



AAC and Athlete Director Elections

For those athletes who are eligible to vote in the AAC and Elite Athlete Director election in the USAT elections, it still has not re-begun. Please wait for further instructions and information from Rob Urbach. You will very likely be receiving an email around Thanksgiving time with more information on when and how it will begin once again.

ITU Classification Update

As stated in our September update, USAT High Performance staff attended the ITU Paratriathlon NF meeting in London. We did not learn anything specific except that ITU is working very hard to get the new classification system pushed out to NF's by Christmas. No guarantees for this timeframe, but that is their goal. They are ultimately looking to implement their new classification system for the entire 2014 season. Obviously there is much to be unfolded over the next few months and as soon as USAT hears any news we will be sure to pass it along. We understand it is a difficult time for our sport with all of the uncertainty, but we appreciate your patience as we are giving you all of the information we have when we receive it from ITU.

ITU Competition Calendar

ITU will be releasing its 2014 competition calendar in mid-November. USAT will be forwarding everyone this press release when we receive it, so expect a big email to arrive in just a couple of weeks.

2014 USA Paratriathlon National Championship

The Lifetime Fitness Capital of Texas Triathlon has once again been selected to host the 2014 USA Paratriathlon National Championship in Austin, Texas on Memorial Day (May 26, 2014). Information on how to qualify and register will be released as soon as ITU announces the new classification protocol. We are waiting for ITU to release the new classification protocol and categories, so it will likely be a late announcement (likely January) as ITU is hoping to release information by Christmas. We hope it will follow the same basic principles as last year in that eligible athletes who are classifiable and meet a similar time standard as 2013 will compete in the National Championship with everyone else wanting to race, to race in PC Open.

Stay tuned for more information in regards to this. Mark your calendars now for this race in 2014 as you will NOT want to miss out on this epic race, which is sure to be the largest-ever USA Paratriathlon National Championship!

USAT-Sanctioned Parafriendly Races

We have begun the calendar for 2014 that lists which races have the Parafriendly designation. Go and check out the races we have so far and see if any are in your backyard. If you have done any races and know they are accessible, send the race name and race website to Amanda.Duke@usatriathlon.org. You can view the 2014 list here:

<http://www.usatriathlon.org/audience/athlete-resources/paratriathletes/grassrootsparatri/grassroots-events.aspx>