

2019 National Championship

BID DOCUMENT



National Championship Overview

Triathlon Ireland holds a variety of National Championships annually over multiple distance and disciplines

As in 2018, the Sprint, Standard and Middle Distance National Triathlon Championships will also be given National Series status in 2019. Similarly, the Duathlon Championships will form part of the National Duathlon Series.

National Championship Overview

In 2019 we are seeking applications for the following Championship events:

Triathlon

Sprint Distance National Championships (includes Junior NC, 16-19 years)

Standard Distance National Championships

Middle Distance National Championships

Long Distance National Championships (potential inclusion)

Intervarsity National Championships

Paratriathlon National Championships

Children National Festival 12-15yrs (incl kids event for 11 and under – Participation only)

Cross Triathlon National Championships

Duathlon

Duathlon National Championships (Children's, Youth, Junior & Senior + potential inclusion of Para) Preference will be given to a standard distance event

Intervarsity Duathlon Championships (event needs to take place by April 2019 and have the ability to hold 50 places up to 3 weeks prior to the event)

Aquathlon

National Aquathlon Championship (Children's, Youth, Junior & Senior + potential inclusion of Para) – Separate bid document applies and will be issued shortly.

Aquabike

Aquabike National Championships

Triathlon Ireland Objectives

Host a safe, fair and enjoyable event.

Develop a high quality event in Ireland

Provide a series of events for age group athletes to rank themselves against athletes in their respective age group.

Foster a friendly and competitive spirit amongst athletes in their respective age groups and between clubs.

Allow for easy accessibility to quality racing for athletes nationwide.

Provide a spectator friendly environment to inspire the audience.

Provide a series of age group events which are delivered to a recognisably higher standard.

Provide an event and series which is attractive to sponsors and funding bodies.

Provide an event that could be considered for hosting a ITU or ETU event.

Sprint Distance National Championships

INCLUDES JUNIOR NC,
16-19 YEARS

The Sprint National Championships will also form part of the Triathlon Ireland Super Series and as a Championship event must be capable of holding a draft legal wave for Super Series athletes. Age Group Sprint National Championship waves will be non-drafting.

The Sprint National Championships will also play host to the Junior National Championships (16-19 years). Preference will be given to those who can combine with the Paratriathlon National Championships.

Cross Triathlon National Championships

Cross triathlon is a discipline that normally takes place over a 1km swim, a mountain bike segment that can vary from 20 to 25km and a cross-country run from 6 to 8 km.

The Cross Triathlon National Championships is open to athletes aged 16 years +. A level of flexibility over distance will be allowed.

Intervarsity National Championships

The Intervarsity National Championships will be raced over the sprint distance with a dedicated wave provided to student entrants. A discounted entry must be provided to students who enter along with an opportunity to race as an individual or as part of a standard 3 person relay team.

Events held during the academic year will be favoured.

Paratriathlon National Championships

The Paratriathlon National Championships will be raced over the sprint distance with courses providing easy accessibility to and from the water, a dedicated transition area and a bike and run course suitable for wheelchair and tandem use preferred.

An LOC who can combine the Paratriathlon National Championships with another Championship or series event will be favoured.

Standard Distance National Championships

The Standard Distance National Championships will be a stand alone event and will be raced over 1.5k swim, 40km bike and 10km run.

Middle Distance National Championships

The Middle Distance National Championships will be raced over a 1.9km swim, 90km bike and 21.1km run.

Long Distance National Championships

CONSIDERED FOR
INCLUSION IN 2018

The Long Distance National Championships will be raced over a 3.8km swim, 180km bike and 42.2km run.

Children's National Festival (12-15 years)

The Children's & Youth National Championships will cater for athletes aged 12 to 15 years as of the 31st December in the year of competition. Events will be held as per the Triathlon Ireland recommended Distances:

| Age | 12–13 Years | 14–15 Years |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Swim (pool/open water) | 300 m | 400 m |
| Cycle (Grass)* | 6 km* | 7 km* |
| Cycle (Tarmac) | 8 km | 10 km |
| Run | 2.4 km | 3 km |

Local organising committees who can combine the Children's National Festival with another Championship event will be favoured. All Championships must comply with Triathlon Ireland safeguarding steps when hosting a children's event and comply with the junior event safety plan specifications.

14th September 2018

Opening of Bid Process

9am, 28th September 2018

Closing Date for bids

12th October 2018

Organisers Informed of outcome

W/E 22nd November 2018

Calendar Announced

If you have any questions please
contact the events team:

events@triathlonireland.com

Duathlon Children's National Festival

Events which can cater for children, youth, junior and senior athletes will be favoured. Example: Events which can host children's and youth distances (see table below):

| Age | 12–13 Years | 14–15 Years |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Run | 1.5 km | 2 km |
| Cycle (Grass)* | 6 km* | 7 km* |
| Cycle (Tarmac) | 8 km | 10 km |
| Run | 1 km | 1.5 km |

Along with Sprint Duathlon (Junior, 16-19 yrs NC's) and Standard Duathlon (seniors). Separate applications to host the Senior Duathlon NC's or Children's National Festival.

Intervarsity Duathlon Championships

A discounted entry must be provided to students who enter. Events held during the academic year will be favoured (September 2018 – May 2019).

Aquathlon National Championships

Events which can cater for the children's national festival and senior athletes will be favoured.

Aquabike

Application for the Aquabike National Championships raced over a variety of distances will be considered.



Insurance

Robust Public liability insurance up to €6,500,000. This applies to all sanctioned events.



Race Support

Triathlon Ireland's dedicated race activation team and all current equipment will be made available for each National Championship event. Race equipment includes finishers arch, swim booms and buoys, finish line decorations and generator.



Entry Numbers

Championships events can see a 20-30% increase in demand for places resulting in an increase in revenue for the local organising committee.

Increase in competitors taking part in your event from outside your region

Events appointed as hosts of National Championships will be required to provide Triathlon Ireland with 10 entries to the event free of charge, to be used by Triathlon Ireland for event marketing purposes.



Exposure

Each National Championship event will receive extensive media support from the largest platform for endurance sports in Ireland (Each race receives extensive exposure on Triathlon Ireland's social media platforms and website. (website 200,000 page views monthly, TI facebook 20,000 followers , TI twitter 12,000 followers, TI Instagram 4,000+ followers).

National Championships events will receive preferential promotion via Triathlon Ireland media partners. Previous publications have included listings with Outsider Magazine and the Irish Independent.

Each National Championships event will be previewed on TI's platforms in the week before race day, bringing it to the forefront of Irish endurance community and bolstering its reputation to enable future growth.

Triathlon Ireland's media team will be present at the all National Championship events and will provide live or close to live video and text updates on TI's social platforms.

Triathlon Ireland will publish a race report and budgets permitting, a video highlights package for each National Championship event.

Triathlon Ireland will distribute a press release race report to all its media contacts within five hours of the conclusion of each National Championship event.

Photography & Video

Triathlon Ireland will at its cost, provide at least one approved TI Media Photographer for all National Championship events and publish a photo gallery from each race within 24 hours of each event.

Technical Officials

Highly qualified and experienced technical officials guaranteed. Technical Delegate and Referee will be appointed to all events

Number of additional Technical Officials appointed will be dependent on expected entries, race distance and as Technical Committee advise.

Motorcycle Officials

Triathlon Ireland trained motorcycle officials to ensure the highest quality and safety measures are employed at all National Championship events.

Number of Motorcycle Officials appointed will be dependent on expected entries, race distance and as Technical Committee advise.

Sponsorship and Branding

Sponsorship opportunities from existing TI partners will be referred to Triathlon Ireland National Championship races.

Triathlon Ireland's race activation team will work to ensure sponsor activity at all National Championship events, however branding may be restricted due to competitor markets and the fair distribution of resources during peak season.

The local organising committee (LOC) must facilitate the erection of BMW branded equipment, including the BMW finishers arch and finishers area at their event.

The local organising committee (LOC) must share advertising space on the field of play and on-site branding with Triathlon Ireland along with its sponsors up to a ratio of 60:40 (LOC : TI) inclusive of finish shoot and transition area.

The category exclusivity of Triathlon Ireland title sponsor or series sponsor cannot be infringed upon. Triathlon Ireland will work with the local organising committee where additional sponsorship is obtained locally providing no conflict of interest exists between any parties.

Race Delivery

Must be an affiliated club or organisation for 2019 before the event will be published.

The event and safety plan must be received a minimum 3 months prior to the event. Triathlon Ireland will provide the 2019 event and safety plan template which must be used for all events.

The local organising committee should communicate effectively with Triathlon Ireland on a regular basis.

Triathlon Ireland expects a member of the local organising committee to attend the race organiser conference which will be held in early 2019.

All events will be required to comply with TI's Clean Sport policy and provide the necessary information for testing at their event.

Must submit water temperatures xxx days before the event.

Anti Doping Requirements

All major events are subject to anti doping testing by Sport Ireland. Although all races will not be selected there is no advance notification so races should be.

There are 3 steps:

1. Documentation.
2. Facilities in place for a Doping Control Centre or mobile unit requested.
3. Event contact person (ECP)..

DOCUMENTATION: This must be submitted to niamh@triathlonireland 30 days prior to the event to include the following: Event Management Plan including Anti Doping Section with the name and contact number of the ECP.

FACILITIES: The event venue needs to have an area appropriate for a Doping Control Station to be set up to the specifications set out in the Sport Ireland Event Contact Person Handbook. If the venue does not have an appropriate facility the Sport Ireland mobile unit can be requested.

EVENT CONTACT PERSON: The event will need an appointed ECP who has the responsibility of liaising with the Doping Control officer on the day and possibly prior to the event. Ideally the ECP should be a member of the organising committee with no other responsibility on the day. Further responsibilities of the role of ECP can be found in the Sport Ireland Event Contact Person Handbook.

Safeguarding Requirements

All events which allow those aged 15-17 participate are subject to the following safeguarding requirements. There are 4 steps.

1. Appoint a Designated Person (DP) who is Vetted through Triathlon Ireland, completed Safeguard 1 and has signed code of conduct.

2. DP must create a Safeguarding risk assessment and send to National Childrens Officer at least 2 weeks prior to the event at safeguarding@triathlonireland.com. National Childrens Officer will consult with the DP regarding the best approach to mitigating risks and create an official race document. There is a template available for this on the website.

3. DP should issue an email to parents/guardian of those racing aged 15/16/17. Please see email template in Event Management Plan template.

4. DP should carry and emergency contact for junior athletes and all marshalls

Note: Races will not need to provide separate facilities or additional supervision on the course.

The prize fund available for all Championship event applications will be taken into consideration during the selection process with reasonable prize funds being preferred.

National Championship Overall Prizes

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| Award | Overall 1st Male | 2nd Male | 3rd Male |
| Award | Overall 1st Female | 2nd Female | 3rd Female |

Age Group Award both Male and Female

| Age Group Award | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| E.g. 20-24 | Prize shall be given if anyone in this age group participates. Please note overall winners and not included in age group prizes | A second place prize shall be awarded where there are at least eight competitors in the specific category. Please note overall winners and not included in age group prizes | A third place prize shall be awarded where there are at least thirteen competitors in the specific category. Please note overall prizes |
| E.g. 25-29 | As Above | As Above | As Above |
| E.g. 30-34 | As Above | As Above | As Above |
| Etc etc | As Above | As Above | As Above |

Prizes after third place in any category and the provision of “Spot” prizes are at the discretion of the race organiser.
The prize value in each category shall be equal for male and female.

Registration System

Using the Triathlon Ireland registration system is mandatory for 2019 National Championship events.

Race Results

In 2019 using the Triathlon Ireland preferred timing company is mandatory for all championship events. This allows the efficient and timely manner for your registration and for race results.

Triathlon Ireland preferred Timing company is Core Timing. You can contact John from Core Timing on **coretiming@gmail.com** or **087-3805966**

Upon successful bid application all details in relation to the above will be emailed to you.



Lowest price
on the market –
**5% admin
charge**

Benefits of the Triathlon Ireland entry system:

Race entry fees can be transferred to you prior to the event

Triathlon Ireland handle all customer service in relation to any queries, refunds etc

No sign on sheets required for your event, saving time.

Ability to set multiple fees for licence type holders eg Race License €50, Non Race Licence €60 and Juniors €25 all for the one event.

Ability to Include ODM fee into the entry price for non race license holders

Competitors can only enter the race if they meet the minimum age requirements.

Discount codes

Refunds available

Allows to advertise purchase of merchandise

Allows Athlete to see race schedule

Payments can be made with all major credit/debit cards credit.

Track payments and manage refunds all in one place.

Access to reporting and analytics.

Greater convenience for competitors as they can now locate races on the calendar and purchase them in one location

Bid Evaluation:

Bids will be assessed and evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| a) Geographical location and the number of events in the region | k) Marketing & Communications—easy accessibility of information for competitors. |
| b) Time of the season/ Event Date | |
| c) Sprint / Standard Distance split | l) Super Series Applications are automatically considered for National Series status. |
| d) Experience of the local organising committee | m) Quality of spectator experience |
| e) Quality of the bid application | n) Long term event development plans |
| f) Previous Technical Official Reports | o) Course design |
| g) Ability to provide draft legal closed roads racing for Super Series waves | p) Submission and communication with Triathlon Ireland events team |
| h) Capacity of the event | |
| i) Prize fund offered | |
| j) Use of Triathlon Ireland recommended timing company | |

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