

### 2012 USA Paratriathlon Race Series Guide

The USA Paratriathlon Race Series is the premiere national-level racing circuit for elite paratriathletes in the United States. This will be the inaugural race series for paratriathletes in the USA with the aim of providing increased domestic competitive opportunities for the nation's top paratriathletes

#### 2012 Race Series

USA Paratriathlon National Championship (National Championship wave) hosted by Capital of Texas	Austin, Texas	May 28, 2012
Denver Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave)	Denver, Colorado	June 10, 2012
Nickel City Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave)	Buffalo, New York	September 16, 2012

### **Competition Categories**

All paratriathletes must compete within their USAT-approved competition category. The six (6) USA Paratriathlon categories are as follows:

- **TRI 1 Handcycle:** Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Polio, Double Leg Amputee. Must have a minimum of 20% impairment of any one limb. Must use handcycle for the bicycle portion and racing wheelchair for the run portion.
- **TRI 2 Severe Leg impairment:** Above-knee Amputees. Must have a minimum of 20% impairment of any one limb. Athlete must ride bicycle and run with approved prosthesis for the affected limbs (as identified during classification) or crutches. Racing wheelchairs are not allowed.
- **TRI 3 Les Autres:** Includes athletes with Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Double Leg Amputee (runners) or Paralysis in multiple limbs. Must have a minimum of 20% impairment of any one limb. Must ride a bicycle or tricycle and run. May use cane, braces or prosthesis during run portion. No racing wheelchairs.
- **TRI 4 Arm impairment:** Including Above and Below Elbow Amputees or "impairment" in one or both upper limbs. Must have a minimum of 20% impairment of any one limb. Athletes may use prosthesis, brace or sling on the bike and/or run.
- **TRI 5 Moderate leg impairment:** Below-knee amputees. Must have a minimum of 20% impairment of any one limb. Athlete must ride bicycle and run with approved prosthesis for the affected limb (as identified during classification) or crutches.
- **TRI 6 Visual Impairment:** Legally Blind. (20/200 vision with best corrected vision). It is mandatory that only one guide of the same sex may be used throughout the race. Athlete is tethered during the swim

portion, must ride a tandem bicycle, and may choose an elbow lead, tether lead, or run free. Black-out glasses must be worn on the run.

#### Classification

Any athlete wishing to compete in the race series must have a USAT National Classification or an ITU Classification and be 16 years of age or older as of December 31, 2012.

For a list of those athletes who are classified in the USAT National system, click here: <a href="http://usparalympics.org/sports/classification/triathlon">http://usparalympics.org/sports/classification/triathlon</a>.

For a list of those athletes classified in the ITU system, click here: <a href="http://www.triathlon.org/images/uploads/ITU">http://www.triathlon.org/images/uploads/ITU</a> Classification Master List 20110916.pdf

National Classifications testing is being conducted at the USA Paratriathlon National Championship for the National Championship wave only.

ITU classification testing is being conducted at any ITU-sanctioned Paratriathlon event.

### <u>Awards</u>

Awards will be given to the winners of each category/gender at each event. Trophies will also be given to the overall series winners for each category/gender.

#### **Series Championship**

Series Champions are determined from the results of all three Series events, in the USAT Competition Categories during the Paratriathlon waves, based on the points table shown here.

Finish Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Points	25	15	10	9	8	7	6	5	3	1

To be eligible for the overall Series title, an athlete must compete in at least two series events. If an athlete competes, but does not score points, in a Series event, that race will count toward the two race minimum requirement. If an athlete starts a Series event but does not finish (DNF), that race also will count toward the minimum events requirement. Any ties will be broken by comparison of head-to-head finishes in Series events. If there are no head-to-head finishes to compare, the athlete who raced the final event – the Nickel City Triathlon – wins. If both athletes race the final event, the athlete with the higher place finish wins. Only athletes representing the United States are eligible to score points and be ranked in the Series.

# **Scoring**

Scoring of the Series is maintained by the USAT High Performance Department. Standings are posted on the "Paratriathlon" page of the USAT website.

# **USAT Membership**

All athletes competing in the Series must hold a current annual USAT membership. Annual membership for athletes 18 and above is \$45. Annual Memberships for athletes 16 and 17 is \$15. Memberships can be purchased at <a href="https://www.usatriathlon.org">www.usatriathlon.org</a>.

### **Event Information and Registration**

TRIATHLON

2012 National Championship

Austin \* Texas \* 5.28.2012

### **USA Paratriathlon National Championship**

Austin, Texas May 28, 2012 www.captextri.com

Registration Opens: January 27, 2012

Registration Closes: May 1, 2012

Registration Fee: \$30

Paratriathlon Packet Pickup: 11:15am-12:30pm on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Palmer Events Center

Race Briefing\*MANDATORY: 12:30pm on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Palmer Events Center USADA Briefing\* MANDATORY: 1:30pm on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Palmer Events Center

*National Classification appointments*: These will occur on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning (May 25-27) and will be assigned the first week of May.

Swim: 1 lap of 750 meters that begins and ends at Auditorium Shores

Bike: 2 laps for a total of 20 km

Run: One lap of 5 km

Course Maps: <a href="http://www.captextri.com/">http://www.captextri.com/</a>

#### **Host Hotels:**

1. Hyatt Regency https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\_gi\_new&groupID=8491162

2. Embassy Suites

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/A/AUSLKES-TRI-20110525/index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG

Closest Airport: Austin Bergstrom International Airport http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/

#### **Denver Triathlon**

Denver, Colorado June 10, 2012

www.denvertriathlon.com

Registration Fee: \$114
Registration is open now.
Race Briefing: June 9<sup>th</sup> TBA

Packet Pickup: 10am-6pm on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Sports Authority Field

T2 Set-up: June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am-6pm

Please note that there are separate T1 and T2 areas for this event. On race day, athletes are only allowed to park at T2 however for \$10 athletes can purchase a shuttle pass to get you from T2 to T1 for race start. The other option available is to ride your bike from T2 to T1 (approximately 2 miles away).

DENMER TRIATHLON

Swim: 800 Meters <a href="http://www.denvertriathlon.com/swim.html">http://www.denvertriathlon.com/swim.html</a>
Bike: 23.5 Kilometers <a href="http://www.denvertriathlon.com/bike.html">http://www.denvertriathlon.com/bike.html</a>
Run: 5 Kilometers <a href="http://www.denvertriathlon.com/run.html">http://www.denvertriathlon.com/run.html</a>

Host Hotel: Westin Denver Downtown <a href="http://www.westindenverdowntown.com/denver-tri?EM=LP\_DENVERTRI\_SITE\_WI\_1012\_WEST">http://www.westindenverdowntown.com/denver-tri?EM=LP\_DENVERTRI\_SITE\_WI\_1012\_WEST</a>

Closest Airport: Denver International Airport <a href="http://flydenver.com/">http://flydenver.com/</a>



### **Nickel City Triathlon**

Buffalo, New York September 16, 2012

www.eclipsemultisport.com

Registration Fee: \$70 Registration is now open.

Race Briefing: The Buffalo Convention Center. Date and Time TBA Packet Pickup: Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Convention Center

from 2pm-8pm. There is also late packet pick up for the Paratriathlon race on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

from 4pm-6pm at the race venue.

Swim: 1 lap of 750 meters in Lake

Bike: 1 lap of 20 kilometers Run: 1 lap of 3.1 miles

Transition is located at Gallagher Beach 1111 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203

Course Maps: www.nickelcitytriathlon.com

Host Hotel: TBA

Closest Airport: Buffalo International Airport <a href="http://www.buffaloairport.com/">http://www.buffaloairport.com/</a>



#### **USA Paratriathlon Rules**

USAT Rule modifications for Paratriathletes can be found here: <a href="http://www.usatriathlon.org/about-multisport/rulebook.aspx">http://www.usatriathlon.org/about-multisport/rulebook.aspx</a>

Any questions on these rules can be directed to Charlie Crawford, USAT Commissioner of Officials: Charlie.crawford@usatriathlon.org

#### **USA Paratriathlon National Rankings**

- An athlete's ranking is determined by the sum of up to his/her four (4) best points scores based on the Points Table below at the events listed below in a calendar year.
- For 2012, Ranked Events include: ITU Auckland Paratriathlon World Championships, USA
   Paratriathlon National Championship (National Championship wave only), Denver Triathlon
   (Paratriathlon wave only), Nickel City Triathlon (Paratriathlon wave only), ITU World Triathlon Series
   Paratriathlon Madrid, ITU Paratriathlon World Cups or ITU Paratriathlon Continental Cups, and any
   other Paratriathlon sanctioned races.
- Points are awarded based on finishing places per gender and per USAT/ITU category.
- Ranking points are only allocated if an athlete finishes the event with a finishing time no greater than 20% behind the winner in his/her category.
- To be included in the USA Paratriathlon Rankings, an athlete must have a confirmed classification status for the 2012 season. This can be a national or international classification status.
- For any domestic events, athletes will earn points based on their finishes amongst only American athletes; however, at international events, such as the ITU Paratriathlon World Championship athletes will earn points based on their finishing position within their category amongst all competitors. For example, if a Female Tri 2 athlete competes in the National Championship and gets 2<sup>nd</sup> in her category but is the 1st U.S. athlete finisher they will acquire 400 points towards their ranking. If a Female Tri 2 athlete competes in an ITU World Cup and gets 2nd in her category (even though she might be the first American finisher), she will acquire 463 points (not 500) towards their ranking.

# **National Rankings Points Table**

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		Paratriathlon World Cups, World Triathlon Championship		USA Paratriathlon		
				Race Series		
Finish Place (*within	ITU Paratriathlon	Series,	(National Champ	(paratriathlon		
USAT/ITU Category)	World Championships	Continental Cups	Wave)	wave)		
1	750	500	400	200		
2	694	463	370	185		
3	642	428	342	171		
4	594	396	317	158		
5	549	366	293	146		
6	508	339	271	135		
7	470	313	251	125		
8	435	290	232	116		
9	402	268	214	107		
10	372	248	198	99		
11	344	229				
12	318	212				
13	294	196				
14	272	181				
15	252	168				
16	233					
17	215					
18	199					
19	184					
20	171					

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