



Welcome to the Poconos Triathlon Festival!

We are excited to host you for another great morning of multisport adventure in the beautiful Pocono Mountains on Lake Wallenpaupack. With beautiful courses and outstanding racing, this is going to be a great weekend!

To get ready for race day, please take a moment to review the following pages of our athlete guide and read the emails we send you. These are all key to a safe, fun, and successful race. We know you have worked hard to stay healthy and fit leading into this event and we want to make sure you have a great race. We appreciate you racing with us and hope you achieve your athletic goals!

As you race this weekend be sure to thank the Police, EMS and volunteers that came out to support this event. It's a team effort and our races can't happen without them.

Thank you for racing and we look forward to seeing you on the starting line!

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#### **Schedule of Events**

#### 1. Friday Olympic Distance Packet Pick Up Only

**5-7pm:** Packet Pick-up @ Race Site: Olympic Distance Only **6:00pm:** Pre-Race meeting for the Olympic Distance

#### 2. Saturday Olympic Distance Race Day

\*\*Arrival Time: Please arrive at the race site no later than 6:30am\*\*

**6:00am:** Transition area opens.

6:00-7:00am: Packet Pick-up, Body Marking, Chip Pick-up

7:15am: Transition area closes (no exceptions)/Pre-race meeting (swim start)

7:30am: Olympic Distance Race Starts 11:15am: Olympic Distance Awards

5-7pm: Packet Pickup @ Race Site (Sprint Distance)

**6pm:** Pre-Race meeting @ Race Site for the Sprint Distance

#### 3. Sunday Sprint Race Day

\*\*Arrival Time: Please arrive at the race site no later than 7:00am\*\*

**6:30am:** Transition area opens

6:30-7:30am: Packet pickup, Body Marking/Chip Pick-up

**7:45am:** Transition area closes (no exceptions)/Pre-race meeting (swim start)

8:00am: Sprint Distance race starts 10:45am: Sprint Distance Awards

## **Race Site Address**

Wallenpaupack Area High School 2552 US-6 Hawley, PA 18428 || <u>Directions</u>





# **Parking & Race Site Layout**







# Packet Pick Up / Athlete Check In

Things to bring with you to Packet Pickup:

- PHOTO ID REQUIRED! No ID = No Race!!!
- Questions!

**Special notes about Packet Pickup:** 

- Bib #'s will be assigned, and timing chips distributed at packet pick up, don't lose either one!
- Adults: Each adult must pick up their OWN race packet. This also goes for EACH relay team member as well!
- Minors: Those under the age of 18 years old may have their parent/guardian pickup their packet.
- Race Categories: You MAY change categories during packet pickup.





# **Top 10 Things to Know About Race Day**

- 1. Nestled in the Pocono Mountains on Lake Wallenpaupack, this is a beautiful part of the country to race in, but it is out there. Give yourself extra travel time!
- 2. The Olympic is a 2-loop swim, 1-loop bike and 2-loop run; know your course and lap count.
- 3. The Sprint is a 1-loop swim, 1-loop bike and 1-loop run; know your course and lap count.
- 4. Race #'s and timing chips will be assigned on a rolling basis, first come, first serve.
- 5. Timing Chips are expensive and time consuming to replace, don't lose it.
- 6. Body marking will be located adjacent to transition, please have your bib # with you.
- 7. Bike racking is first come, first serve with 6 bikes per 10' rack, 3 bikes per side.
- 8. Finishing on the track is awesome!
- 9. Post-race food and drinks are provided free of charge to athletes only.
- 10. Thank you for visiting the Poconos Mountains!



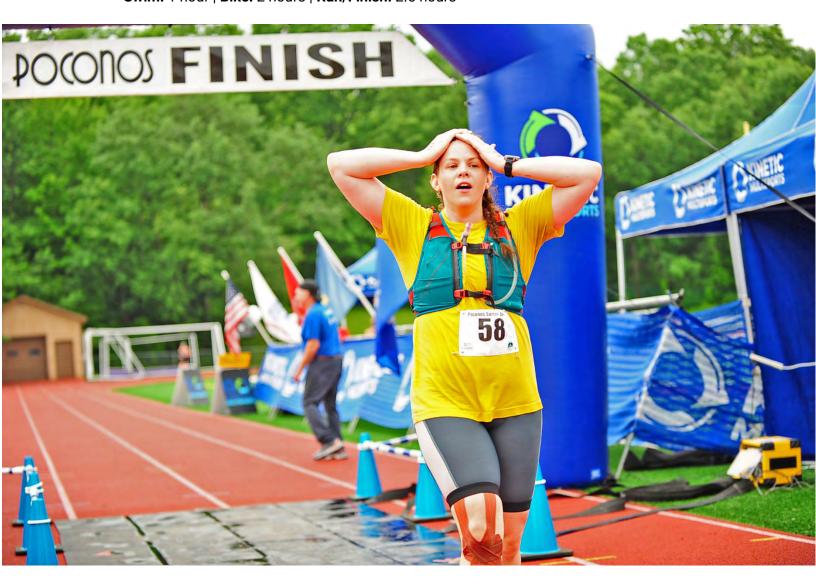


# **Course Cut-Off Times**

We expect each athlete competing in this event to be properly trained to complete the race within the cut off times. Participants who do not meet these cut-offs will be asked to turn in their timing chip. Finishing the race at this point is at the discretion of each athlete, but race support will no longer be provided and Kinetic Multisports holds no responsibility for athlete safety after this point.

**Olympic:** Athletes have 4 hours to complete the entire event. Cumulative cut-offs will be: **Swim:** 1 hour | **Bike:** 3 hours | **Run/Finish:** 4 hours

**Sprint:** Athletes have 2.5 hours to complete the entire event. Cumulative cut-offs will be: **Swim:** 1 hour | **Bike:** 2 hours | **Run/Finish:** 2.5 hours





# **USA Triathlon Pennsylvania State Championships**

We are honored to host the 2023 USA Triathlon Pennsylvania State Championships at the Poconos Triathlon Festival!

**Qualifying for the Toyota Age Group National Championships.** State championships will qualify the top 35% or top five (5) finishers in an age group (whichever is greater). You may only qualify for Olympic-distance Nationals by placing in the Olympic distance State Championship race or Sprint Nationals by placing in the sprint distance State Championship race.

High School State Championships Exemption: All high school athletes who finish any of the State High School Championships will automatically qualify for Sprint-distance (pending they are at least age 15 as of December 31, 2023)

Any state championship that occurs after June 1, 2023 will qualify for BOTH 2023 AND 2024 Toyota Age Group Nationals. The qualification criteria for 2023 Age Group Nationals are subject to change from what it is for 2022. Click here to review the full 2023 qualification criteria for Toyota Age Group Nationals. Athletes do not have to be a resident of a state to win that state's championship. Any age group athlete competing in an age group division is eligible to win any state championship.





# **Transition Area**

Triathletes may enter the transition area during posted packet pick up times. All bikes must be racked, and transition preparation completed 15-minutes before the start of the first swimmer. There is no overnight racking and please, athletes only in transition.

Bike racking is first come, first serve with each 10' section of bike rack holding 6 bikes (3 per side). Please be courteous of the space and belongings of other racers before, during, and after the race.

Please note that once your race is over, many others are still racing. We will be allowing athletes into the transition area to get their bikes and other gear when possible. Please be considerate of others still racing.







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#### **Race Numbers**

Race Numbers: Each athlete will receive three (3) race numbers...

- 1. The smallest number (sticky) must be worn on the front of the cycling helmet.
- 2. The number with 2 numbers together is to be folded over the top tube or seat post of your bicycle. It is self-adhesive.
- 3. The number with 4 holes is to be worn on the front of the body during the run and when crossing the finish line, we have safety pins, or you can purchase a Kinetic race belt for \$10.

Please refer to the Kinetic Multisports website under Novice Athletes for more information on number placement.









# **Timing Chips**

**Timing Chips:** Each athlete will receive their timing chip at athlete check in, we highly recommend putting it on immediately.

- 1. Do not lose your timing chip and be sure to return it at the finish line. There is a \$50 replacement fee if you lose or otherwise fail to return your chip.
- 2. We recommend the left ankle, non-chainring side.
- 3. Split points are noted by yellow cones and located throughout the event, be sure to cross them so can get splits!
- 4. If you need to stop racing, please stop by the finish line to return your chip and let our team know.



# **Body Marking**

Be sure to get a body marked race morning. We recommend racking your bike first, then circling back with your bib # to the body marking area just outside of transition. You'll get #'s on both shoulders, both quads and left hand along with your USAT Age or Category on your calf. (Bring your BIB # to get body marked!)



#### **Aid Stations**

#### Olympic Triathlon/Aquabike

- **Bike:** No aid stations on the Olympic Bike Course.
- Run: Aid stations approximately every 1–1.5 miles on the run course with Water & Gatorade.

#### Sprint Triathlon/Aquabike

- **Bike:** No aid stations on the Sprint Bike Course.
- Run: Aid stations approximately every 1–1.5 miles on the run course with Water & Gatorade.

#### **Results**

Tentative results will be online at the following link: <a href="https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/83188#resultSetId-319069">https://runsignup.com/Race/Results/83188#resultSetId-319069</a>;perpage:100

A separate email will be sent with athlete tracking information so you can sign up for real-time splits, finish times and category placement. Remember, results are preliminary and can shift as we approach the awards ceremony.

Questions about results can be directed to the timing team located near the finish line.







### **USAT Rules & Penalties**

Please take a moment to review USA Triathlon Most Commonly Violated Rules - HERE

#### **Updated Rules for 2023**

- Helmets must be fastened <u>prior</u> to removing bikes from the transition rack while racing
- No headphones during the bike/run and phones must be secured and not in use while racing
- 10-meter drafting zone on bike for Sprint/Olympic distance
- USAT penalties, if any, will be given to athletes ON COURSE with a Blue or Yellow card requiring a stop at the Penalty Tent located at Run Out.



**Questions or concerns about USAT penalties** can be directed towards the USAT Official who will remain at the race site until after the awards ceremony.

#### **USA Triathlon**

USA Triathlon is the national governing body for the sport of triathlon and helps enforce the competitive rules of the sport. Being an annual member or a one-day member provides event organizers and participants with the necessary liability insurance coverage. For information, please contact USA Triathlon <a href="https://www.usance.com/us

**USAT Aging Up Policy:** Participants will compete in whichever age group they would be in as of December 31st of this year.





#### **Wetsuit Rules**

Kinetic Multisports abides by USAT cutoffs concerning water temperature and wetsuit eligibility:

- 78° F or below: Wetsuits ARE Allowed
- 78.1° F to 83.9° F: Participants may wear a wetsuit at their own discretion; however, wearing a wetsuit in this temperature range will mean that the athletes are ineligible for awards. Results for athletes that wear wetsuits in this temperature range will be listed separately from standard Overall Results
- 84°F and above: wetsuits are NOT permitted—this is for your own safety.

#### Water Temperature

The preliminary water temperature will be posted on the Kinetic Multisports Facebook/Instagram page 48 hours before race start. The "Official" water temperature reading to determine wetsuit eligibility will be taken by the USAT official race morning and announced 60—90 minutes prior to race start.







#### PRACTICE AREAS

HELPING PEOPLE WITH INJURY CASES, INCLUDING WORKER'S COMPENSATION FOR ON-THE-JOB INJURIES, CAR CRASHES, DOG ATTACKS, OR ACCIDENTS WHILE TRAINING FOR SPORTS OR FITNESS. WE WORK HARD TO PREVENT BRAIN INJURIES IN SCHOOL CHILDREN BY OUR EDUCATIONAL AND SAFETY PROGRAM ("LIDS ON KIDS") AND DISTRIBUTING FREE BICYCLE HELMETS EACH YEAR.



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# **Swim**

- The swim course map is posted on the Kinetic Multisports website.
- The Olympic distance feature a 2-loop swim course, athletes stay in the water to start their 2<sup>nd</sup> lap.
- Athletes may swim on either side of the orange sighting buoys; yellow turn buoys must be on your left.
- The Sprint features a 1-loop swim course.
- The swim features a time trial start, 2 athletes every 2-3 seconds, pick a buddy and go!
- There is a 200-meter uphill run on a gravel trail to get back to transition. We will carpet this, but it may make sense for you to stash a set of shoes close to swim finish.
- There will NOT be wetsuit strippers.
- The official water temp will be taken race morning and communicated one hour prior to race start. A preliminary reading will go out via email/ social Friday morning.
- Lifeguards and rescue craft will be available throughout the swim for emergency assistance. If you need assistance, roll on your back (float) and wave your hand in the air to signal for assistance.
- You may briefly rest by holding onto safety kayaks; kayakers cannot provide forward assist.
- Water safety does not make up for a lack of training in open water swimming.
- If you do not finish the swim, please notify our staff at the swim exit.





#### **Bike**

- The bike course map is posted on the Kinetic Multisports website.
- Knowing the course is ultimately YOUR responsibility, there is no substitute for pre driving or pre-riding the course
- The course will be marked with yellow duct tape arrows and yellow directional signs at all turns with mileage signs in 5-mile increments.
- The Olympic & Sprint Courses are out and back course.
- Though there will be police presence on the course for your safety, the course is still open to traffic please BE ALERT and BE CAREFUL!

#### **Rules & Etiquette**

- You MUST wait to mount your bike until AFTER you cross the mounting line outside of transition. Likewise, you MUST dismount your bike BEFORE crossing the line at the end of the bike.
- Hard shell helmets must be worn and must be fastened before mounting your bike outside the transition area. Failure to fasten your helmet results in an automatic DQ.
- Ride in the right 1/3 of the lane adjacent to the shoulder. This allows faster cyclists and traffic to pass on the left.
- Crossing the yellow line is an automatic DQ.





#### Run

- The run course map is posted on Kinetic Multisports website.
- The Olympic course is a 2 loop course.
- Aid stations will be located approximately every mile on the run and will have water, Gatorade, ice.
- The running surface is a mix of hardpack gravel trail and pavement. This is a nice lakeside walking trail, lightweight trail running shoes are recommended.

#### **Rules & Etiquette**

- No headphones, earphones or any radio-type devices will be allowed.
- You MUST have your run bib number on your FRONT as you approach the finish line.
- Please be sure to return your timing chip at the finish line

#### **CONGRATULATIONS YOU DID IT!**



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