Team USA Newsletter

Harvest Edition

Hello Team USA athletes!

I hope you are having a fabulous start to your holiday season. While writing your holiday wish list, don't forget to direct family and friends to the USAT store www.usatstore.com for any of your training needs for next year.

Planning for the 2009 World Championships is in full swing by the Team USA Department. We are working diligently to ensure that all aspects of next years racing season will go off without a hitch.

As you read through this month's newsletter please let me know if you have any suggestions or comments in regards to Team USA matters.

Happy Holidays!

Amanda Duke
Team USA Department

Short Course (Olympic) Triathlon Worlds- Gold Coast, Australia

As the majority of the Short Course (Olympic) Worlds team is finalized, people are beginning to look at their travel options. USAT highly encourages our Team USA athletes to book their travel through Polk Majestic.

Polk Majestic is a travel partner with USAT. They work hand in hand with USAT to secure the team hotel and create packages to make the travel as seamless as possible for the athletes. Polk will secure the hotel, arrange transportation, arrange team functions, and be on-site to help manage those events and help the athletes and families. Polk's role before the event is to help with registration at the team hotel and/or team events and answer questions about travel. During the event Polk's role is to oversee the team hotel, team events, transportation, and the hospitality desk.

Polk Majestic has improved how they serve our athletes, by allowing you to register for travel online. USAT and Polk hope this makes the travel arrangement process easier and hassle-free. Please be aware that you do NOT have to book travel through Polk, but USAT highly encourages you to utilize their service.

Please follow the link below to get travel information and register for your travel arrangements to Gold Coast for the 2009 World Championships in September 2009.

The link: http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Custom.aspx?cid=17&e=a8ffbf68-0f05-4c76-a7c0-1782e389beb8

Please let us know if you have any trouble with this link. You may also get in touch with our travel coordinator at Polk Majestic, Lisa, her email address is lisa@polkmajestic.com

Keep checking the Team USA site for new information about 2009 Worlds in Gold Coast, Australia www.teamusatriathlon.org we are continually updating this site with new information from the ITU and the Team USA department.

Long Course Triathlon Worlds- Perth, Australia

Polk Majestic and USAT are working on finalizing the Team USA host hotel. Once this happens we will send out a travel registration link, similar to the Gold Coast link. An email will hopefully be coming your way in regards to this matter, very soon.

Today, the Long Course Worlds website went live. Please check out the event website at http://www.ldworlds.org.au/en/default.htm

Keep checking the Team USA site for new information about 2009 Worlds in Perth, Australia . www.teamusatriathlon.org. We are continually updating this site with new information from the ITU and the Team USA department.

2009 World Championship Qualifying Info

There has been some changes since our last newsletter, so please read the following carefully.

Aquathlon			
4 ways to qualify for 2009 Aquathlon World Championship in Gold Coast, Australia September 9, 2009			
Qualification: 8 spots per age group rolling down to 16th place			
USAT Age Group National Championship	Sept. 20,2008	Portland, OR	http://triathlon.teamusa.org/event/event/47
Qualification: 10 spots per age group- roll down to 12th place			
USAT National Aquathlon Championship	August 1, 2009	Ashville, NC	http://www.setupevents.com/?fuseaction=event_detail&eventID=902

Qualification: submit 5k run and 800m or 1000m swim times (within the past year) to the Aquathlon Committee to be considered **please email Fred at Swimtrirunman@aol.com
Qualification: Previous Aquathlon World Champions are granted automatic entry on Team USA **please email teamusa@usatriathlon.org

Short Course Duathlon			
3 qualifying event for 2009 Short Course Duathlon World Championship in Concord, North Carolina September 26-27, 2009			
Qualification: 12 spots per age group- roll down to 16th place			
USAT Duathlon National Championship	April 25-26, 2009	Richmond, VA	http://triathlon.teamusa.org/
Qualification: 3 spots per age group- roll down to 6th place (plus the roll down spots will need to be within 20% of the age group winner)			
Desert Classic Duathlon	February 22, 2009	Phoenix, AZ	www.desertclassicduathlon.com
Qualification: 3 spots per age group- roll down to 6th place (plus the roll down spots will need to be within 20% of the age group winner)			
Apple Duathlon	May 23, 2009	Sartell, MN	www.appleduathlon.com

Long Course Triathlon
3 qualifying events for 2009 Long Course Triathlon World Championship in Perth, Australia October 24-25, 2009
Qualification: 10 spots per age group- roll down to 14th place

USAT Long Course Triathlon National Championship	Oct. 18, 2008	Boulder City, Nevada	http://www.halfmaxchampionship.com/
Qualification: 4 spots per age group- roll down to 8th place			
MusselMan Half-Iron Triathlon	July 19, 2009	Geneva, NY	http://www.musselmantri.com/races/musselman.html
Qualification: 4 spots per age group- roll down to 8th place			
Lonestar Triathlon	April 5, 2009	Galveston, TX	http://www.timbermantri.com/lonestar/lonestarhalfiron.html

Winter Triathlon			
3 qualifying events for 2009 Winter Triathlon World Championship in Gaishorn, Austria February 13-15, 2009			
Qualification: 3 spots per age group- roll down to 5th place			
USAT Winter Triathlon National Championship	January 11, 2009	Bend, Oregon	www.wintertri.org
Qualification: 2 spots per age group- roll down to 4th place			
Battle at Soldier Hollow Winter Tri	January 17, 2009	Salt Lake City, Utah	www.bashwintertri.com
Qualification: 2 spots per age group- roll down to 4th place			
Gunstock Winter Tri	January 25, 2009	Gilford, NH	www.wintermutlisport.com

****LC DU Worlds has still not been announced by ITU, so we do not have any qualification information at this time.**

Additional News:

Sprint World Championship Date Change
ITU officially announced the change in date of the 2009 Sprint World Championships. Instead of being on September 10, 2009, it is now on September 12, 2009. If you have signed up for the Sprint and Olympic distance World Championship and would like to reconsider racing the Sprint race, please contact the Team USA coordinator (teamusa@usatriathlon.org) no later than December 12, 2008.

New URL's
The Team USA department would like to announce the new and improved way to get to the Team USA portion of the USAT website. If you are looking for Team USA Triathlon information, you may go to www.teamusatriathlon.org. If you are looking for Team USA Duathlon information, you may to www.teamusaduathlon.org. As always, you can go directly to the USAT website at www.usatriathlon.org. We hope this will allow our Team USA members an easier way to navigate to the information they need more quickly.

Happy Birthday Team USA!
2009 will be Team USA's 20th birthday. One way we want to celebrate, is by an electronic scrapbook. USAT is looking for World Championship photos from the last 20 years. If you have any photos that you would like to add to our scrapbook, please email them to the Team USA coordinator at teamusa@usatriathlon.org. Make sure you include captions to these pictures (location, date, discipline, names of the people in photo). We already have quite the collection from 2008, but we still have 19 more years of photos that we need! Submit yours today!

Lottery for SC (Olympic) World Championship
We still have a lot of interest from people wanting to get a coveted spot in the SC Worlds. USAT is going to hold a lottery for 1 spot in every age group. The details of this process will be divulged very soon and posted on the Team USA website at www.teamusatriathlon.org.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please shoot an email to teamusa@usatriathlon.org.

Happy Training!