

## 2020 National Development Series

### Program Details and Calendar

#### 1. 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 creating a clear national ranking amongst development athletes.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. 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.

Athletes with an ITU ranking of 300 or better on the event date will not be given National Development Series points.

#### 4. 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 2:**

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

**Tier 3:**

Type: Series  
 Status: Optional – Maximum of 4  
 Points: Standard

**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 Gatineau, QC. 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 3 individual event on the same weekend in Ottawa. 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.

## 5. 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. Please see the attached excel template and the full breakdown linked below. **Note that athletes will receive points for a maximum of 6 events inclusive of the championship races.**

Entries will be Local Organizing Committee (LOC) driven. Registration information is provided below. Results will be submitted to Triathlon Canada following the attached template for generation of point for ranking.

[For a full breakdown of the ITU points system click here.](#)

## 6. Submission of Results

All race results must be submitted in a consistent manner to Triathlon Canada to ensure that the athletes' data can be managed accordingly. LOC's or PSO's must submit official results to Triathlon Canada ([Results@triathloncanada.com](mailto:Results@triathloncanada.com)). Results will ONLY be accepted if they are submitted in the following manner:

- 1) Emailed to [results@triathloncanada.com](mailto:results@triathloncanada.com) by 12pm PST on the Wednesday immediately following the race date.
- 2) Using the attached master excel sheet and the specified columns
- 3) Time MUST be submitted via excel time standard (HH:MM:SS).
  - a. For example, a race time of 1:05.06 must be entered in the excel sheet as 1:05:06
- 4) The excel sheet must be renamed where RACE NAME PROVINCE DATE is changed to reflect the race accordingly.

## 7. Publication of Results

Triathlon Canada will publish a CURRENT STANDINGS National Development Series ranking sheet on the website every Friday by 12pm PST: <https://www.triathloncanada.com/high-performance/#results>

## 8. Age Restrictions: Junior / U23 (16-23 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020)

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.

## 9. Event Registration

Registration will be done through the Local Organizing Committees for all National Development Series Races. Links are provided below. Please note that some provinces are offering discounts, so make sure to read the notes provided to access these savings.

## 10. 2020 Event Calendar

EVENT	DATE	DISCIPLINES	POINTS
<b>TIER 1 - CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>			
ITU World Triathlon Montreal - QC National Championships PATCO Continental Cup	June 28	Super Sprint	20% Premium
Triathlon de Gatineau - QC National Mixed Relay Championships Double-header with Super League Ottawa	July 4	Team Relay	N/A
<b>TIER 2 - PREMIUMS</b>			
Welland Triathlon - ON Canada Summer Games Test Event Ontario Provincial Championships	Sept 5-6	Super Sprint / Super Sprint	15% Premium
Vernon Triathlon - BC BC Junior Provincial Championships BC Super Series Finale	Sept 13	Super Sprint	15% Premium
<b>TIER 3 – SERIES (maximum of 4)</b>			
North Shore Triathlon - BC BC Super Series	May 18	Super Sprint	Standard
Triathlon Labranch Transport de Drummonville - QC Quebec Grand Prix Serie	June 13	Super Sprint / Super Sprint (shorter 2 <sup>nd</sup> time, 20min break between)	Standard
Super League Ottawa - ON Double-header with Gatineau	July 5	Enduro	Standard
Triathlon de Valleyfield - QC Quebec Provincial Championships Quebec Grand Prix Serie	Aug 15-16	Sprint / Mixed Relay (TBC)	Standard
Swift Current Triathlon - SK	Aug 17	Super Sprint / Super Sprint	Standard
<b>TIER 4 - Replace 1 Tier 3</b>			
TBC - USAT Calendar (up to 4 races will be identified) USAT - Youth/Junior Series	TBD	Super Sprint / Sprint	Standard