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2009 2XU AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TRIATHLON SERIES

The following is information for all ITU Junior athletes intending to compete in 2009 2XU Australian Junior Triathlon Series (AJTS) during the 2008-2009 Australian Triathlon Season.

The series is for endorsed ITU Junior Athletes (16-19) only.

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Race 1: 2XU Super Sprint Race Weekend, 12-14 December 2008 – Runaway Bay, QLD

- Australian Youth Olympics Festival - Selection Race;
- Four races over 2 ½ days consisting of aquathlon, time trials and super sprint triathlons at the Sports Super Centre, Runaway Bay, QLD.
- Outright winner will be determined on a point score from the weekend's races.

Race 2: Canberra Challenge Series, 24 January 2009 - Canberra, ACT

- Selection Race 1 - 2009 ITU Junior World Triathlon Championships
- NB – U23 athletes are **NOT** permitted to compete in the 2009 event

Race 3: Hobart Challenge Series, 15 February 2009 – Hobart, TAS*

- **ITU Junior Australian Triathlon Championships;**
- Selection Race 2 - 2009 ITU Junior World Championships;
- *MUST have completed and submitted TT results to compete in this race.

Race 4: Gold Coast Triathlon: Luke Harrop Memorial, 1 March 2009 – Gold Coast, QLD*

- **ITU Junior Oceania Triathlon Championships;**
- Selection Race 3 - 2009 ITU Junior World Championships;
- TEST EVENT - 2009 ITU World Triathlon Championships;
- *MUST have completed and submitted TT results to compete in this race.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete as an ITU Junior in the 2009 2XU Australian Junior Triathlon Series, athletes must meet the following guidelines:

1. **MEMBER** – Be a financial member of Triathlon Australia and state association.
2. **AGE – Must be aged 16-19 years as of 31st December 2009**
Born in the years 1990-1993 as per ITU competition rules.
3. **ENDORSEMENT** - Be an “endorsed” ITU Junior member by your state association. The endorsement process confirms you have the necessary bike handling skills & knowledge to compete safely in draft legal triathlons. All endorsement forms must be sent to TA by COB on the Friday, one week prior to each AJTS race.

NO ENDORSEMENT = NO START!

4. **TIME TRIALS** - All ITU Junior athletes that wish to compete in the ITU Junior Australian Championships (Hobart) & ITU Junior Oceania Championships (Gold Coast) must have completed a **1km Swim TT & 5km Run TT** and submitted their results by the due date. All TT results need to be confirmed & submitted by each respective STTA’s junior development personal on the correct TT template.
 - a. For 2009 season the TT window is **1 December 2008 – 8 February 2009**
 - b. All TT results must be submitted to TA by **COB 11 February 2009**

NO TT RESULTS = NO START @ Hobart & Gold Coast Races

5. **STANDARD** – As a guide for aspiring ITU Junior athletes and their coaches, TA has set the following times as a **minimum** standard for those athletes who wish to compete in the 2XU Australian Junior Triathlon Series;

Min. times for Australian Junior Triathlon Series	Male	Female
1km Swim (50m Pool)	13:45	14:45
5km Track Run	18:00	20:00

ENTRY & RACE INFORMATION

Entry for each race in 2009 2XU AJTS is via each individual events entry procedure. For the Runaway Bay event, a downloadable entry form will be provided closer to the event. For Canberra and Hobart enter via the TA Challenge Series website and for Gold Coast Triathlon enter online via USM website.

Race 1 – 2XU Super Sprint Race Weekend – an entry form will be sent to all state associations and available via the TA High Performance website closer to the event.

Race 2 - Canberra Challenge Series – www.challengeseries.org.au

Race 3 - Hobart Challenge Series* – www.challengeseries.org.au

Race 4 – Gold Coast Triathlon: Luke Harrop Memorial* - www.usmevents.com.au

Other ITU Junior Events

2008 2XU National Junior Development Camp, 14-17 December 2008, Runaway Bay QLD

2009 Australian Youth Olympics Festival Triathlon, 14-18 January 2009, Penrith NSW

2009 ITU World Triathlon Championships, 11-13 September 2009, Gold Coast QLD

2009 2XU AJTS POINT SCORE

As in 2007 & 2008, there is a point score to determine the 2009 2XU Australian ITU Junior Triathlete of the Year (Male and Female). Best three results out of the four events will count towards the point score and top three placings will be recognised at the end of the season.

The following points will be awarded to the top ten finishers in each 2XU AJTS race.

Place	Points
1st	11
2nd	9
3rd	8
4th	7
5th	6
6th	5
7th	4
8th	3
9th	2
10th	1

AWARDS

The top 3 placing in the **2009 2XU Australian Junior Triathlon Series** will receive a personal product sponsorship package with 2XU and trophies courtesy of Triathlon Australia.

- 1st – 2XU Personal Product Sponsorship Package (Value \$2000) + Series Trophy
- 2nd – 2XU Personal Product Sponsorship Package (Value \$1000) + Series Trophy
- 3rd – 2XU Personal Product Sponsorship Package (Value \$500) + Series Trophy

HONOUR ROLL

Australian Junior Triathlete of the Year

2008	Joshua Amberger (QLD)	2008	Ashleigh Gentle (QLD)
2007	Sam Betten (QLD)	2007	Ashleigh Gentle (QLD)

Australian ITU Junior Champions

2008	Jamie Huggett (VIC)	2008	Ashleigh Gentle (QLD) – Hobart, TAS
2007	Sam Betten (QLD)	2007	Courtney Dutton (QLD) – Hobart, TAS

Oceania ITU Junior Champions

2008	Jamie Huggett (VIC)	2008	Ashleigh Gentle (QLD) – Kinloch, NZL
2007	Sam Betten (QLD)	2007	Courtney Dutton (QLD) – Hobart, TAS

ENDORSEMENT TO COMPETE IN AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TRIATHLON SERIES

- **ALL** ITU Junior athletes **MUST** complete an endorsement application to be eligible to compete in the AJTS.
- The endorsement procedure has two criteria: **Automatic** or **Demonstrated**.
 - **Automatic Endorsement:** any athlete that has previously competed in the National ITU Junior series will be automatically endorsed. **NOTE:** The application form still needs to be completed by the athlete and then forwarded to the State Junior Development Program Coordinator for final approval.
 - **Demonstrated Endorsement:** any athlete that has not previously raced in a National ITU Junior event is required to complete the application form and have their bike handling skills/knowledge approved **by NCAS Level 2 Triathlon Coach or NCAS Level 1 Cycling Coach** before submission to State Junior Development Program Coordinator for final approval.

- State Junior Development Program Coordinators will be required to submit their list of endorsed ITU Juniors, to the TA National Development Coach (Craig Redman) by close of business, on **Friday 5 December 2008**. Any additions to the list by no later than the Friday, **one week before** each AJTS event.
- For those athletes in states **without** a State Junior Development Program, you must be endorsed as competent by either a level 2 triathlon coach or a level one (or above) cycling coach, on the official TA ITU Junior Endorsement application form. This must be sent or faxed, to your State Association office.
- ITU Junior Athletes who qualify for a TA Professional License will be considered to be automatically endorsed, but must still complete an endorsement application if they wish to compete in the ITU Junior races.
- **Only endorsed athlete will be allowed to race and all endorsements must be received by the TA National Development Coach by the Friday one week before each AJTS event.**
- For further information about ITU Junior Endorsement read the “**TA ITU Junior Time Trial & Endorsement**” information available on TA & TAHP websites.

TIME TRIAL REQUIREMENTS

- **ALL** ITU Junior athletes **MUST** complete and submit a 1km Swim & 5km Track Run TT to be eligible to compete in:
 - Race 3 – ITU Junior Australian Championships (Hobart) and;
 - Race 4 – ITU Junior Oceania Championships (Gold Coast).
- Time Trials must be complete between **1 December 2008 and 8 February 2009** and submitted to NDC via STTA's by 11 February 2009.
- For further information about time trials read the “**TA ITU Junior Time Trial & Endorsement**” information available on TA & TAHP websites.

2009 ITU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION ELIGIBILITY

(Note this is an eligibility summary only and NOT a selection summary. You should make sure you have **read and understand** the full selection policy.)

ITU Junior – a maximum of 3 males and 3 females may be selected (the team does not have to be filled).

NB: Due to the extremely large fields at recent World Championships and considering the safety of athletes the ITU have advised Oceania Region has been allocated 6 spots for the 2009 World Championships. Each National Federation will be allowed a maximum of up to 3 spots. All Oceania Federations are required to qualify their ITU Junior spots at the ITU Junior Oceania Championships. In 2009 this event will be conducted at Gold Coast Triathlon – Luke Harrop Memorial.

- (a) To be eligible for selection athletes **MUST** complete and sign the application form, which is available on the TA HP website. The application form needs to be returned to TA before the close off date.

No late applications will be considered.

- (b) **To be eligible for selection athletes MUST also meet minimum time trial requirements.** The 2009 times are:

	Male	Female
1km Swim (50m Pool)	13:15	14:15
5km Track Run	16:30	18:50

- (c) All athletes who wish to be considered for selection must complete the time trials and meet the minimum times between **1 December 2008 and 8 February 2009.**
- (d) Athletes may attempt the time trials as many times as they wish within the date window but the time trials must be witnessed by a SIS/SAS Head Coach or STTA Junior Development Coach and submitted to the National Development Coach.

UNIFORMS AND RULES

All ITU Junior Uniforms must meet the ITU uniform guidelines in regards to Surname, Country Code "AUS" and logo size. The following are the options for race uniforms in the 2009 2XU AJTS Events:

(a). Wear State/Territory Institute of Sport uniform as follows;

- State/Territory Institute of Sport (SIS/SAS) logo & major sponsor logo*
- **Note:** SIS/SAS logo must not incorporate a corporate logo that conflicts with a TA Principal Sponsor.
- One 8 sq cm manufacture mark/logo on uniform front.

(b). Wear a STTA Junior Development Program uniform as follows;

- STTA logo & major sponsor logo*
- One 8 sq cm manufacture mark/logo uniform front.

(c). Wear a clean race uniform as follows;

- No corporate sponsorship signage permitted.
- One 8 sq cm manufacturer mark/logo on uniform front.

***Major Sponsor logo:** Race uniforms for SIS/SAS or STTA squads are able to display **one (1)** major sponsor logo subject to the following conditions:

- i) The logo must be a major sponsor of the SIS/SAS or STTA junior development program.
- ii) The logo must not be in conflict with a TA Principal sponsor.
- iii) The race uniform must be approved by TA.
- iv) **NO** individual or personal sponsors.

Uniform Rational: TA would like to encourage STTA Junior Development squads to source a potential sponsors to help fund the costs involved in conducting programs. Therefore, we see the benefit in providing a vehicle for the sponsor to be acknowledged on the team uniform.

All other rules shall be as per ITU rules for Draft Legal events.

(This includes: bicycle, wheel, handle bar and wetsuit restrictions).

It is the athlete and coach's responsibility to know the rules.

For more information contact AJTS Coordinator:

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