

Midwest Region Jr Talent Id Series 2012

2012 Races

May 6	MO	TriZou	http://ultramaxtri.com/trizou/
June 10	MN	Manitou	http://www.optumhealthperformance.com/manitou.php
June 24	IA	Copper Creek	http://www.coppercreektri.com/
July 28	NE	NE State Games	http://www.cornhuskerstategames.com/index.php?module=cms&page=109
Aug 5	WI	Oshkosh Sprint Triathlon	http://www.midwestsportsevents.com/oshkoshtri.html

Purpose

The purpose of the USAT Talent ID Series is to provide a gateway to the Athlete Development Pipeline for novice teenaged athletes. The Series also encourages more head-to-head racing opportunities for teenage athletes.

Race Selection

RADCs will designate one or more Series races in each state with the national objective of having at least one race in every state. All events will use the sprint distance, non-drafting format. All events must be USAT sanctioned. Preference should be given to events that are USAT officiated. Event should have minimal overlap with the regional school calendar (i.e. June-August).

Age Groups

The recommended age group for the Series is 15 to 19 years of age. However, RADCs may exercise discretion in aligning age groups to serve regional demographics and race director age preferences.

Scoring

RADCs may opt to score the races in their region as a series and provide overall series awards. Two examples of suitable scoring systems are available at www.nejuniortriathlon.com and http://smwtriathlon.org/athletes/youth/junior_race_series/index.htm.

Annual Reporting

RADCs will collect and maintain participation data and report annually to the USAT Athlete Development Coordinator the total number of Series participants, the growth rate for each race and the Series, and a list of athletes newly identified by the Series.

The overall Series winner will receive a championship award and be recognized at the Eligible Athletes: Male and Female athletes between the ages of 15 and 19. (Age as of December 31,2012).

Stage Cancellation

If a stage of the series is cancelled due to weather or other circumstances, no points will be awarded for that stage. If the stage is rescheduled on the same weekend (e.g. Saturday race moved to Sunday),

points will be awarded. A stage that is shortened to a duathlon (run/bike or run/bike/run) will award points, however a stage shortened to a run-only event will not award points. Cancellation or shortening of the stage is at the sole discretion of the Event Director.

Field Limits

Series events are independently owned and operated by different race organizers. Event Directors reserve the right to limit the number of participants in their event for safety and logistics reasons. Participation in previous stages of this series DOES NOT guaranty entry into subsequent stages. It is in the athlete's best interest to register in advance for ALL races in which they plan to participate. We have selected only the highest-quality events for this series and many of them will sell out early.

The series consists of up to six (5) independently produced, owned and operated, short course triathlons - referred to as "stages". All stages are located in the Midwest Region of USA Triathlon, which includes Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, Wisconsin and South Dakota.

Points System

Points will be awarded to Eligible Athletes finishing in 1st through 10th place in the male and female, Under 19 divisions of each stage. To calculate Series standings, an athlete's best four (4) results will be used. When calculating the final standings for the overall series championship, in the event of a tie between two or more athletes, each head-to-head match-up will be reviewed and the winner of the greater number of said match-ups will be recognized as the winner. If athletes did not race head-to-head, the athlete who raced the finale will win. Series ties will only be broken for the top 5 overall places in the Series.

PLACE	POINTS
1st	100
2nd	75
3rd	55
4th	40
5th	25
6th	20
7th	15
8th	10
9th	5
10th	1
11th+	0

Point bonuses will be awarded to a U19 athlete that finishes on the overall podium. The points are as follows: 1st Overall gets an extra 20 points, 2nd gets 15 and 3rd gets 10.

Awards

Series awards will be presented to the Top Three overall in the final standings.

USAT Rules

Non-Drafting: Events will follow USA Triathlon age group, non-drafting rules. Series participants will start

together in the same wave, to be designated by the Event Director. Athletes who do not start in the designated series or junior wave are not eligible to earn series points or series awards for that stage.

Bike Set-up: The optimal bicycle set-up for junior athletes is a traditional “road” bicycle with drop-style handlebars, as opposed to a “tri” bike with aerobars.

Region Examples:

<http://nejuniortriathlon.com/series-info/>