Team USA Newsletter

February 2012

Hello Team USA athletes!

We hope your January and February training has been successful and productive! Hopefully it will be just a short time until spring will grace us with its presence! Things are starting to become busy here at USA Triathlon headquarters. Details are starting to come in for our 2012 World Championship events. The latest World Championship announcement is the addition of the 2012 ITU Cross Triathlon World Championship to be held in the United States.

As always, stay tuned to the Team USA website at www.teamusatriathlon.org for the latest World Championship and Team USA information as ITU continues to release details for the various events. Feel free to contact the Team USA Department with any questions you might have at teamusa@usatriathlon.org.

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

-Michael Jordan

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Team USA Department

2012 ITU Triathlon and Aquathlon World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand

Polk Majestic Travel Packages

Register now for the 2012 Short Course Triathlon World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand! The Chifley Suites is sold out; however there are still rooms available at the Heritage Hotel. Click on the link below and you will be able to view the travel package options as well as book your travel today!

http://www.cvent.com/d/lcqjpx

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The Polk Majestic website has all the information you will need on hotels, travel packages, information on traveling with your bicycle, extending your trip and other tidbits to help make your experience easier. If you have questions about travel to Auckland, please contact Suzanne Rivers from Polk Majestic at Suzanner@polkmajestic.com.

Course Maps
Course maps for the Triathlon World Championship and a bike elevation map are available here: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/auckland/maps.aspx. Please note that these are subject to change. The Aquathlon course maps are coming soon.

Schedule of Events
The World Championship week schedule has been updated and is available here: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/auckland/event-schedule.aspx. Schedule is subject to change.

Weather
Average weather information for Auckland in October can be found on the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/auckland/travel.aspx.

Team USA Uniforms
Team USA Auckland athletes should expect to receive an email from Team USA (teamusa@usatriathlon.org) sometime late summer regarding the password to the Team USA store. This is where you will purchase your uniform, along with other Team USA-specific items.

Entry Fee Payment
ITU will announce the entry fee amount for the World Championships in Auckland sometime in the summer of 2012. Team USA will send an email to all Team USA Auckland athletes once the entry fee amount is announced. Team USA will also send along instructions on how to pay the entry fee to USA Triathlon.

Visiting Auckland
If you are a first-time visitor to New Zealand and are interested in a few highlights to perhaps incorporate into your trip, consider a few of the recommended things to see and do, listed on the Auckland Travel page here: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/auckland/travel.aspx.

Aquathlon World Championship Qualification
If anyone is interested in competing in the 2012 ITU Aquathlon World Championship in Auckland, click here to find out how to qualify: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/qualification.aspx.

As more information and race details are released from ITU, we will be posting information on the Team USA Auckland webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/auckland/contents.aspx. Be sure to check here often.

2012 ITU Standard Course Duathlon World Championship in Nancy, France

Qualification
The sole Team USA qualifying event for the 2012 ITU Standard Course Duathlon World Championship is the 2012 USAT Standard Distance Duathlon National Championship. This race is scheduled to take place on April 28th in Tucson/Oro Valley, Arizona. For more information on this race and to register, please go to www.duathlonnationals.com. We look forward to seeing you in Tucson!

Qualification for Team USA Nancy at the 2012 Duathlon National Championship will only occur in the Standard Distance Duathlon National Championship event. Complete details can be found here: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/qualification.aspx.

Course Maps
The run course map and a few race details for the event in Nancy can be found on the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/nancy/maps.aspx. Please note that these are subject to change. The bike course map will be posted as soon as it is available.

Schedule of Events
A preliminary schedule of events is now posted to the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/nancy/event-schedule.aspx. Please note that the schedule is subject to change and will have additional details included at a later date.

Weather
Average weather information for Nancy in September can be found on the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/nancy/travel.aspx.

As more information and race details are released from ITU, we will be posting information on the Team USA Nancy webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/nancy/contents.aspx. Be sure to check here often.

2012 ITU Long Distance Triathlon World Championship in Vitoria, Spain

Polk Majestic Travel Packages
Travel package registration is open for the 2012 Long Course Triathlon World Championships in Vitoria, Spain. If you follow the link below you will be able to view the travel package options as well as book your travel today!

http://www.cvent.com/d/dcqmwl

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The Polk Majestic website has all the information you will need on hotels, travel packages, information on traveling with your bicycle, extending your trip and other tidbits to help make your experience easier. If you have questions about travel to Vitoria, please contact Katarina Stastny from Polk Majestic at Katarina@polkmajestic.com.

Entry Fee Payment
The local organizing committee in Spain has announced that they will use a tiered entry fee payment schedule for the World Championships in Vitoria. Athletes will have the opportunity to pay a discounted entry fee if they choose to pay at an earlier date. The remaining payment periods are the following:

Payment Period 2: Today – May 17, 2012: $195.00

Payment Period 3: June 1, 2012 – July 9, 2012: 175 Euros (converted to US Dollars at a later date)

Any athlete that pays the entry fees early will not have the opportunity for an entry fee refund after the end of that payment period. At the end of each payment period, entry fees will be sent to ITU. If you pay during Payment Period 1, you will not be eligible for a refund after December 19, 2011. If you pay during Payment Period 2, you will not be eligible for a refund after May 17, 2012. If you pay during Payment Period 3, you will not be eligible for a refund after July 9, 2012. Refunds requested in the appropriate time frame (within that payment period) will be subject to a $25 administrative fee. Email teamusa@usatriathlon.org with any payment questions.

Weather
Average weather information for Vitoria in July can be found on the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/vitoria/travel.aspx.

Team USA Uniforms
Team USA Vitoria athletes should expect to receive an email from Team USA (teamusa@usatriathlon.org) sometime late spring regarding the password to the Team USA store. This is where you will purchase your uniform, along with other Team USA-specific items.

Qualification
There is still one additional chance to qualify for Team USA and compete at the ITU World Championship in Vitoria. Click here to view that information: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/vitoria/qualification.aspx.

As more information and race details are released from ITU, we will be posting information on the Team USA Vitoria webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/vitoria/contents.aspx. Be sure to check here often.

2012 ITU Cross Triathlon World Championship in Pelham, Alabama

ITU Announces Cross Triathlon World Championship
ITU has officially announced that the 2012 Cross Triathlon World Championship will take place in the United States in Pelham, Alabama on May 19, 2012. Complete details for the event can be found on the Team USA Pelham website: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/pelham/contents.aspx.

Qualification
There are two ways to qualify for Team USA Pelham. The first way to qualify is via qualification for the 2011 Cross Triathlon World Championship. All Team USA athletes who qualified or attended the 2011 ITU Cross Triathlon World Championship in Extremadura, Spain have automatically qualified.

The second way to qualify is via a skills based process. Interested athletes must email the Team USA Department (teamusa@usatriathlon.org) with a link to your best race finish result from any 2011 cross (off-road) triathlon event to be considered for the team. The deadline to submit a race result is March 15, 2012. Please note if you do not receive an email response back from the Team USA Department within one week, please resend your email as it may have gotten lost in the spam folder.

Entry Fee Payment
Once athletes are accepted to Team USA Pelham, they will be asked to pay the Team USA fee and the entry fee combined. The total amount is $165.00.

Course Maps
Course maps for the Cross Triathlon World Championship and a run elevation map are available here: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/pelham/maps.aspx. Please note that these are subject to change.

Schedule of Events
A preliminary schedule of events is now posted to the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/pelham/schedule.aspx. Please note that the schedule is subject to change.

Team USA Uniforms
Team USA Pelham athletes should expect to receive an email from Team USA (teamusa@usatriathlon.org) sometime in late March or early April regarding the password to the Team USA store. This is where you will purchase your uniform, along with other Team USA-specific items.

Travel Information
The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express in Pelham. Travel details can be found on the following webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/pelham/travel.aspx. Please note that Polk Majestic is NOT putting travel packages together for this event since it is in the USA.

As more information and race details are released from ITU, we will be posting information on the Team USA Pelham webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/pelham/contents.aspx. Be sure to check here often.

2012 ITU Long Distance Duathlon World Championship in Zofingen, Switzerland

Qualification
The sole Team USA qualifier will be the 2012 Long Course Duathlon National Championship to be held in Cambridge, Maryland on June 3, 2012. The top 18 in each age group, rolling down to the 25th place will qualify. Complete qualification details can be found here: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/qualification.aspx.

For more information on the Long Course Duathlon National Championship race and to register, visit http://www.usatriathlon.org/events/usat/2012/06/long-course-du-national-championship.aspx.

As more information and race details are released from ITU, we will be posting information on the Team USA Zofingen webpage: http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/team-usa/zofingen/contents.aspx. Be sure to check here often.

Additional News

2011 USA Triathlon Awards
USA Triathlon has recently announced the 2011 season Award winners. Congratulations to all current and former Team USA athletes that received USA Triathlon awards in 2011 for their outstanding performances, accomplishments and stories!

Multisport Awards Winners: http://www.usatriathlon.org/news/articles/2012/2/020712-multisport-awards.aspx
Paratriathlon Athletes of the Year: http://www.usatriathlon.org/news/articles/2012/2/022712-paratriathon-aoy.aspx
Age Group Athletes of the Year: http://www.usatriathlon.org/news/articles/2012/2/022812-ag-aoy.aspx

Team USA Forum
New for 2012 is the Team USA Forum. Using USA Triathlon's website, 2012 Team USA athletes have access to the Team USA forum where you can discuss your upcoming World Championship with your teammates. To access the forum and begin connecting with Team USA athletes, visit http://www.usatriathlon.org/community/forums/usa-triathlon/team-usa.aspx. Log in to the forum using your USA Triathlon membership username and password. If you have any issues logging in, please contact membership@usatriathlon.org. Happy posting!

Facebook
Come join USA Triathlon and Team USA on Facebook. Become a fan of Team USA, chat with team members, upload videos and photos and more! Click here to join.

Patches
If you are interested in ordering 2011 Team USA patches, please email the Team USA Department at teamusa@usatriathlon.org to request the order form. 2012 Team USA patches should be available sometime late spring.

Team USA Beanies
Team USA has custom Team USA beanies /toboggan /winter hat for anyone who is interested. Beanies are $12 each (includes shipping and handling). The beanies are navy, one size fits all. If you are interested, email TeamUSA@usatriathlon.org for a beanie order form.

2012 Multisport Awards
Each year, USA Triathlon recognizes individuals who fueled the multisport lifestyle through the season. There are six categories, representing the Multisport Lifestyles: Volunteer of the Year Award, Jeff Jewell Spirit Award, Military Sport Award, Most Inspirational Comeback Award, Spirit of Multisport Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations will be due in December 2012, so be thinking of individuals through this season that you would like to nominate!

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