

2023 National Development Series

Program Details and Calendar

1. Overview – What is the National Development Series?

A National Series of high-quality racing opportunities with a point system designed to create a clear national ranking amongst development athletes aged 16-23.

2. Purpose/Philosophy – Why have a National Development Series?

The National Development Series is designed to facilitate the transition from community events to World Triathlon (TRI) racing. To accomplish this, Triathlon Canada is focusing on:

- High quality race experiences targeting multi-event options (*high value for required travel*)
- Regional race opportunities to increase accessibility
- High integration between provincial programs through national camps
- Use of TRI-like points allocation, premiums, and ranking systems

3. Targeted Athletes - Who Should be Racing this Series?

This series is meant for athletes that are preparing to move into continental racing. Any Junior/U23 athlete who does NOT have **TRI 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.

The National Development Series will include three medal categories: U17, U19 & U23. This is to acknowledge the wide developmental gap between the ages of 16 and 23. Including an additional category will provide clearer feedback to athletes on where they fall within the national athlete pool and allow better recognition of talent within this group.

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: Series

Requirement: Optional

Points: Standard

Tier 3:

Type: Benchmarking

Requirement: Optional

Points: NA

**Tier 1 includes the U23 Mixed Relay National Championships to be held in Montreal, QC. This is a one-off event with recognition for top teams. Dev Series points are not allocated as the start list is restricted. Relay teams are to be determined by the PSOs.*

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 TRI procedures. Please see the attached excel template and the full breakdown linked below.

Entry into events will be done through the Local Organizing Committees (LOC). Registration information will be available on the event websites with the exemption of the mixed team relay competitions. Results will be submitted to Triathlon Canada following the attached template for generation of point for ranking.

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

Entry into the national camps will be managed by the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO). Triathlon Canada will allocate space to the provinces using the following system:

- Camp capacity is 25 spots per week
- Every PSO will receive at least one spot in each camp
- All remaining spots will be allocated based on each province's percentage of the national total membership in the 16-23 age category
- Any unclaimed spots will be offered in a second round of allocation
- PSOs have discretion over whether a single athlete is allocated a spot in both camps

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). Results will ONLY be accepted if they are submitted in the following manner:

- 1) Emailed to 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/publications/#nds>

8. Age Restrictions: Junior / U23 (16-23 as of December 31st, 2023)

The series will work within the U23 and Junior categories as defined by the TRI rules – age exemptions for athletes younger than 16 will not be permitted.

2023 National Development Series Schedule

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	DISCIPLINES	TIER/POINTS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, CAMPS & PREMIUM EVENTS				
Junior National Championships	Montreal, QC (GQ)	June 24	Sprint	1 – 20% Prem
U23 MTR National Championships	Montreal, QC (GQ)	June 25	Mixed Relay	NA
MONTREAL CAMP 1	Montreal, QC (PJD)	June 26-30		
Camp Competition	Montreal, QC (PJD)	July 2	TBD	Benchmarking
MONTREAL CAMP 2	Montreal, QC (PJD)	July 3-7		
U23/Elite National Championships	Montreal, QC (PJD)	July 8	Sprint	1 – 20% Prem
Para National Championships	Montreal QC, (PJD)	July 8	Sprint	NA
STANDARD SERIES EVENTS				
National Dev Series Race #1	Kamloops, BC	June 18	Super Sprint	2 – Standard
National Dev Series Race #2	Gatineau, QC	July 8	Sprint	2 – Standard
National Dev Series Race #3	Summerside, PE	Aug 20	Sprint	2 – Standard
National Dev Series Race #4	Edmonton, AB	Aug 26	Sprint	2 – Standard
National Dev Series Race #5	Welland, ON	Sept 2	Super Sprint x 2	2 – Standard
National Dev Series Race #6a	Montreal, QC	Sept 9	Super Sprint	2 – Standard
National Dev Series Race #6b	Montreal, QC	Sept 10	Sprint (TT, non drafting)	NA
OTHER				
Arena Games	Montreal, QC	Feb 25-26	4km x 2 (Zwift)	Benchmarking

Affiliated International Events:

- World Triathlon Championship Series Montreal – June 24-25
- World Para Series Montreal – July 8
- America’s Triathlon Cup Montreal – July 8
- America’s Triathlon Cup Edmonton – August 26