



## 2019 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES PROGRAM DETAILS & RACE CALENDAR

### Overview – What is the National Development Series?

A National Series made up of identified races selected from within the existing provincial series events with a point system focused towards the 2020 National Championships.

### Purpose/Philosophy – Why have a National Development Series?

The National Development Series is designed to facilitate the transition from community events to International Triathlon Union (ITU) racing. This will be done by driving accessibility to high-quality racing opportunities that target multi-event options, geographical balance, and points premiums. It will familiarize athletes and coaches with the ITU system through incorporation of ITU-like points allocations, ITU-like ranking, and ITU race formats and course profiles.

### Targeted Athletes - Who Should be Racing this Series?

This series is meant for athletes that are preparing to move into ITU racing. Any Junior/U23 athlete who does NOT have ITU points should be racing at the Development Series level. Additionally, any athletes in the Junior/U23 categories that are progressing through Triathlon Canada's Podium Pathway at the Train-to-Train stage of the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model or have not been selected to the National Team or National Development Team should continue to race at this level.

### Racing Requirements & Points – How Should Events be Prioritized to a Season Plan?

The following tier system has been designed to describe the racing requirements:

**Tier 1\*:**

Type: National Championships  
Requirement: Mandatory  
Points: 20% premium on individual events

**Tier 3:**

Type: Series  
Status: Optional  
Points: Standard

**Tier 2:**

Type: Regional Championships  
Requirement: Optional  
Points: 15% premium

**Tier 4:**

Type: Replacement  
Status: Optional – Substitute for one Tier 3 race  
Points: Standard

*\*Tier 1 includes the National Junior/U23 Mixed Relay Championships to be held in Edmonton. This is a one-off event with recognition for top teams. Points are not allocated, but athletes racing in the relay have the option to also do the Tier 2 individual event on the same weekend for a 15% premium. Relay teams are to be determined by the PSOs.*

**Athletes should NOT be racing more than 6 events on this Series. Athletes are encouraged to work with their coaches to determine an appropriate calendar.**

## Entries & Points System

This series is for athletes who are targeting the high performance pathway. As much as possible, it is designed to teach athletes the skills they will need to be successful. This also applies to the points system, which will follow the established ITU procedures. A full breakdown will be coming shortly. Note that athletes will receive points for a maximum of 6 events inclusive of the mandatory races.

Entries will be Local Organizing Committee (LOC) driven. Results will be submitted to Triathlon Canada following a set template for generation of point for ranking.

## Event Format Requirements

**Age Restrictions:** Junior / U23 (16-23 as of December 31st, 2019)

The series will work within the U23 and Junior categories as defined by the ITU rules – age exemptions for athletes younger than 16 will not be permitted. However, most races will include a youth event.

**Distance:** Super Sprint / Sprint / Mixed Relay

Direct finals or heats/finals are permitted. Multiple racing opportunities are preferred (heats/finals, relay etc.). Courses must be reflective of the long-term high performance goals; which are based on multi-loop, technical courses. Pool swims are permitted.

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## Draft-Legal Event Calendar

EVENT	DATE	DISCIPLINES	CATEGORIES	POINTS*	LOCATION
<b>TIER 1 - MANDATORY</b>					
Kelowna Apple Triathlon	Jul-05	Super Sprint	Junior / U23	20% Premium	Kelowna, BC
National Jr/U23 Mixed Relay Championships	Jul-21	Team Relay	Junior / U23	N/A	Edmonton, AB
<b>TIER 2 - OPTIONAL WITH PREMIUM</b>					
Ontario Provincial Championships	Aug-31	Sprint	Junior / U23	15% Premium	Welland, ON
Vernon Triathlon	Sep-08	Super Sprint / Team Relay	Junior / U23	15% Premium	Vernon, BC
WTS Edmonton	Jul-20	Super Sprint	Junior / U23	15% Premium	Edmonton, AB
<b>TIER 3 - OPTIONAL WITH MAXIMUM OF 4</b>					
North Shore Triathlon	May-20	Super Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	North Vancouver, BC
Navy Tridents	Jun-02	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Dartmouth, NS
Victoria Youth Triathlon	Jun-09	Super Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Victoria, BC
Triathlon Labranche Transport Drummondville	Jun-08	TT / Super Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Drummondville, QC
Victory Triathlon	Jun-22	Super Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Edmonton, AB
Living Sky Triathlon	Jun-22	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Saskatoon, SK
Trimemphré Polar de Magog	Jul-13	Super Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Magog, QC
National Capital Triathlon	Aug-03	Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Ottawa, ON
Triathlon de Valleyfield	Aug-17	Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Valleyfield, QC
Trilobster	Aug-18	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior / U23	Standard	Summerside, PEI
<b>TIER 4 - REPLACE 1 TIER 3</b>					
USAT - Youth/Junior Series	May-05	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior / U23 / Elite	Standard	Richmond, VA
USAT - Youth/Junior Series	Jun-02	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior	Standard	Pleasant Prairie, WI
USAT - Youth/Junior Series	Jun-29	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior	Standard	Monroe, WA
USAT - Youth/Junior Series	Jul-14	Super Sprint / Sprint	Junior	Standard	Des Moines, IA

\*A full breakdown of the points structure will be coming soon