus (AUS) | 2. Chris McCormack (AUS) |
| 3. Melissa Ashton (AUS) | 3. Hamish Carter (NZL) |

1996 ITU Auckland World Cup

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Emma Carney (AUS) | 1. Miles Stewart (AUS) |
| 2. Sarah Harrow (NZL) | 2. Jamie Hunt (NZL) |
| 3. Gail Laurence (USA) | 3. Hamish Carter (NZL) |

1995 ITU Auckland World Cup

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Janet Hatfield (USA) | 1. Hamish Carter (NZL) |
| 2. Sophie Delemer (FRA) | 2. Miles Stewart (AUS) |
| 3. Natasja Hilgeholt (NZL) | 3. Nataniel Llerandi (USA) |

ACCOMMODATION

Host Hotel: Heritage Auckland. Centrally located with magnificent views from many rooms and the convenience of being situated just strolling distance from Auckland city's many attractions. Select from two distinctive accommodation wings. The Hotel reflects the traditional style of the buildings famous past, while The Tower is a contemporary design.

The Local Organising Committee has also put together a list of recommended hotels in Auckland including Copthorne Hotel Harbour City, Rydges Auckland, Mecure Auckland, Mercure Auckland Windsor, Auckland Harbour Oaks Apartments and Auckland City Oaks Aparmtnet. All hotels are approximately 45 minutes from Auckland International Airport, and located within a 5-10 minute walk of the event venue.

ABOUT THE CITY

New Zealand's indigenous people, the Maori, called this land "Tamaki Makau Rau", a maiden with 100 lovers. It was a place desired by many and fought over for its riches, including its forested hills, productive volcanic soils and harbours full of seafood. Now Auckland is New Zealand's largest city, with a population of 1.5 million people. The Queens Wharf waterfront one of its most lively areas, it was a buzz of activity for the 2011 IRB Rugby World Cup. There is plenty to do in the heart of the CBD, where the race takes place, you can't miss the imposing Sky Tower, which at 328 metres is the tallest tower in the Southern Hemisphere. You can also climb to the apex of the Auckland Harbour

Bridge, and the more adventurous can bungee jump from it. Outside of the city, you could visit one of the region's 48 volcanic cones, with easy access to the summits of Maungawhau (Mt Eden), Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill), and Rangitoto Island in the Hauraki Gulf or the rainforested hills, such as the Waitakere and Hunua Ranges.

AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

In addition to the elite races, Auckland will feature a number of races open to anyone. Age groupers will have the opportunity to choose from sprint and standard distances, as well as two team relay events. In addition to the triathlons, the local organising committee offers a twilight swim-run on August 5, as well as a 5km brunch run prior to the elite races.

AGE-GROUP RACES

- Swim Run
- Standard Distance Tri – Individual, Team Relay & Corporate
- Sprint Distance Tri – Individual, Team Relay & Corporate
- Super Sprint Tri
- Queen Street Golden Mile (Kid's & Corporate)
- Queen Street Golden Mile – Age Group & Celebrity

ROUND 3 – GOLD COAST

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON GOLD COAST

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| WOMEN'S RACE START: | 11 APRIL – 11:06 (GMT + 10 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | 11 APRIL – 14:06 |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://goldcoast.com.au |
| ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: | (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org |

PAST RESULTS

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

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 3. Jan Frodeno (GER) |

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. The weekend will see not only the elites compete, but also offers three different triathlons for athletes of all ages and abilities to get involved in the sport.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (1.5km) - Athletes will start at the Broadwater Parklands and will swim two anti-clockwise laps.

Bike (40km) - The bike is an eight-lap bike flat and technical bike course heading Carey Park and then turning for a trip through Southport before an out and back loop along Gold Coast Hwy.

Run (10km) - The run consists of a four-lap, 10km course that circles around the Aquatic Centre, Anzac Park and Broadwater Parklands.

ACCOMMODATION

Host Hotel: QT Gold Coast. Walk into QT Gold Coast and be welcomed by an inspiring space where nostalgic surfer chic meets Miami catwalk cool. The hotels 297 spacious guest rooms offer dazzling views of the coast's famous scenery plus all the glamour and style you'd expect from Australia's party playground. QT Gold Coast's bold designer guestrooms feature a range of quirks and nuances

ensuring that they feel like a bespoke home away from home. Each room is individually tailored for an unforgettable experience, boasting luxurious QT king beds, balconies, graphics bathrooms, deluxe amenities, iPod dock, 42 inch flat screen and custom-built furnishings. For guests and locals alike, QT Gold Coast is an entertainment destination. The Baja California style Stingray Lounge has become the premier hangout of Gold Coast's 'it' crowd and the unique marketplace style dining at Bazaar is reason enough for many guests to return. The hotel also offers spaQ for 'freshly picked' and personalised spa experiences. Vibrant and eclectic, QT Gold Coast in Surfers Paradise is an easy 35 minute drive to the Gold Coast airport and situated within easy walking distance of shopping, restaurants and nightlife.

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.

ROUND 4 – CAPE TOWN

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON CAPE TOWN

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| WOMEN'S RACE START: | 25 APRIL – 15:00 (GMT +2 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | 26 APRIL – 15:00 |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://capetown.com.triathlon.org |
| ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: | (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org |

ABOUT THE RACE

In 2014, Cape Town became the first African city to organise a World Triathlon Series race. Set on the V&A Waterfront with majestic Table Mountain in the background, the race offers some of the most spectacular views on the Series. In addition to elite racing, the weekend of events will also include mass participation events. Age groupers will have the option to choose between a standard Olympic distance courses or hone their speed skills on a sprint course.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (1.5km) - Athletes will start at the V&A Waterfront and will swim two anti-clockwise laps.
Bike (40km) - Competitors are in for a scenic eight-lap bike course along the coast on Beach road. They'll loop back and meander through the Green Point Athletics Stadium before hitting T2.
Run (10km) - The run consists of a four-lap, 10km course that circles around and finishes at the Green Point Athletics Stadium.

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.com.triathlon.org

ACCOMMODATION

Tsogo Sun, the Official Hotel Partner to the event, has a range of accommodation options available in Cape Town. Tsogo Sun has dedicated the Cullinan and Southern Sun Waterfront as the Official Race Hotels, both in close proximity to the V&A Waterfront, making these ideal options for your stay. For all your accommodation and travel enquiries, please email travel@worldsport.co.za

ABOUT THE CITY

Located on the shore of Table Bay, Cape Town was originally developed by the Dutch East India Company as a victualling (supply) station for Dutch ships sailing to East Africa, India and the Far East. Cape Town quickly outgrew its original purpose as the first European outpost at the Castle of Good Hope, becoming the economic and cultural hub of the Cape Colony. As of 2011 the metropolitan region had an estimated population of 3.74 million, which is the second largest population in all of South Africa apart from Johannesburg. The city of Cape Town has vast experience in hosting major national and international sports events. The Cape Argus Pick 'n Pay Cycle Tour is the world's largest individually timed cycle race. Some notable events hosted by Cape Town have included the 2010 FIFA World Cup, 1995 Rugby World Cup, 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup, and World Championships in various sports such as athletics, fencing, weightlifting, hockey, cycling, canoeing, gymnastics and others.

AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

Age groupers will have the option to choose between a standard Olympic distance courses or hone their speed skills on a sprint course. Standard and sprint distance team relays are also on the schedule, offering a race for all abilities. In addition to the competitions, athletes will be treated to a weekend full of festivities; including a race exhibition and kids & family races.

PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU WORLD TRIATHLON CAPE TOWN

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Jodie Stimpson (GBR) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 3. Dmitry Polyanskiy (RUS) |

ROUND 5 – YOKOHAMA

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON YOKOHAMA

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|----------------------------|---|
| WOMEN'S RACE START: | 16 MAY – 10:06 (GMT + 9 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | 17 MAY – 13:01 |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://yokohama.triathlon.org |

LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS:

ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org

ABOUT THE RACE

The ITU World Triathlon Series returns to Yokohama for the fifth time. The Series first appeared in Japan in 2009. The Japanese port 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.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (1500m) - Two-laps for a 1500m swim in the sea near Osambashi pier.

Bike (40km) - Five, 8km 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

MEDIA FACILITIES/SERVICES

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PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Ai Ueda (JPN) | 2. Mario Mola (ESP) |
| 3. Agnieszka Jerzyk (POL) | 3. Richard Murray (RSA) |

2013 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

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| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Jodie Stimpson (GBR) | 3. Joao Silva (POR) |

2012 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 1. Joao Silva (POR) |
| 2. Anne Haug (GER) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Maaïke Caeliers (NED) | 3. Dmitry Polyansky (RUS) |

2011 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Yokohama

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) | 1. Joao Silva (POR) |
| 2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2. Alexander Bruykhankov (RUS) |
| 3. Kate Mcllroy (NZL) | 3. Dmitry Polyansky (RUS) |

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Yokohama

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 1. Jan Frodeno (GER) |
| 2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) | 2. Kris Gemmell (NZL) |
| 3. Juri Ide (JPN) | 3. Javier Gomez (ESP) |

ACCOMMODATION

Host Hotel: Hotel Monterey Yokohama

Conveniently beside Yamashita Park, Hotel Monterey Yokohama offers 170 guestrooms, a restaurant, ballroom and banquet facilities. High-speed Internet access is provided along with direct-dial phones and in-room safes. Near Kanagawa Kenmin Hall, Yokohama Marine Tower, and Yokohama Stadium, this Yokohama hotel is situated in the business district. Additional nearby points of interest include Yokohama Cosmo World.

The Hotel New Grand is located next to the host hotel and offers another option. It is also beside the race venue in Yamashita Park. The Rose Hotel Yokohama and Star Hotel Yokohama are also partner hotels for the race.

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.

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.

AGE-GROUP RACE START: Please check yokohama.triathlon.org for times.

ROUND 6 – LONDON

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON LONDON

WOMEN'S RACE START:

MAY 31– 16:45 (UTC/GMT + 1 HOURS)

MEN'S RACE START: MAY 31- 15:05
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$150,000
WEBSITE: <http://london.triathlon.org>

LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS:
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org

ABOUT THE RACE

London first appeared on the ITU calendar in 2009, as part of the inaugural Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series. The England capital city went on to host the race in 2010 and 2011 in the lead up to the London Olympic Games. In 2012, the course became legendary as the world's top triathletes competed for Olympic gold. Great Britain's Alistair and Jonathan Brownlee earned their country its first triathlon Olympic medals ever, while the women's race came down to a nail-biting, down to the line sprint photo finish between Nicola Spirig and Lisa Norden. Last year the event crowned the overall 2013 World Champions, with record competitors in the Age-Group and Paratriathlon divisions. For the second year in a row, the men's race came down to a sprint finish between Javier Gomez and Jonathan Brownlee after a flared injury took older brother Alistair out of the race. And for the second consecutive time, Gomez overtook Brownlee with a final kick down the finish chute. With just 12 points separating the leading ladies, it all came down to London to name the World Champion in the women's race. Chilling temperatures and a nasty spill took out top contenders Anne Haug and Gwen Jorgensen, paving the way for Non Stanford to sail to her first elite World Championships, just one year after claiming the title in the Under23 division. Last year on the men's side, a new face saw the top of the podium—Mario Mola of Spain, who claimed London as his first WTS race crown. Jorgensen claimed WTS London in 2014 in a redemptive win after suffering her crash the year before.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (750m) – Athletes will swim one lap in the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park.

Bike (20km) – Athletes will complete four laps through Hyde Park, crossing the bridge over the Serpentine before heading up to Hyde Park Corner and up to Lancaster Gate.

Run (5km) – Athletes will run two laps, passing in front of the grandstands four times along the north side of the Serpentine.

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

PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU World Triathlon London

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Mario Mola (ESP) |
| 2. Sarah True (USA) | 2. Richard Murray (RSA) |
| 3. Emma Jackson (AUS) | 3. Joao Pereira (POR) |

2013 PruHealth World Triathlon Grand Final

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Non Stanford (SUI) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Aileen Reid (IRL) | 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 3. Mario Mola (ESP) |

2012 London Olympics

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Nicola Spirig (SUI) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Erin Densham (AUS) | 3. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |

2011 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series London

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (ESP) |
| 2. Gwen Jorgensen (SUI) | 2. Alexander Bryukhankov (RUS) |
| 3. Anja Dittmer (GBR) | 3. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |

2010 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series London

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Paula Findlay (CAN) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Nicola Spirig (SUI) | 2. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 3. Jan Frodeno (GER) |

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series London

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Nicola Spirig (SUI) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 2. Steffen Justus (GER) |
| 3. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 3. Kris Gemmell (NZL) |

ACCOMMODATION

The [Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington](#) is the preferred partner of PruHealth World Triathlon London. To make a booking with a 10% discount for the Best Flexible rate, go to [its website](#) and use booking code **WTS2015**.

ABOUT THE CITY

London is not only the political capital of Britain, but the cultural and economic centre, as well. With four World Heritage Sites right in the city, a world-class selection of museums, scores of restaurants, oodles of shopping and beautiful landscape, it offers something for everyone. London is home to the Royal Family, with the Queen's official residence at Buckingham Palace. The London metropolitan area measures between 12 and 14 million people, making it the largest in the European Union. It is also recognized as both a cultural and financial centre of the world. Set along the Thames River, the history of London goes back two millennia. The city also boasts a rich sports history, having hosted the Olympics in 1908, 1948 and 2012. It is also home to 14 football clubs and three professional rugby league clubs. It is also the host of the renowned Wembley tennis tournament each year.

AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

The London Age-Group races are expected to cap out at 4,000 athletes with hundreds more competing in charity races surrounding the event. With spring full in swing and summer on the horizon, weather should be perfect to take part in sprint, standard, and relay triathlons. Paratriathlon will also be contested in London, crucial competitions leading up to the inaugural additions to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Paralympic Games next summer.

ROUND 7 – HAMBURG

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON HAMBURG

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| WOMEN'S RACE START: | 18 JULY – 15:45 (GMT + 2 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | 18 JULY – 17:45 |
| MIXED TEAM RELAY: | 19 JULY – 16:45 |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://hamburg.com |

LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS:

ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org

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, but has featured a twist the last three years. 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. This year, Hamburg will also again host the Mixed Team Relay World Championships for the third consecutive year.

COURSE PROFILE – Sprint Distance

Swim (750m) – Off a pontoon, athletes dive into an artificial lake within the city limits of Hamburg for a 2-lap swim. After the first lap there is a short landing with a 180 degree turn on land.

Bike (20km) – Athletes will bike four laps of a 5km 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.

COURSE PROFILE – TRIATHLON MIXED RELAY

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.

MEDIA FACILITIES /SERVICES

Pre-race press conference

On-site media centre

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

PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Emma Jackson (AUS) | 2. Vincent Luis (FRA) |
| 3. Kirsten Sweetland (CAN) | 3. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |

2013 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Anne Haug (GER) | 1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Non Stanford (GBR) | 2. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Jodie Stimpson (GBR) | 3. Javier Gomez (ESP) |

2012 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Erin Densham (AUS) | 1. Richard Murray RSA |
| 2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Sarah Groff (USA) | 3. Steffen Justus (GER) |

2011 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Hamburg

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 1. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) |
| 2. Emma Jackson (AUS) | 2. William Clarke (GBR) |
| 3. Emma Snowsill (AUS) | 3. David Hauss (FRA) |

2010 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Hamburg

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2. Jan Frodeno (GER) |
| 3. Aileen Morrison (IRE) | 3. Tim Don (GBR) |

2009 Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Hamburg

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 1. Jarrod Shoemaker (USA) |
| 2. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 2. Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) |
| 3. Daniela Ryf (SUI) | 3. Alexander Bruykhankov (RUS) |

OTHER RESULTS

2008 HAMBURG BG TRIATHLON WORLD CUP

1. Ricarda Lisk (GER) 1. Daniel Unger (GER)

2007 HAMBURG BG TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Vanessa Fernandes (POR) 1. Daniel Unger (GER)

2006 HAMBURG BG TRIATHLON WORLD CUP

1. Vanessa Fernandes (POR) 1. Javier Gomez (ESP)

2005 HAMBURG ITU TRIATHLON WORLD CUP

1. Samantha Warriner (NZL) 1. Filip Ospaly (CZE)

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.

ROUND 8 – STOCKHOLM

2015 ITU WORLD TRIATHLON SERIES STOCKHOLM

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| WOMEN'S RACE START: | TBA (GMT + 2 HOURS) |
| MEN'S RACE START: | TBA |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$150,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://stockholm.triathlon.org |
| ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: | (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org |

ABOUT THE RACE

Stockholm became the 15th ITU World Triathlon Series host in 2012 when ITU racing returned to Sweden's capital city for the first time since 1997. In its debut, Stockholm organised a sprint race that added an extra technical twist with the course crossing over Stockholm's beautiful cobbled stone roads. In its first year, Sweden's own Lisa Norden stormed to gold on home soil shortly after earning her silver medal at the Olympics, while men's Olympic medallist Jonathan Brownlee was brilliant for the win over Javier Gomez. But in 2013, the course was lengthened to a standard distance, meaning twice the room to race. Although Norden took the year off of WTS racing, she returned home for her only appearance on the circuit that year. But the day belonged to Gwen Jorgensen, who stormed away with her third WTS win of the year to sit in the top spot ahead of the Grand Final. In the men's race, a well-timed break on the bike put Alistair Brownlee in the driver's seat heading into the 10km run. While Spaniard Javier Gomez made up significant ground on the run, it wasn't enough to overtake Brownlee, who won the race, moving him to the top of the leaderboard ahead of the London Grand Final. In 2014, the course returned to its original sprint format just days ahead of the Edmonton Grand Final. But this year, with it marking the eighth stop in the WTS cycle, the course switches again to the familiar standard Olympic distance.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim(1500m) – Start at the pontoon and do two laps in Riddarfjärden.

Bike (40km) – After the transition the athletes be challenged with 9 laps of demanding cycling through Gamla Stan.

Run (10km) – Quick switch to running shoes then four laps of running to the finish line at the top of Slottsbacken.

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

PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Sarah True (USA) | 1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) | 2. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 3. Nicky Samuels (NZL) | 3. Gregor Buchholz (GER) |

2013 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Non Stanford (GBR) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Anne Haug (GER) | 3. Jonathan Brownlee (FRA) |

2012 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

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| 1. Lisa Norden (SWE) | 1. Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Maaïke Caeliers (NED) | 2. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 3. Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI) | 3. Vincent Luis (FRA) |

1997 ITU Triathlon World Cup

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Erika Molnar (HUN) | 1. Simon Lessing (GBR) |
| 2. Rina Hill (AUS) | 2. Brad Beven (AUS) |
| 3. Mieke Suys (BEL) | 3. Hamish Carter (NZL) |

1995 Stockholm ETU Triathlon European Championships

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| 1. Isabelle Mouthon-Michellys (FRA) | 1. Dr. Rainer Mueller-Hoerner (GER) |
| 2. Natascha Badmann (SUI) | 2. Luc Van Lierde (BEL) |
| 3. Suzanne Nielsen (DEN) | 3. Spencer Smith (GBR) |

ABOUT THE CITY

The capital of Sweden is over 700 years old and the greater metropolitan area now has a population of over 2 million, making it one of the largest cities in Scandinavia. Built on 14 islands around one of Europe's largest and best-preserved mediaeval city centres, it is located by the Baltic Sea. It's one of the most beautiful major cities in the world, a mirage of saffron- and terracotta-coloured buildings shimmering between blue water and bluer skies all summer, or covered with snow and dotted with lights in winter. It's also a vibrant, modern city, famous for producing sleek designs, edgy fashion and world-class nightclubs. Stockholm also has a strong sporting history, the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Games set the benchmark for the Olympics of the modern era. It was the first time athletes from all five continents took part, and the first time live timing, photo finishes and a public address system were used.

ACCOMMODATION

Host Hotels: First Hotel Reisen, <http://www.firsthotels.com/Our-hotels/Hotels-in-Sweden/Stockholm/First-Hotel-Reisen/> (located right next to the venue) and Scandic Sjöfartshotellet (a short walk away from the venue)

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Sweden/Stockholm/Scandic-Sjofartshotellet>

AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

Every ITU World Triathlon Series Stockholm event features mass participation (age-group) races. It gives non-professional athletes the opportunity to qualify for the ITU Triathlon Age-Group World Championships, which will be held in Chicago alongside the 2015 World Triathlon Grand Final in September.

ROUND 9 – EDMONTON

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON EDMONTON

WOMEN'S RACE START: 6 SEPTEMBER –13:30 (GMT - 6 HOURS)

MEN'S RACE START: 6 SEPTEMBER–15:30 (GMT - 6 HOURS)

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$150,000

WEBSITE: <http://edmonton.triathlon.org>

LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS:

ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org

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 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.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (705m) – Athletes will have a beach start into a man-made lake for a one-lap swim.

Bike (20km) – Athletes will endure a sizeable hill over the 20km course.

Run (5km) – After transitioning back at the lake, athletes will run out and back past Royal Mayfair Golf Club and Emily Murphy Park.

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

ACCOMODATION

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: <http://edmonton.triathlon.org/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.

PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton

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| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Alistair Brownlee (GBR) |
| 2. Andrea Hewitt (NZL) | 2. Mario Mola (ESP) |
| 3. Nicky Samuels (NZL) | 3. Javier Gomez (GBR) |

ITU Edmonton World Cup Winners

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|------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2013 | Amelie Kretz (CAN) | Gregory Rouault (FRA) |
| 2012 | Lauren Groves (CAN) | Kyle Jones (CAN) |
| 2011 | Ashleigh Gentle (AUS) | Bevan Docherty (NZL) |
| 2007 | Emma Moffatt (AUS) | Bevan Docherty (NZL) |
| 2006 | Emma Snowsill (AUS) | Hamish Carter (NZL) |
| 2005 | Emma Snowsill (AUS) | Andy Potts (USA) |
| 2004 | Loretta Harrop (AUS) | Race cancelled due to weather |
| 2003 | Barbara Lindquist (USA) | Simon Whitfield (CAN) |
| 2002 | Siri Lindley (USA) | Simon Whitfield (CAN) |

ITU Triathlon World Championships

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| 2001 | Siri Lindley (USA) | Peter Robertson (AUS) |
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ROUND 10 – CHICAGO

ITU WORLD TRIATHLON GRAND FINAL CHICAGO

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| WOMEN'S RACE START: | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 5PM |
| MEN'S RACE START: | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 5PM |
| U23 WOMEN'S START: | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11AM |
| U23 MEN'S START: | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 7AM |
| JUNIOR WOMEN'S START: | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2PM |
| JUNIOR MEN'S START: | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 4:30PM |
| PARATRIATHLON: | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7AM |
| AQUATHLON: | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10AM |
| TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: | \$280,000 |
| WEBSITE: | http://chicago.triathlon.org |

LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS: **LINDSAY.WYSKOWSKI@USATRIATHLON.ORG**
ITU MEDIA CONTACTS: (PRINT/WEB): ERIN GREENE – erin.greene@triathlon.org

ABOUT THE RACE

This is the second year Chicago has debuted on the World Triathlon Series calendar. More than 75,000 spectators are expected to witness the excitement and drama of age group and professional triathlon in Chicago in one of the world's most scenic and iconic venues. Chicago is the third US city to welcome a WTS race, with DC having hosted a race in the WTS' inaugural season. San Diego also welcomed competitors to its shores. This year marks the first time that Chicago will host as the Grand Final location.

COURSE PROFILE

Swim (1500m) - Athletes will begin their swim with a diving start from the swim pontoon located at Queens Landing. They will exit the water and dive back in for two 750m laps.

Bike (40km) – Athletes will transition in front of Buckingham Fountain before heading out a twisting course along Columbus Drive for a total of eight laps.

Run (10km) – Like the bike, the run traverses down Columbus Drive and shoots off to streets on either side for a total of four laps.

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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ACCOMMODATION

The ITU World Triathlon Chicago has partnered with onPeak to provide you with the best hotel options for your trip to Chicago. The official Chicago event hotel is the **Hilton Chicago** and reservations are now available. For more information, click here:
http://chicago.triathlon.org/event_info/accommodations

ABOUT THE CITY

Chicago, the third-largest city in the United States, is located on the shoreline of beautiful Lake Michigan in northeastern Illinois. One of the top worldwide centers of commerce and trade, Chicago is also known for its legendary sports heritage and as a global tourism destination. Each year Chicago welcomes more than 50 million visitors, many of whom arrive via the city's two international airports. One of which – O'Hare International Airport – is the second-busiest in the world. Among metropolitan areas, Chicago has the fourth-largest gross domestic product (GDP) in the world, just behind Tokyo, New York City and Los Angeles.

AGE-GROUP COMPETITION

Thousands of age group athletes will compete in non-drafting races and run down the elite finish line by Buckingham Fountain. The event features a world-class vendor expo, as well as a relaxing beer garden. Age Group Olympic-distance race including the Olympic-distance Relay, as well as Age

Group Sprint Distance Race, Sprint Relay & Open Category Paratriathlon will all be available race options.

PAST RESULTS

2014 ITU World Triathlon Chicago

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 1. Javier Gomez (ESP) |
| 2. Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 2. Joao Pereira (POR) |
| 3. Juri Ide (JPN) | 3. Mario Mola (ESP) |

ATHLETE PROFILES – WOMEN

Erin Densham (AUS)

Twitter: @erindensham

Date of Birth: 3 May 1985

Place of Birth: Camden, Australia

Residence: Melbourne, Australia

Past Olympic Games:

3rd – London 2012

22nd – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Sydney

2nd – 2012 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2012 Banyoles ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2008 Ishigaki ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2007 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup

3rd – 2007 Vancouver ITU Triathlon World Cup

4th – 2010 Lausanne Elite Sprint Triathlon World Championships, 2008 Vancouver ITU Triathlon World Championships

2006 Under23 ITU World Champion

2 time ITU World Cup winner

Notable:

In 2009, Densham collapsed and was pulled from the water at a triathlon in Des Moines, Iowa. She was diagnosed with supraventricular tachycardia (racing heartbeat) and had corrective surgery later that year. She rocketed onto the Australian team for London with two wins from two races to start the season, in Mooloolaba and Sydney, followed by a silver medal in San Diego. Densham also sat out the 2013 and much of the 2014 ITU seasons largely due to illness. She is married to Jonathan Hall, USA Triathlon's Performance Leader.

Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI)

Website: barbarariveros.cl

Date of Birth: 4 August 1987

Place of Birth: Santiago, Chile

Residence: City, Country

Past Olympic Games:

16th – London 2012

25th – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2011 Elite Sprint World Champion

1st – 2011 Ishigaki ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Sydney

2nd – 2011 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Series Seoul

3rd – 2012 Barfoot & Thomposon World Triathlon Grand Final, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2011 Guadalajara Pan American Games

4th – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi

5 time Pan American Cup winner

Notable:

Was the first athlete from Chile to win an ITU World Championship and the first to win a WTS series race

Alumni of the Team ITU development programme

Speaks Spanish and English

Was one of 16 triathletes to receive a scholarship from the IOC Olympic Solidarity World Programme Fund in 2011

Her brother is also a triathlete, who is attempting to make the 2016 Olympics.

Flora Duffy (BER)

Twitter: @floraduffy

Website: floraduffy.com

Date of Birth: 20 September, 1987

Place of Birth: Paget Parish, Bermuda

Residence: Boulder, Colorado, USA

Past Olympic Games:

45th – 2012 London Olympic Games

ITU Highlights

1st – 2012 Huatulco ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2011 Mazatlan ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

2nd – 2012 Buffalo ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi, 2012 Edmonton ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2010 Kelowna ITU Triathlon Premium Pan American Cup

Notable:

Started competing in triathlon at age 7

Represented Bermuda in swimming at the 2004 Junior Commonwealth Games

International Debut Mrs. T's Chicago, USA

Junior Worlds, Gamagori 2005 Sprint distance 1.07.47

Commonwealth Games, Melbourne 2006, Olympic distance 2.00.35

Commonwealth Games 2006

Vendula Frintova (CZE)

Twitter @vendulafrintova

Website: <http://frintova.aitom.cz/>

Date of Birth: 1989

Place of Birth: Nachod, CZE

Residence: Nachod, CZE

Past Olympics Games

15th, 2012 London Olympic Games

ITU Highlights

1st – 2010 Mooloolaba World Cup

2nd – 2014 Alanya ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 Tongyeong ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2011

European Championships, 2004 and 2005 U23 Triathlon World Championships, 2003 U23 Triathlon European Championships

3rd – 2015 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 Alanya ETU Triathlon European Championships, 2013 Sarasota ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup, 2006 Richards Bay Triathlon World Cup

4th – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Auckland

Ashleigh Gentle (AUS)

Twitter: @AshleighGentle

Website: ashleighgentle.blogspot.com/

Date of Birth: 25 February 1991

Residence: Gold Coast, Australia

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2012 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2011 Edmonton ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2012 Devonport OUT Triathlon Oceania Championships

3rd – 2015 Mooloolaba ITU World Cup, 2012 Banyoles ITU Triathlon World Cup

4th - 2013 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships,

Junior:

1st – 2010 Dextro Energy Triathlon – ITU Triathlon World Championships Grand Final Budapest

2nd – 2007 Hamburg BG Triathlon World Championships

Anne Haug (GER)

Website: anne-haug.de

Past Olympic Games:

11th – London 2012

Date of Birth: 20 January 1983

Place of Birth: Bayreuth, Germany

Residence: Munich, Germany

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2012 Barfoot and Thompson Grand Final, 2013 Auckland Grand Final, 2013 World Triathlon Hamburg

2nd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2013 World Triathlon Madrid

3rd – 2013 World Triathlon Series Bronze Medallist, World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2013 World Triathlon Stockholm, 2011 Monterrey ITU Triathlon World Cup

4th – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid

7th – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2012 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2011 Auckland ITU Triathlon World Cup

Notable:

Had a brilliant season in 2013, placing in the top 5 in all WTS races she entered and finished 3rd overall for the year.

Crashed on her bike at World Triathlon London in 2014 and sustained injuries that sidelined her for 12 weeks, ending her 2014 season.

Haug has also competed in Duathlon and Winter Triathlon world championships

She likes to relax by completing Sudoku, solving puzzles or knitting

Her first sport was tennis, and she also competed in modern pentathlon

She took up triathlon at age 20

Made her Olympic debut in London

Has a degree in sports science from TU Munich

Andrea Hewitt (NZL)

Twitter: [@andreahe Wittnz](https://twitter.com/andreahe Wittnz)

Website: andreahe Witt.com

Date of Birth: 4 April 1982

Place of Birth: Christchurch, New Zealand

Residence: Christchurch, New Zealand

Past Olympic Games:

6th – London 2012

8th – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2012 ITU World Triathlon Series bronze medallist

2005 Under23 ITU World Champion

1st – 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final Beijing, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Yokohama, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Madrid

2nd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm, 2014 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2014 ITU Lond Distance Triathlon World Championships, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Sydney, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Sydney

2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games bronze medallist

2 time ITU World Cup winner

Notable:

Was a competitive swimmer from age 6, and then represented New Zealand in surf lifesaving

She started to focus on triathlon in 2005 and within six months, won the ITU Under23 world title

Her partner, French Olympic triathlete Laurent Vidal, is also her coach

She has an economics degree from the University of Cantenbury

She finished second in the overall rankings in 2011 and third in 2014.

She is no stranger to longer form endurance sports, in 2005 she completed a coast to coast in New Zealand - 243km running, cycling and kayaking from the West Coast to the East Coast of the South Island of NZ. She also finished third at the 2014 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championships despite sustaining a broken elbow from a crash on the bike.

Vicky Holland (GBR)

Twitter: @VixHolland

Website: vickyholland.com

Date of Birth: 12 January 1986

Place of Birth: Gloucester, UK

Residence: Swansea, GBR

Past Olympic Games:

26th – London 2012

1st - 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Champion - 4xMixed Relay

3rd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games individual race

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2014 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships, 2012 Stockholm ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships, 2011 Wellington OTU Triathlon Oceania Championships

2nd – 2013 Alanya ETU Triathlon European Championships

3rd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Champion – Elite Women

Helen Jenkins (GBR)

Twitter: @heljinx

Website: helenjenkins.co.uk

Date of Birth: 8 March 1984

Place of Birth: Elgin, Scotland

Residence: Bridgend, Wales

Past Olympic Games:

5th- London 2012

21st – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2008 & 2011 ITU World Champion

1st – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series San Diego, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series London

2nd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Chicago, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Beijing

3rd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2010 ITU World Triathlon London, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Gold Coast, 2009 ITU World Triathlon London

Notable:

She was born in Scotland to parents, Ed and Jo Tucker, her father was in the Royal Air force and was based in RAF Lossiemouth

She spent the first few years of her life moving, her sister Harriet was born in Germany

She did her first triathlon at age 15, when Welsh Triathlon coach was Chris Goulden did a Talent ID search and picked Helen to compete in an event in Ireland

She made her ITU debut in 2002, at the junior world championships

She suffered an Achilles tendon injury in 2006, but came back to win the 2008 ITU World Championship

Her husband Marc Jenkins represented Great Britain at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games

Won her place in the GB team with a win on the London course in 2011

Sat out the 2013 season due to injury. She returned in 2014 with a bang, but sat out the end of the season for the same injury and missed several races at the start of 2015.

Lindsay Jerdonek (USA)

Twitter: @LindseyJerdonek
Website: <http://rookiepros.blogspot.com/>

Date of Birth: 22 August 1984
Place of Birth: Brecksville, Ohio, USA
Residence: Brecksville, Ohio, USA

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2014 Geneva ETU Triathlon European Cup
2nd – 2009 San Francisco ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup
3rd – 2014 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2014 USA Triathlon National Championships, 2011 Myrtle Beach ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup, 2011 Kelowna ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

Gwen Jorgensen (USA)

Twitter: @gwenjorgensen
Website: gwenjorgensen.com

Date of Birth: 25 April 1986
Place of Birth: Waukesha, Wis, USA
Residence: Milwaukee, Wis, USA

Olympics:

38th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

2014 ITU World Champion
1st – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi, 2015 World Triathlon Auckland, 2015 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast, 2015 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Chicago, 2014 ITU World Triathlon London, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2014 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm, 2012 Banyoles ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2011 Tiszaujvaros ITU World Cup
2nd – 2012 Barfoot and Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final 2012
3rd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2011 ITU World Triathlon London, 2010 Puerto Vallarta PATCO Pan American Championships, 2010 FISU World University Championships in Valencia
4th – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Sydney

Notable:

Became the first woman to win five consecutive WTS races in 2014
Became the first American woman to win a WTS race in San Diego of 2013.
Had a huge breakout season with three WTS wins in 2013. Was in the running to be World Champ, but crashed out in the Grand Final.
Is a former competitive swimmer and runner, competing in both NCAA sports at the University of Wisconsin, who was identified by USA Triathlon's collegiate recruitment programme
She earned all American honours in both track and cross country running at college
Was 2009 Big Ten champion in the 5000m and 3000m
Competed in her first ITU event in 2010
Met USA Triathlon's automatic criteria for London with bronze in Hyde Park in 2011
Outside of triathlon, she has a Masters in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin, and worked as an accountant when starting her triathlon career.
Made her Olympic debut in London
Is married to Patrick Lemieux

Rachel Klamer (NED)

Twitter: @rachelklamer
Website: rachelklamer.com

Date of Birth: 8 October 1990
Place of Birth: Harare, Zimbabwe
Residence: Denekamp, Netherlands

Olympics:

36th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2014 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 Alanya ETU Triathlon European Championships
2nd - 2009 Holten ETU Triathlon European Championships Junior Women
3rd -2013 Alicante ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2010 Huatulco ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2009 ITU World Championship Grand Final Gold Coast Junior Women
4th –2010 ITU Triathlon World Championship Grand Final Budapest U23 Women
5th - 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2012 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup
5 time Premium European Cup winner

Notable:

She was born in Zimbabwe where her parents worked as doctors, they moved back to the Netherlands when she was 3
She took up swimming first and then running, where a triathlete at her athletics club advised her to participate in a talent ID day set up by the Dutch Triathlon Federation
While she struggled in her first race, she started the next week at the European junior championships and was hooked
She won her first ITU race at the elite level, the 2009 Alanya ITU Premium European Cup
Studies Health Sciences at the University of Maastricht

Kate McIlroy (NZL)

Twitter: @katemcilroy

Website: katemcilroy.com

Date of Birth: 26 August 1981

Place of Birth: Wellington, New Zealand

Residence: Wellington, New Zealand

Olympics:

10th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

1st - 2009 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup
2nd, 2013 Wellington OTU Triathlon Oceania Championships
3rd – 2011 ITU World Championship Series Yokohama
4th – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2010 Wellington OTU Triathlon Oceania Championships
6th – 2011 ITU World Championship Grand Final Beijing, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Madrid

Notable:

She was a part of the silver-medal 2013 World Championship Mixed Relay team.
Her career started in athletics, she was New Zealand junior athlete of the year in 1997
In 2005, won the World Mountain Running championships in Wellington and was named New Zealand sportswoman of the year
Represented New Zealand at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in the 3000m steeplechase
Had qualified for the Beijing 2008 Olympics in the 3000m steeplechase, but had to withdraw due to injury
She then switched her focus to triathlon, and her first year on the ITU circuit was 2009
She once had four teeth knocked out while playing field hockey
She has a bachelor of commerce

Emma Moffatt (AUS)

Twitter: @_Moffy

Website: emmamoffatt.com

Date of Birth: 7 September 1984

Place of Birth: Moree, Australia

Residence: Gold Coast, Australia

Past Olympic Games:

DNF- London 2012

Bronze – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2009 & 2010 ITU World Champion

1st – 2011 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Washington, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Gold Coast

2nd – 2013 World Triathlon Yokohama, 2012 Dextro Energy World Triathlon Hambrug, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Budapest, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Tongyeong, 2006 U23 ITU World Championships

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games 4xMixed Relay, 2013 PruHealth London Grand Final, 2013 World Triathlon San Diego, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Seoul, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Sydney

4 time ITU World Cup winner

Notable:

Beginning triathlon at the age of 13, Moffatt followed in both her parents' footsteps, who have always competed in triathlon, as she rose through the junior ranks

Was awarded AIS athlete of the year in 2009

Moffatt was pre-nominated for the London Olympic Team at the end of 2011

She has some race superstitions, including always competing in pearls and puts on her left sock before her right

Was diagnosed with polycystic ovarian syndrome in 2014 which affected her racing.

Ainhoa Murua (ESP)

Twitter: @ainhoamuruitx

Website: ainhoamura.com

Date of Birth: 18 July 1978

Place of Birth: Zarautz, Spain

Residence: Zarautz, Spain

Past Olympic Games:

7th – London 2012

28th – Beijing 2008

24th – Athens 2004

ITU Highlights:

1st, - 2013 ITU Guatape World Cup

2nd – 2012 Eilat ETU European Triathlon Championships

3rd – 2010 Tongyeong ITU Triathlon World Cup

4th – 2011 Pontevedra ETU European Triathlon Championships, 2010 Athlone ETU European Triathlon Championships, 2005 Lausanne ETU European Triathlon Championships, 2009 Ishigaki ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2006 Cancun ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2004 Salford ITU Triathlon World Cup

2 time European Cup winner

5th – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town

Notable:

Became one of only a few athletes to compete at three consecutive Olympic Games in London

Made her ITU debut in 2001 and has competed in 100 more than ITU races.

Lisa Norden (SWE)

Twitter: @lisanorden

Website: lisanorden.com

Date of Birth: 24 November 1984

Place of Birth: Kristianstad, Sweden

Residence: Hoor, Sweden

Past Olympic Games:

2nd – London 2012

18th – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2012 ITU World Champion

1st – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

2010 ITU Sprint World Champion

2007 ITU Under23 World Champion

1st – 2010 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2008 ITU Lorient World Cup

2nd – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel

2009 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Gold Coast, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Series London, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Series Hamburg, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Series Madrid

3rd - 2010 Athlone ETU Triathlon European Championships, 2008 Lisbon ETU Triathlon European Championships

Overall ITU World Championship silver medallist in 2009, bronze medallist in 2010

Notable:

Norden grew up competing in equestrian and took up triathlon in 2002, as a way to keep active while her horse was injured

The first Swedish triathlete to win an ITU World Championship

She speaks Swedish, English and German

Alumni of the Team ITU development programme

Has had issues with injury in the past 18 months, including two torn calf muscles, but hit full form again with a silver medal in Kitzbuehel in 2012 right before the Olympics

After winning silver, Norden opted compete in longer distances instead of ITU events in 2013. She returned at the end of the year, but a foot injury kept her from racing much of 2014 and 2015.

Aileen Reid (IRL)

Twitter: @aileenmorr

Website: <http://www.aileenmorrison.com>

Date of Birth: 15 June 1982

Place of Birth: Derry, Ireland

Residence: Ireland

Past Olympic Games:

43rd – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

2nd – 2013 PruHealth World Triathlon London Grand Final, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid

3rd – 2010 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

4th – 2011 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

5th – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton

Nicola Spirig (SUI)

Twitter: @NicolaSpirig

Website: nicolaspirig.ch

Date of Birth: 7 February 1982

Place of Birth: Zurich, Switzerland

Residence: Winkel, Switzerland

Past Olympic Games:

1st – London 2012

6th – Beijing 2008

19th – Athens 2004

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2014 Cartagena ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2014 Cozumel ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2009 ITU World Triathlon London

2nd – 2010 ITU World Triathlon London, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Budapest

2001 ITU Junior World Champion

3 time ETU European Champion (2009, 2010 and 2012)
2 time ITU World Cup winner

Notable:

Known as the strongest cyclist on the ITU circuit

Appeared in her third Olympic Games in 2012.

Won the first and last race of the London 2012 Olympic Games qualification period, both ITU World Triathlon series events in Madrid

Her husband is three-time Olympic triathlete Reto Hug. The two had a baby in the spring of 2013.

Is also the 2012 Swiss 5000m track running champion and competed in the marathon at the IAAF European Championships in 2014. She has also won an IRONMAN race.

She has a degree in law

Non Stanford (GBR)

Twitter: @nonstanford

Date of Birth: 8 January 1989

Hometown: Swansea, Wales

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Series Overall Champion, 2013 ITU World Triathlon London Grand Final, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2012 Under23 ITU World Champion

2nd – 2013 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

Noteable:

Non is the only female to be crowned the Under23 World Champion and elite World Champion consecutively.

She is known as one of the fastest runners on the ITU circuit, but injury kept her out of the entire 2014 season. She returned mid-2015 at World Triathlon Yokohama.

Jodie Stimpson (GBR)

Twitter: @jodiestimpson

Website: www.jodiestimpson.co.uk/

Date of Birth: 7 February 1989

Hometown: Oldbury, West Midlands

2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Champion, Elite Women

2014 Glasgow Commonwealth 4xMixed Relay Champion

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2013 Alicante ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd – 2013 World Triathlon Series silver medallist, 2013 ITU Mooloolaba World Cup

3rd – 2014 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

4th – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final London

5th – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

2014 Runner Up World Champ

Sarah True (nee Groff) (USA)

Twitter @sgroffy

Website: sarahgroff.com

Date of Birth: 27 November 1981

Place of Birth: Cooperstown, NY, USA

Residence: Hanover, NH, USA

Olympics:

4th – London 2012

ITU Highlights

1st – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm
2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast, 2014 ITU World Triathlon London
3rd – overall 2011 ITU World Championships, 2013 Mixed Relay World Championships
3rd – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2011 Kitzbühel World Championship Series
4th – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton
5 top-10 finishes in 2011 ITU World Championship Series
2007 ITU Aquathlon World Champion
2014 runner up World Champ

Notable:

Maiden name, Groff

First American woman to make ITU World Triathlon Series podium

Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College in Conservation Biology and Studio Art

Hobbies include reading, hiking, cooking, printmaking, woodcarving, and bird watching. Sister Lauren is a novelist and short story writer

Plans to pursue a career in environmental law after triathlon

At Division III Middlebury College, swam for four years as a freestyler and earned All-NESCAC and All-America honours.

Is married to runner Ben True

Katie Zaferes (nee Hursey) (USA)

Twitter @KZaferes6

Website: <http://www.katiehursey.com/>

Date of Birth: 9 June 1989

Place of Birth: Hampstead, MD, USA

Residence: Hampstead, MD, USA

ITU Highlights

1st – 2014 Kelowna PATCO Sprint Triathlon Premium Pan American Cup, 2014 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 Palamos ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2015 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi, 2014 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast

Notable:

Maiden name, Hursey

Is married to triathlete Tommy Zaferes

Men's Profiles

Fernando Alarza (ESP)

Twitter: @fernando_alarza

Website: fernandoalarza.com

Date of Birth: 23 March 1991

Place of Birth:

Residence:

ITU Highlights:

2010 Dextro Energy Triathlon - ITU Triathlon World Championship Grand Final Budapest Junior Men Champion

1st – 2013 Banyoles ITU Triathlon Premium European Cup, 2013 Quarteira ITU European Cup

2nd - 2013 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final London – U23, 2012 Barfoot & Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final Auckland – U23, 2012 Vina del Mar ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup and Iberoamerican Championships

3rd - 2014 Mendoza PATCO Triathlon Pan American Cup, 2012 Larache ITU Sprint Triathlon African Cup, 2012 Quarteira ITU Triathlon European Cup

Ryan Bailie (AUS)

Twitter: @officialbailie

Website: ryanbailie.com

Date of Birth: 1990

Place of Birth: Johannesburg, South Africa

Residence: Wollongong, NSW, Australia

ITU Highlights:

2nd – 2013 Devonport OUT Sprint Triathlon Oceania Championships, 2011 Karlovy Vary ITU Triathlon European Cup

3rd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games-4xMixed Relays, 2011 Santiago ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup, 2011 Vina del Mar ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

Notable:

Trains with the Wollongong Wizards

Alistair Brownlee (GBR)

Twitter: @AliBrownleetri

Website: alistairbrownlee.com

Date of Birth: 23 April 1988

Place of Birth: Yorkshire, Great Britain

Residence: Leeds, Great Britain

Past Olympic Games:

1st – London 2012

12th - Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2009 & 2011 ITU World Champion

2014 Glasgow Commonwealth 4xMixed Relay Champion

2014 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Champion, 4xMixed Relay

2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Champion, Elite Men

1st – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town,

1st - 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

1st – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, Stockholm, San Diego

1st - 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Kitzbuehel

1st - 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Madrid, Kitzbuehel, London, Beijing Grand Final

1st - 2010 ITU World Triathlon Series Madrid and Budapest Grand Final

1st - 2009 ITU World Triathlon Series Madrid, Washington D.C., Kitzbuehel, London, Gold Coast Grand Final

2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

2nd - 2014 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm
2nd – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg
3rd - 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Lausanne
2010 & 2011 ETU European champion
2008 ITU U23 World Champion
2006 ITU Junior World Champion

Notable:

Was the first athlete in ITU history to win world titles as a Junior (2006), Under23 (2008) and Elite (2009)

The most successful man in ITU World Triathlon Series history

Suffered an Achilles injury early in 2012 that resurfaced in 2013 and 2014.

Won his first race back in Kitzbuehel by 49 seconds from brother Jonathan

His win at Kitzbuehel 2012 was his seventh win from last 9 ITU races

Is one of the strongest all round triathletes in the sports history

Studying for an MSc in Finance at Leeds University

One of only a few men on the circuit who consistently runs under 30minutes

Before starting triathlon full time, was a successful fell and cross country runner

Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)

Twitter: @jonny_brownlee

Olympics:

3rd – London 2012

Date of Birth: 30 April 1990

Place of Birth: Yorkshire, Great Britain

Residence: Leeds, Great Britain

ITU Highlights:

2014 Glasgow Commonwealth 4xMixed Relay Champion

2014 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Champion, 4xMixed Relay

2013 ITU World Triathlon Series silver medallist

2012 ITU World Champion

2012 ITU Mixed Team Relay World Champion

2010 & 2011 ITU Sprint Triathlon World Champion

2010 ITU U23 World Champion

2011 ITU World Triathlon series silver medallist

1st – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2015 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, Yokohama, Hamburg

2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Stockholm, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series San Diego Madrid, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Lausanne,

2nd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Elite Men, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2013 PruHealth World Triathlon Grand Final London, 2012 Barfoot and Thompson Grand Final, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Kitzbuehel, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Sydney, Madrid, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Series London,

3rd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series London, Beijing Grand Final

Notable:

Studied history at the University of Leeds

Like Alistair, his Olympic gold medallist brother, is an all-round triathlete and strong in each of the three disciplines

Before starting triathlon full time, was a successful fell and cross country runner

One of only a few men on the circuit who consistently runs under 30minutes

Earned bronze in his Olympic debut

Alexander Bryukhankov (RUS)

Date of Birth: 12 April 1987

Place of Birth: Rybinsk Yaroslavskaia, Russia

Past Olympic Games:

7th – London 2012

24th – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights

2nd – 2015 New Plymouth ITU World Cup, 2012 European Championships, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2011 London World Championship Series, 2011 Yokohama World Championship Series, 2011 Kitzbühel World Championship Series, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2009 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2007 Edmonton ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2006 ITU Junior Men's World Championships

4th – 2014 Cartagena ITU Triathlon World Cup

Notable:

Competed in his first triathlon in 2002, after trying a number of different sports including swimming, running and shooting competitions

His six medals (five silver and one bronze) in the ITU World Triathlon Series are the most by an athlete who is yet to win a WTS race

Overall he has had 14 silver medals and 6 bronze in his ITU career, with one win, an ETU European Cup in Penza in 2011

Younger brother Andrey is also elite triathlete

Speaks Russian

Alessandro Fabian (ITA)

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Twitter @KenixFabian

Website: alessandrofabian.com

Date of Birth: 7 January 1988

Place of Birth: Padua, Italy

Residence: Terassa Padovana, Italy

Olympics:

10th – London 2012

ITU Highlights

1st – 2013 ITA Triathlon National Championships, 3times ITU Pan American Cup winner in La Paz, 2010, 2011 and Vina de Mar 2010

2nd – 2014 Alanya ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd - 2013 Alanya ETU Triathlon European Championships

5th - 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2012 Eilat ETU European Championships, 2011 Pontevedra ETU European Championships, 2010 Budapest U23 ITU World Championship

2009 U23 World Duathlon Champion and ETU Triathlon Duathlon Champion

Notable:

He started swimming at age 4, and then competed in duathlons before competing in his first triathlon in 2005. Made his ETU debut as a junior in 2006 and made his Elite Men's ITU debut in 2008 in Brno. Is one of the faster runners on the men's circuit.

David Hauss (FRA)

Twitter: @davhauss

Website: davidhauss.com

Date of Birth: 1 February 1984

Place of Birth: Paris, France

Residence: St Raphael, France and Reunion

Olympics:

4th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2015 Mooloolaba ITU World Cup

2nd - 2002 and 2003 ITU Junior World Championships

3rd - 2011 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2010 Elite Sprint World Championships, 2010 Athlone ETU Triathlon European Championships

1 ITU World Cup win (Ishigaki, 2012)
4th – 2014 Tongyeong ITU Triathlon World Cup
4th – 2014 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup

Notable:

Hauss grew up on Reunion, a small island in the Indian Ocean that is 200km south of Mauritius, where he competed in outdoor sports like swimming, surfing, climbing and skateboarding
He completed his first triathlon when he was 12
At 15 he moved to a sports school in the south of France
He speaks French, English and Creole
He is engaged to married to triathlete Melanie Annaheim, with whom he had a child in 2014.

Javier Gomez (ESP)

Twitter: @Jgomeznoya
Website: javiergomeznoya.com

Date of Birth: 25 March 1983
Place of Birth: Basel, Switzerland
Residence: Pontevedra, Spain

Past Olympic Games:

2nd – London 2012
4th - Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

2008, 2010, 2013 & 2014 ITU World Champion
2012 ITU World Champion runner-up
1st – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Chicago, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final London, 2013 World Triathlon Auckland, 2013 Barcelona ETU Challenge Middle Distance Triathlon Championships
2012 Barfoot & Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Series Kitzbuehel, Budapest Grand Final, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Series Hamburg, 2010 ITU World Triathlon London
2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2015 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2014 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm
2012 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Stockhom, 2012 Dextro Energy World Triathlon Hamburg
3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton
2011 Elite Sprint Triathlon World Championships
2007, 2009, 2012 ETU European Champion
12 ITU World Cup wins (tied for 2nd all-time)
2003 ITU U23 World Champion

Notable:

Is the only four-time ITU World Champion
He's one of the all-time triathlon greats, as one of only two men to with a World Championship four times
A cardiac anomaly threatened his career early on before he was cleared by doctors in 2003 to keep competing
Was the reigning ITU World Champion before the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, and finished fourth
Speaks Spanish, English and Galician

Crisanto Grajales (MEX)

Twitter: @CrisantoGrajale
Website:

Date of Birth: 6 May 1987
Place of Birth: Veracruz, Mexico
Residence:

Past Olympic Games:
28th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

U23 2008 Monterrey ITU Aquathlon World Champion

1st – 2014 Veracruz Central American and Caribbean Games (Elite Men and 4X Mixed Relay), 2014 Dallas PATCO Triathlon Pan American Championships, 2012 Guatape ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2012 Ixtapa ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

2nd – 2012 Cancun ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2011 Guatape ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2010 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2009 Ferrol ITU Triathlon European and American Cup and Iberoamerican Championships, 2008 Ixtapa ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup and Central American and Caribbean Championships, 2007 Bogota ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup and Iberoamerican Triathlon Championship

3rd – 2010 Ixtapa ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup, 2007 Veracruz ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup, 2006 Veracruz ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

Kyle Jones (CAN)

Twitter: @JonesKyle

Website: <http://kylejones.ca>

Date of Birth: 15 November 1984

Place of Birth: Hamilton, ON, Canada

Residence: Victoria, BC, Canada

Olympics:

25th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2014 Magog PATCO Sprint Triathlon Premium Pan American Cup

1st – 2014 Toronto PATCO Triathlon Pan American Cup

1st – 2011 Weihai ITU Triathlon Premium Asian Cup

1st – 2011 Amakusa ITU Triathlon Asian Cup

1st – 2011 Ixtapa ITU Triathlon Pan American Cup

1st – 2013 CAN Triathlon National Championships

2nd – 2013 Edmonton ITU World Cup

3rd – 2006 Cancun ITU Elite Team Triathlon World Championships

3rd – 2012 La Paz PATCO Triathlon Pan American Championships

Notable:

Was Simon Whitfield's long-term training partner, since 2004, before going to work with Joel Filliol in 2014

His father Doug Jones was a coach with Canada's canoe team for the 1984 and 1988 Olympics

Eric Smith, a Canadian Olympic canoeist, is his godfather

He was the alternate for the Canadian Olympic team in 2008

He is married to Kelly, a doctor

Pierre Le Corre (FRA)

Twitter: @PRLECORRE

Website:

Date of Birth: 3 February 1990

Place of Birth: Vannes, France

Residence: Montpellier, France

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2014 Cartagena ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2014 FRA Sprint Triathlon National Championships, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final London – U23, 2012 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd – 2013 FRA Triathlon National Championships, 2012 Lausanne CISM World Military Triathlon Championship, 2012 Quarteira ITU Triathlon European Cup, 2011 Brasschaat ITU Triathlon Premium European Cup

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Auckland

Vincent Luis (FRA)

Twitter: @vincentluis

Website:

Date of Birth: 27 June 1989

Place of Birth: Vesoul, France

Residence:

Past Olympic Games:

11th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2013 FRA Triathlon National Championships, 2011 Quarteira ITU European Cup, 2010 Geneva ITU Triathlon European Cup, 2008 Athlone ITU Triathlon European Cup, 2008 Vancouver BG Triathlon World Championships–Junior Men, 2008 Lisbon ETU Triathlon European Championships–Junior Men

2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi, 2014 Hamburg ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg, 2012 Stockholm ITU Triathlon Mixed Relay World Championships–4xMixed Relays

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town, 2014 FRA Sprint Triathlon National Championships, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm, 2011 Agadir ITU Triathlon African Cup, 2011 Brasschaat ITU Triathlon Premium European Cup, 2010 Tongyeong ITU Triathlon World Cup

Mario Mola (ESP)

Twitter: @mariomola

Website: <http://mariomola.com>

Date of Birth: 23 February 1990

Place of Birth: Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain

Residence: Madrid, Spain

Olympics:

19th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

2014 Runner up world champ

2013 Runner up world champ

2009 ITU Junior Mens World Champion

1st – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi

1st – 2014 ITU World Triathlon London

1st – 2014 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup

1st – 2014 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Gold Coast

2nd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Edmonton

2nd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

2nd – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2013 ITU World Triathlon Auckland

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

3rd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Chicago

3rd – 2013 Alanya ETU Triathlon European Championships, 2013 World Triathlon Series overall bronze medallist, 2013 World Triathlon Grand Final London

4th – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Stockholm

4th – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town

4th – 2013 World Triathlon Madrid, 2012 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2012 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup

2011 Pontevedra ETU Triathlon European Championships

5th – 2012 ITU World Triathlon London

Notable:

Often mentioned by Javier Gomez as one of the most exciting young athletes on tour

He is studying administration and management

He was the first Spanish triathlete to win an ITU Junior World Championship

He has competed at the World Cross Country Championships

Richard Murray (RSA)

Twitter: @RD_murray

Website: richardmurray.wordpress.com

Date of Birth: 4 January 1989

Place of Birth: Cape Town, South Africa

Residence: Cape Town, South Africa

Olympics:

17th – London 2012

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2012 World Triathlon Hamburg

2nd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, 4xMixed Relay

2nd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon London

2nd – 2014 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup

2nd – 2013 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series Sydney, 2011 ITU Huatulco World Cup

3rd – 2015 ITU World Triathlon Abu Dhabi

3rd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games, Elite Men

3rd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

3rd – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Series San Diego

4th – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Hamburg

2 time ATU Triathlon African Champion. 2011, 2012

2 time U23 African Champion, 2009, 2010

2 time Junior Men ITU Duathlon World Champion, 2007, 2008

1st – 2012 Cape Town ITU Sprint Triathlon African Cup

1st – 2011 Brasschaat ITU Triathlon Premium European Cup

Notable:

The first African athlete to medal in the WTS series, with silver in Sydney 2012

The first African athlete to lead the WTS rankings, he was momentarily in the lead in 2012 courtesy of bronze in San Diego in 2012

Made his Olympic debut in 2012.

Has a Diploma in sports fitness and conditioning from ETA Stellenbosch

One of only a few athletes on the ITU circuit who are self-coached

Dmitry Polyanskiy (RUS)

Date of Birth: 19 November 1986

Place of Birth: Krasnoyarsk Krai, Russia

Residence: Moscow, Russia

Past Olympic Games:

21st – London 2012

22th – Beijing 2008

ITU Highlights:

1st – 2013 RUS Triathlon National Championships

2nd, - 2013 ITU Palamos World Cup

3rd – 2014 ITU World Triathlon Cape Town

3rd – 2012 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2012 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2009 ITU World Triathlon Tongyeong, 2011 Pontevedra ETU Triathlon European Championships

4th 2014 ITU World Triathlon Chicago

4th – 2014 Tiszaujvaros ITU Triathlon World Cup

4th – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final London, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Beijing, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Sydney

2 time ITU World Cup winner 2009 Tiszaujvaros, 2011 & 2012 Tongyeong

Has finished in the top-10 in WTS races 15 times since the series started in 2009

Notable:

Has a daughter with Russian triathlete Anastasiya Yatsenko.

His younger brother Igor Polyanskiy is also an elite triathlete
Speaks Russian, English

Sven Riederer (SUI)

Twitter: @svenriederer
Website: svenriederer.ch

Date of Birth: 27 March 1981
Place of Birth: St Gallen, Switzerland
Residence: Wallisellen, Switzerland

Past Olympic Games:
8th – London 2012
23rd - Beijing 2008
Bronze - Athens 2004

ITU Highlights

1st – 2014 Alanya ITU Triathlon World Cup
1st – 2013 Alicante ITU Triathlon World Cup
2nd – 2014 Cartagena ITU Triathlon World Cup
2nd - 2012 ITU World Triathlon San Diego, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Grand Final Beijing, 2002 U23 World Championships
3rd – 2014 Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup
3rd – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2012 Barfoot & Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Sydney, 2011 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Madrid

Notable:

Before becoming a professional triathlete, Riederer was a metalworker
He entered the ITU scene in 2003, and won bronze the following year at the Athens Olympics
He speaks German and English and is married to Andrea, and has two children
His hobbies include brewing coffee like a barista, music, the stock exchange and discovering the world with his two children
With five WTS medals (two silver and three bronze) is one of the most successful athletes yet to win a series title

Aaron Royle (AUS)

Twitter: @ARoyle90
Website: aaronroyle.com

Date of Birth: 26 January 1990
Place of Birth: Newcastle, Australia
Residence: Vitoria, Australia

ITU Highlights:

U23 2012 Barefoot & Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final Auckland Champion
1st – 2014 Devonport OUT Triathlon Oceania Championships, 2014 AUS Triathlon National Championships, 2012 Kinloch ITU Sprint Triathlon Oceania Cup
2nd – 2013 Wellington OTU Triathlon Oceania Championships, 2011 Wellington OTU Triathlon Oceania Championships
3rd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games-4xMixed Relays, 2014 ITU World Triathlon Auckland, 2012 Devonport OTU Triathlon Oceania Championships

Notable:

Trains with the Wollongong Wizards

Henri Schoeman (RSA)

Twitter: @H_Schoeman
Website: www.henrischoeman.com/

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

Residence: Durban, South Africa

ITU Highlights:

- 1st – 2013 Agadir ATU Triathlon African Championships
- 2nd – 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games 4xMixed Relays
- 4th – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Kitzbuehel
- 6th – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama

Joao Silva (POR)

Date of Birth: 15 May 1989
Place of Birth: Benedita, Portugal
Residence: Benedita, Portugal

ITU Highlights:

- 1st – 2012 & 2011 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, 2010 Monterrey ITU Triathlon World Cup
- 3 time Under23 European Champion (2011, 2010 and 2008)
- 3rd – 2014 New Plymouth ITU Triathlon World Cup
- 3rd – 2013 World Triathlon Yokohama, 2013 World Triathlon San Diego, 2013 World Triathlon Auckland, 2006 Lausanne ITU Triathlon World Championships Junior Men, 2010 ITU World Triathlon Grand Final Beijing, 2010 Athlone ETU Triathlon European Championships
- 5th - 2011 ITU World Triathlon Series Hamburg
- 2 time ETU European Championships Junior Men's medallist, bronze in 2007, silver in 2008

Notable:

His triathlon career started in 2005 when a teacher recommended he attend a talent identification clinic ran by the Portuguese Triathlon Federation
While he swam and cycled, his first focus at that time was football
Is currently studying medicine, and also likes to surf
In 2011 was awarded 'Olympic Medal' from the Portuguese Olympic Committee for the best athlete in an Olympic sport, and also the 'Best Male Athlete of the Year' by the Portuguese Sports Confederation

Ivan Vasiliev (RUS)

Website: ivanvasiliev.net
Date of Birth: 7 September 1984
Place of Birth: Costroma, Russia
Residence: Yaroslavl, Russia

Olympics:

13th - London 2012

ITU Highlights:

- 1st – 2013 Alanya ETU Triathlon European Championships
- 1st – 2011 Sanshui ITU Triathlon Premium Asian Cup
- 2nd – 2003, 2008, 2009 ITU Triathlon World Cup
- 3rd – 2013 ITU World Triathlon Madrid, 2012 ETU Triathlon European Championships
- 3rd – 2008 Ishigaki ITU Triathlon World Cup, 2007 Hamburg U23 ITU World Championships
- 4th – ITU World Triathlon Yokohama, ITU World Triathlon Madrid
- 6th – ITU World Triathlon Sydney

Notable:

Graduated from Moscow State University of Technology and Management 2003-2007, with an economics degree. Affiliate of Yaroslavl Teacher State University. Studying postgraduate level at Moscow State University. Made his Olympic debut in 2012. One of the sports strongest swimmers

2014 REVIEW

AUCKLAND

The 2014 World Triathlon Series started out the season with two explosive performances in both the men's and women's races. In the women's race Great Britain's Jodie Stimpson smashed her way to the Auckland title on the back of a bike breakaway followed by an even more impressive run. History repeated itself in the men's race. Spain's Javier Gomez started in Auckland as the heavy race favourite and the reigning Auckland winner. He didn't disappoint, his win gave him a three-peat in the New Zealand opener.

CAPE TOWN

Triathlon came to Cape Town to land the sport on the continent of Africa for the first time in WTS history. As the second stop on the tour, the results ended up looking a lot like the first as both Jodie Stimpson of Great Britain and Javier Gomez of Spain claimed their second consecutive titles after Auckland. In the women's race, Stimpson capitalized on the last 5km of her run to take home the back-to-back win. While on the men's side, Javier Gomez once again outran Great Britain's Jonathan Brownlee in a comfortable fashion to earn his second gold of the season.

YOKOHAMA

The race in Yokohama marked the beginning of the Olympic qualification period ahead of the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. USA's Gwen Jorgensen pulled off her first win of the season after a dominating win ahead of two breakthrough medallists. The race all came down to the 10km run after a heavily congested bike leg, Jorgensen, who slays on the last leg, was easily crowned the victor after she was able to leave the second transition among the leaders. Spain's Javier Gomez became the man with the target on his back after a sprint finish granted him a three-peat top of the podium position.

LONDON

After London served as the 2013 Grand Final, the Great Britain course served WTS once again as the fourth stop and halfway point of the 2014 circuit. After a swim that placed her in the top five, USA's Gwen Jorgensen sat comfortably in the lead group of 11 through the 20km bike leg, before unleashing her trademark run on the 5km course to win in a time of 54 minutes and 44 seconds and give her a back-to-back win after Yokohama. That victory took her career WTS total to five, equal for the most Series wins in history with Emma Moffatt and Paula Findlay. On the men's side, while it was Spain once again on the top of the podium, it was Mario Mola this time who held the crown. Strategically waiting to make his move until the final moments, Mola bypassed the competition in a sprint finish to claim his first career WTS win.

CHICAGO

Chicago joined the WTS as the third U.S. city to host the series. Javier Gomez of Spain returned to the top of the podium after coming in only sixth the race before in London. Gomez oozed class from start to finish to claim the win from a supreme performance. The victory meant that he tallied four out of the five WTS titles of the 2014 season. For the women, familiar face Gwen Jorgensen ran herself into the history books as the first woman to claim six World Triathlon Series titles after clinching victory in her home country's race.

HAMBURG

In the season's biggest race of the year, [Gwen Jorgensen](#)'s almost flawless 2014 season added yet another chapter in Germany, when the American became the first athlete to win four consecutive World Triathlon Series races in the same season. Despite being caught up at the tail of a large lead group leaving T2, Jorgensen worked her way to the front with ruthless efficiency to close out her run and etch her name into the history books. Feeling back to his old self, Great Britain's Alistair Brownlee revived his title as the most successful man in WTS history. Both Brownlee brothers had failed to record podium places in their past two races, but they righted that record in Hamburg as Alistair sprinted away to the win with 500m to go, and Jonathan Brownlee collected bronze, with [Vincent Luis](#) (FRA) in silver. [Javier Gomez Noya](#) (ESP) finished fourth but retained his top ranking.

STOCKHOLM

The USA's [Sarah Groff](#) pulled off her first ever World Triathlon Series win just seven days ahead of the Edmonton Grand Final at the World Triathlon Stockholm. Stockholm brought forth a chilly and rainy course for the day, but Groff asserted herself as a medal contender straight away; her victory jumped her from fifth to second in the rankings behind compatriot Gwen Jorgensen. In the men's race, younger brother Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) reasserted himself as one to watch in the fight for

the World Championship title as No. 1 ranked Javier Gomez (ESP) pulled out of the race on the run. Jonathan and his brother [Alistair Brownlee](#) (GBR) broke away early on the bike and managed to make the break stick over the five-lap course to give the Brits a 1-2 finish.

EDMONTON

The Grand Final spared no expense when it came to race excitement. American [Gwen Jorgensen](#) claimed a slice of history in winning the 2014 ITU World Championship Grand Final in a trademark come from behind performance. Jorgensen moved into triathlon royalty securing an unprecedented five WTS wins in one season, joining just Alistair Brownlee as the only other athlete to have won five titles in one season. Jorgensen's win also secured her the overall ITU World Championship crown, winning in a time of two hours and 5 seconds. The final men's race of the season saw Great Britain's [Alistair Brownlee](#) return to the top of the podium with an emphatic win. Brownlee was in a league of his own to secure his second WTS win of the season. [Mario Mola](#) (ESP) out sprinted his compatriot [Javier Gomez](#) (ESP) to grab silver. But a third place for Gomez was good enough to earn him a fourth World Championship title matching only the great [Simon Lessing](#). Gomez, still suffering the effects of a stomach virus, played out a smart race to ensure that he earned the fourth world championship title.

2014 RANKINGS

http://wts.triathlon.org/results/rankings_14

PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS

YEAR HOST

MEN

WOMEN

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 SWE | 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) |

PAST WORLD CHAMPIONS

UNDER23

YEAR /HOST

MEN

WOMEN

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2014 Edmonton CAN | Dorian Coninx (FRA) | Sophia Saller (GER) |
| 2013 London ENG | Pierre LeCorre (FRA) | Charlotte McShane (AUS) |
| 2012 Auckland NZL | Aaron Royle (AUS) | Non Stanford (GBR) |
| 2011 Beijing CHN | Matthew Sharp (GBR) | Agnieszka Jerzyk (POL) |
| 2010 Budapest HUN | Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) | Emma Jackson (AUS) |
| 2009 Gold Coast AUS | Franz Loeschke (GER) | Hollie Avil (GBR) |
| 2008 Vancouver CAN | Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | Daniela Ryf (SUI) |
| 2007 Hamburg GER | Gregor Buchholz (GER) | Lisa Norden (SWE) |
| 2006 Lausanne SUI | Will Clarke (GBR) | Erin Densham (AUS) |
| 2005 Gamagori JPN | Jarrod Shoemaker (USA) | Andrea Hewitt (NZL) |
| 2004 Madeira POR | Sebastian Dehmer (GER) | Annabel Luxford (AUS) |
| 2003 Queenstown NZL | Javier Gomez (ESP) | Nikki Egyed (AUS) |
| 2002 Cancun MEX | Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS) | Pilar Hidalgo (ESP) |

JUNIOR

YEAR HOST MEN

WOMEN

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

Most World Championship Series Wins**

Men

- 17- Alistair Brownlee (GBR)
- 8 - Jonathan Brownlee (GBR)
- 10 - Javier Gomez (ESP)
- 2 - Bevan Docherty (NZL)
- 2 - Joao Silva (POR)
- 2 - Jan Frodeno (GER)
- 1- Jarrod Shoemaker (USA)
- 1 - Stuart Hayes (GBR)
- 1 - Brad Kahlefeldt (AUS)
- 1 - Steffen Justus (GER)
- 1 - Richard Murray (RSA)

Women

- 9 - Gwen Jorgensen (USA)
- 5 - Emma Moffatt (AUS)
- 5 - Paula Findlay (CAN)
- 4 - Nicola Spirig (SUI)

- 4 - Lisa Norden (SWE)
- 3 - Andrea Hewitt (NZL)
- 3 - Anne Haug (GER)
- 2 - Emma Snowsill (AUS)
- 2 - Barbara Riveros Diaz (CHI)
- 2 - Erin Densham (AUS)
- 2- Helen Jenkins
- 1- Daniela Ryf (SUI)
- 1- Anne Haug (GER)
- 1-Sarah True (USA)

**As of March 19, 2015

Most World Championship Series wins in a single season

| Men | Year | Women | Year |
|---------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| 5 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2009 | 5 Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 2014 |
| 4 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2011 | 4 Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2009 |
| 4 Javier Gomez (ESP) | 2014 | 3 Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 2013 |
| 3 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2013 | 3 Paula Findlay (CAN) | 2011 |
| 3 Javier Gomez (ESP) | 2013 | 2 Paula Findlay (CAN) | 2010 |
| 2 Javier Gomez (ESP) | 2010 | 2 Lisa Norden (SWE) | 2012 |
| 2 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2010 | 2 Nicola Spirig (SUI) | 2012 |
| 2 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2014 | 2 Erin Densham (AUS) | 2012 |

Most World Championship Series medals in a single season

| Men | Year | Women | Year |
|---------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| 6 Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) | 2013 | 6 Gwen Jorgensen (USA) | 2014 |
| 5 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2011 | 5 Non Stanford (GBR) | 2013 |
| 5 Alistair Brownlee (GBR) | 2011 | 5 Anne Haug (GER) | 2013 |

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|---------------------------|------|------------------------|------|
| 5 Javier Gomez (ESP) | 2014 | 4 Andrea Hewitt (NZL) | 2011 |
| 5 Javier Gomez (ESP) | 2012 | 4 Helen Jenkins (GBR) | 2011 |
| 5 Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) | 2014 | 4 Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2010 |
| 4 Javier Gomez (ESP) | 2010 | 4 Emma Moffatt (AUS) | 2009 |
| 4 Jan Frodeno (ESP) | 2010 | 3 Lisa Norden (SWE) | 2012 |
| 4 Jonathan Brownlee (GBR) | 2009 | 3 Erin Densham (AUS) | 2012 |
| | | 3 Barbara Riveros Diaz | 2012 |

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 where all athlete bios, current rankings and event times may be found, and can watch races live with a subscription through 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 for more information.

How do athletes qualify for the Olympics?

In the years leading up to the Olympic Games the ITU sets stringent qualification criteria for National Federations and National Olympic Committees. The NOCs determine their athlete qualification parameters, often involving strong performances at specific races, such as a test event or a world series. Beginning at last year's Dextro Energy Triathlon ITU World Championship Series Madrid, athletes can score points toward an Olympic spot for their NOC at the London 2012 Games.

GLOSSARY

Olympic-Distance Triathlon

1.5km swim, 40km bike, 10km run

Sprint-Distance Triathlon

750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run

Elite Triathlete

A professional triathlete who competes at an international level.

Age-Group Triathlete

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.).

Brick Workout

A combination workout during which an athlete completes a swim and bike or bike and run back-to-back.

DNF

“Did not finish”

DNS

“Did not start”

T1

Transition 1: The change from swim to bike.

T2

Transition 2: The change from bike to run.

Drafting

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.

Split Time

An athlete's time for one segment of the race (swim, bike or run).

Lap Time

An athlete's time for a single swim, bike or run lap.

Penalty Box

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.