



National Post Primary Schools Triathlon Championship- Regional Qualifiers

In 2017 Triathlon Ireland held their first National Post Primary School Triathlon Championships. We invited athletes from around the country to compete over four age categories, Minor, Junior Intermediate, and Senior. In 2018 we will again host the National Championships but with a change to the format. An athlete looking to attend the National Championships will have to attend and qualify from one of four regional qualifiers will be held prior to the Nationals in May.

Details of number of qualifiers in each age category from each region will be released in the coming weeks. The regional qualifiers will be held between January and April, allowing athlete's time to prepare for the main event in May. To assist us in running the regional events we are asking clubs to bid to become a host club for one of the regional events. Triathlon Ireland will look after the registration, marketing, race activation and costs involved in running the event. Below is the details of the event and how a club can bid.

Introduction

This document outlines the guidance for Event Organisers to bid for the Post Primary Regional Qualifier event. It details the process which interested Event Organisers need to follow, the expectations and criteria that they will be required to meet.

The Event

The event must be a pool-based triathlon and not be held later than **29th April**.

The event distances and age categories are as follows:

MINOR

Under 14 on 31st December in the year of competition
200m/6km/2km

JUNIOR

Under 15 on 31st December in the year of competition
300m/8km/2.5km

INTERMEDIATE

Under 17 on 31st December in the year of competition
400m/10km/3km

SENIOR

Under 19 on 31st December in the year of competition
400m/12km/3.5km

The event should be able to accommodate a maximum of 200 participants.

Pool & Transition: The pool must have at least 6 lanes and be a min of 25 metres. Transition area must be close to the pool exit and large enough to accommodate a minimum of 100 bikes.

Minor/Junior bike course: These two age categories will complete their bike course on a closed looped course. E.g. Park, grass area, tarmac or open spaced area close to the pool and transition area.

Intermediate/Senior bike course: These two age categories will complete their bike course on an out and back **open road** course, which will require full marshal support along the route. This will also be a draft legal race.

Run: All age categories will complete their respective run sections on the same route. This can be a mix of grass, tarmac or trail surface. The loop must be a minimum of 800 metres.

Triathlon Ireland Objectives

- Host a safe, fair and enjoyable event.
- Develop a high quality schools event in Ireland.
- Provide a spectator friendly environment to inspire all schools in Ireland to take part.
- Maximise media coverage and exposure for the Triathlon Ireland's Schools Programme
- Provide an event which is attractive to sponsors and funding bodies.

Insurance

- Triathlon Ireland provides robust public liability insurance up to €6,500,000.

Exposure

- The event will receive extensive media support from the largest platform for endurance sports in Ireland (TI website 200,000 page views monthly, TI Facebook 19,000 followers, TI Twitter 11,500 followers, TI Instagram 3,000+ followers).
- The event will receive preferential promotion via Triathlon Ireland media partners. Previous publications have included listings with Outsider Magazine and the Irish Independent.

- The event will be previewed on TI's platforms in the week before race day, bringing your club 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 event and will cover it on triathlonireland.com and on Triathlon Ireland's social media platforms.

Photography

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

Race Support

- Triathlon Ireland's dedicated race activation team and all current equipment will be made available for the event. Race equipment includes finishers arch, finish line decorations and generator.

Technical Officials

- Highly qualified and experienced technical officials guaranteed. Technical Delegate and Referee will be appointed to the event.
- Number of additional Technical Officials appointed will be dependent on expected entries, race distance and as the Technical Committee advice.

Host Club Committee Delivery Requirements

Race Delivery

- Must be an affiliated club or organisation for 2018 before the event will be published.
- Ability to host waves as part of the event
- An event and safety plan must be produced and presented to Triathlon Ireland prior to the event. Triathlon Ireland will provide the 2018 event and safety plan template which must be used for all events.
- The host club committee should communicate effectively with Triathlon Ireland on a regular basis.

TI Financial Support and Requirements

Triathlon Ireland has a small amount of funding in place to support the successful club in delivering this event. The funding will cover all costs associated with the event including pool/venue hire, medals, chip timing and medical support (if required).

As part of the bid process each club must submit an event budget. All expenditure and invoices must be submitted to Triathlon Ireland 2 weeks prior to the start of the event.

Registration System

- Using the Triathlon Ireland entry system is compulsory for this event.

Benefits of the Triathlon Ireland entry system:

- Triathlon Ireland handle all customer service in relation to any queries, refunds etc (once stipulated by the club)
- No sign on sheets required for your event, saving a huge amount of time at registration.
- Competitors can only enter the race if they meet the minimum age requirements.
- Refunds available
- 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

Race Results

- Results will be provided by Triathlon Ireland.

How to Bid

In order to apply: login to your Triathlon Ireland membership account and select "Make a race request". Fill in all details and select submit. At this time you can upload your supporting budget document by selecting the "upload a document" function, alongside your event plan.

A confirmation email will be sent to you automatically when your bid has been received.

The Bid Timeline:

- Submissions must be received electronically via the Triathlon Ireland website.

Date	Event
12 th January 2018	Opening of Bid Process
31 st January 2018 @ 10am	End of Bid Process
5 th February 2018	Organisers Informed of outcome

Bid Evaluation:

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

- a) Geographical location
- b) Quality of the bid application
- c) Capacity of the event
- d) Volunteer support and numbers
- e) Course design
- f) Submission and communication with Triathlon Ireland events team

If you have any questions please contact the Development Manager, Michael Black:

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