

2024 National Development Series

Program Details and Calendar

The following provides an outline of our 2024 National Development Series. This program has been revised to better meet the needs of athletes on our development pathway. Getting information out as quick as possible has been prioritized to support competition planning. **There may still be small revisions made to this program outline in the coming months.**

1. Overview – What is the National Development Series?

The National Development Series is a pathway for development athletes to gain the skills and experience needed to progress from provincial draft-legal racing into successful continental racing. To achieve this, a program has been developed that begins with Provincial Championships, progresses into regional events where the Canadian program can be centralized, and finally into National Championships where the best development athletes in the country can compete head-to-head.

2. How is this a change from previous years?

The National Development Series is targeting athletes in the Junior and U23 categories (ages 16-23). The range of skills, experience, and performances across these two categories is very broad. The National Development Series program has been updated to provide more meaningful opportunities and better direct individuals to their appropriate level of racing. There are juniors at the bottom end of the spectrum who should be focusing on provincial draft-legal racing to build their skills, and U23 athletes at the top end of the spectrum who are beyond the scope of the National program and should be focusing on generating international points.

Provincial championships are now used as an opportunity to generate National Development Series points. The two regional championships offered are meant to drive deeper fields of athletes and more meaningful competitions. The use of PATCO (America's Cup) events in Canada also provides an opportunity to generate international points as part of the Series.

Junior/U23 National Championships now includes an eligibility criteria based on National Development Series points and rankings. This is meant to elevate the prestige of our National Championship events and ensure our best development athletes in the country have an opportunity to race head-to-head where performances can be directly compared.

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

This Series is meant for Junior/U23 athletes that are preparing to move into continental racing or are inconsistently racing at the continental level. Determination of competition age will follow the World Triathlon (TRI) rules for Junior/U23, which is between the ages of 16 and 23 as of December 31st of the competition year.

The following athletes should be targeting the Series:

- » Athletes who have achieved success in their provincial draft-legal competitions
- » Athletes who do not currently have a World Ranking
- » Athletes who are currently ranked under 300th in the world

Click here for current World Rankings: https://triathlon.org/rankings/world_triathlon_rankings

4. Where can I get more information?

A virtual townhall for athletes and coaches targeting the National Development Series will be offered in January of 2024. Triathlon Canada’s High Performance Director, Phil Dunne, will provide additional context and answer questions. Registration information will be circulated prior through the PSOs and Provincial Coaches. The recording of the session will be posted here: <https://www.triathloncanada.com/publications/#nds>

2024 National Development Series Schedule

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	DISTANCE	TIER/POINTS
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
Triathlon Alberta Provincial Championships	Calgary, AB	June 16	Sprint	1 – Standard
Triathlon BC Provincial Championships	Kamloops, BC	June 22	Super Sprint	1 – Standard
Triathlon Saskatchewan Provincial Championships	Fort Qu’Appelle, SK	July 6	Sprint	1 – Standard
Triathlon Quebec Provincial Championships	Valleyfield, QC	August 17	Sprint	1 – Standard
Triathlon Ontario Draft Legal Provincial Championships	Welland, ON	August 31	Super Sprint	1 – Standard
Triathlon PEI Provincial Championships	Summerside, PE	August 4	Sprint	1 – Standard
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
Eastern Championship – America’s Cup Magog	Magog, QC	July 13-14	Sprint	2 – 15% Prem
Eastern Championship – Magog Draft-Legal	Magog, QC	July 13-14	Super Sprint	1 – Standard
Western Championship – America’s Cup Edmonton	Edmonton, AB	Aug 24-25	Sprint	2 – 15% Prem
Western Championship – Edmonton Draft-Legal	Edmonton, AB	Aug 24-25	Sprint	1 – Standard
USAT Junior Series	<i>See below</i>			2 – 15% Prem
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS				
Junior/U23 National Championships – Montreal Esprit	Montreal, QC	Sept 7-8	Sprint	3 – 20% Prem

Both of our Regional Championship events are PATCO America’s Cup races (Magog & Edmonton). Because the start list is restricted and follows the World Triathlon entries process, additional draft-legal races have been added to the program to accommodate any development athletes who are unable to get on the PATCO start list. Standard series points will apply to these races, but they will still count as having competed in a Canadian Regional Championship.

Eligibility to Junior/U23 National Championships:

The following criteria will be used to determine eligibility to National Championships*:

- Must have a minimum of 2 scores (1 Provincial Championship, 1 Canadian Regional Championship)
- Must have a minimum series points score of **450** (top 15 at provincials**, top 30 at regionals)
- A maximum of 3 scores will be counted (1 Provincial championship, 2 Regional Championships)

**Athletes with a World Ranking under 150 may bypass the entry criteria to race in Junior/U23 National Championships. If an athlete gains entry to Nationals in this manner, they will not be given a National Development Series Ranking. This is to allow access to National Championships to Junior/U23 athletes racing consistently beyond the scope of the National Series.*

***If a Provincial Championship has a quality of field points reduction applied because there are less than 15 athletes competing, the minimum placement to hit the required Series points score of 450 with the minimum of 2 scores is a top 11 (see Appendix A).*

Series Points System

The points system applied to the National Series mimics the World Triathlon (TRI) system. Standard series events (Provincial Championships) are allocated 1000 points with a reduction by place of 7.5%. This means the first place finisher receives 1000 points and each place below is reduced by 7.5%. If a provincial Championship has fewer than 15 athletes competing a depth of field reduction will be applied for a top score of 750.

The Regional and National Championship events both have premiums applied. For Regional Championships the first place finisher will receive 1150 points for a premium of 15%. For National Championships the first place finisher will receive 1200 points for a premium of 20%. The reduction rate by place remains 7.5%. See [Appendix A](#) for a breakdown of points by place for each event.

A maximum of four scores from the National Development Series will be counted towards a final Series Ranking:

- » 1 must be a Provincial Championship (*maximum 1*)
- » 2 may be Regional Championships (*maximum 2*)
 - One must be a Canadian Regional Championship (*minimum 1*)
 - One may be a USAT Junior Series event (*maximum 1*)
- » 1 may be National Championships

The USA Triathlon (USAT) Junior Series is being recognized as equivalent to the Regional Canadian Championships because of the quality of field and level of competition available at these events. A 15% premium will be applied, but Canadian athletes will be given the number of points for the ranking they achieve within the full competition field, not within Canadian participants. So, a 15th place finish within the full competition field will count as a 15th place finish for National Development Series points (see [Appendix A](#)). USAT events are eligible for National Development Series points only and will not be included in the Overall National Ranking score described below.

The USAT calendar has been released for 2024:

RACE NAME	LOCATION	DATE
Texas Draft-Legal Triathlon Festival	Fort Worth, TX	April 14, 2024
East Coast Triathlon Festival	Richmond, VA	May 5, 2024
Pleasant Prairie Cup	Pleasant Prairie, WI	June 2, 2024
Jenny Lee Tri Cup	Beaver Falls, PA	June 15-16, 2024

<https://www.usatriathlon.org/our-community/elite-development/youth-jr-u23>

Available Titles & Rankings

- » **Provincial Champions:** These are the athletes who win their respective Provincial Championships.
- » **National Champions:** These are the athletes who win their respective National Championships.
- » **National Development Series Champions:** These are the athletes who achieve the highest Series points score and are therefore the most consistent athletes on the National Development Series.
- » **National Development Series Ranking:** This is a ranked list of points achieved for all athletes competing on the National Development Series per the system outlined above.
- » **Overall National Ranking:** This is a comprehensive list of all Canadian athletes and is a combination of points received for provincial and national events as well as World Ranking as outlined below.

National Ranking System

A new system for ranking Canadian athletes has been developed. The intent is for athletes to be able to see where they fall within the full scope of the national athlete pool.

The World Triathlon points structure is used as the foundation for this system. We’ve taken the maximum points allocated for each level of World Triathlon racing and then extrapolated down to apply a scoring system to our Development Series events that are not eligible for TRI points. The Overall National Ranking is made up of a combination of these two point scores. See [Appendix B](#) for a breakdown.

2024 will be a pilot of this ranking system to determine whether it will fairly recognize athletes across the full range of competition levels. **The National Ranking will be updated on the first of every month OR after each National Development Series event. Requests for additional updates will not be accepted.**

The National Development Series Ranking and Overall National Ranking can be found on the Triathlon Canada website here: <https://www.triathloncanada.com/publications/#rankings>

Why does Ranking matter?

For Junior athletes (aged 16-19) the National Development Series Ranking and National Championships will be used to select athletes to the Junior World Championships.

For U23 athletes (aged 20-23) the National Development Series Ranking will be used as a priority level within the selection criteria to U23 World Championships. Once the National Ranking system has been piloted, this will also be factored into selection criteria. This is handled differently from the Juniors because our best U23 athletes are racing beyond the scope of the National Development Series and must be factored into selection to the U23 World Championships.

On top of providing a tangible way to measure progress within the Canadian high performance program, the ranking systems have been developed to help familiarize athletes and coaches with the World Triathlon model. Race selection to maximize points is a very important strategy to learn. Developing a season plan that first promotes and protects health and then maximizes performances in a meaningful way is a critical skill.

APPENDIX A – EXAMPLE OF POINTS BY PLACE & EVENT TYPE

PLACE	Provincial Championships <15 <i>Quality of Field Reduction</i>	Provincial Championships >15 <i>Standard Points</i>	Regional Championships <i>15% Premium</i>	National Championships <i>20% Premium</i>
1	750	1000	1150	1200
2	694	925	1064	1110
3	642	856	984	1027
4	594	791	910	950
5	549	732	842	879
6	508	677	779	813
7	470	626	720	752
8	435	579	666	695
9	402	536	616	643
10	372	496	570	595
11	344	459	527	550
12	318	424	488	509
13	294	392	451	471
14	272	363	417	436
15	252	336	386	403
16	233	311	357	373
17	215	287	330	345
18	199	266	306	319
19	184	246	283	295
20	171	227	261	273
21	158	210	242	252
22	146	195	224	233
23	135	180	207	216
24	125	166	191	200
25	115	154	177	185
26	107	142	164	171
27	99	132	151	158
28	91	122	140	146
29	85	113	130	135
30	78	104	120	125
31	72	96	111	116
32	67	89	103	107
33	62	83	95	99
34	57	76	88	92
35	53	71	81	85

Points go beyond 35th place, this is an example only.

APPENDIX B – OVERALL NATIONAL RANKING; POINT ATTRIBUTIONS

COMPETITION	AVAILABLE POINTS
WORLD TRIATHLON (TRI) POINTS SYSTEM	
World Triathlon Grand Final	1250
World Triathlon Championship Series	1000
World Triathlon Cup	500
PATCO Continental Championships	400
PATCO Continental Cup	250
National Championships	50
TRIATHLON CANADA POINTS SYSTEM	
National Championships	300
Regional Championships*	<i>PATCO Continental Cup events (250 as above)</i>
Provincial Championships	50

**Regional championships that are the non-PATCO draft-legal events will be allocated the same points as a Provincial Championships.*

The “points” listed are the number of points the first place finisher receives. As above, points then reduce by 7.5% per place. The National Development Series is using PATCO Continental Cup events in Canada as Regional Championships, so an athlete’s World Ranking will already factor these points. National Championships has been given 300 points on top of the 50 TRI allocates to National Championship events.

The 50 points TRI provides to National Championship events often aren’t included in an athlete’s World Ranking because the points are so low, and World Ranking is made up of an athlete’s best scores. This is why National Championships is included on both the “World Triathlon Points System” list and the “Triathlon Canada Points System” list. Provincial Championships have been allocated 50 points.

The National Development Series is specifically targeting athletes who have a World Ranking higher than 300. These are athletes who are racing at or just below the PATCO Continental Cup (America’s Cup) level.

This is a PILOT program for 2024 to determine whether this system works and fairly recognizes Canadian athletes. An example of the current Overall National Ranking is provided below.

APPENDIX C – EXAMPLE OF OVERALL NATIONAL RANKING

PLEASE NOTE: This is only a simulation for the purposes of understanding how the points system works.

Results from the 2023 season were used to simulate provincial and national championship events. The National Championship points have been determined from combined overall results across the Junior and U23 categories.

Regional Championships will both be PATCO Continental Cup events in 2024. As events that are eligible for World Ranking points these scores will be captured as part of the overall World Ranking (TRI) points.

The “National Points” are a combination of World Ranking (TRI) points and points generated from provincial or national championships. The final “National Ranking” is based on these aggregate point scores.

First Name	Last Name	CAT	NAT Rank	TRI Rank	PROV Champs	REGIONAL Champs	NATIONAL Champs	TRI Points	NAT Points
Tyler	Mislawchuk	Senior	1	21		INC. in TRI		2787	2787
Charles	Paquet	Senior	2	44		INC. in TRI		2067	2067
Martin	Sobey	Senior	3	46		INC. in TRI		2032	2032
Brock	Hoel	U23	4	76		INC. in TRI		1525	1525
Aiden	Longcroft-Harris	Senior	5	89		INC. in TRI		1389	1389
Liam	Donnelly	Senior	6	112		INC. in TRI		1225	1225
Clayton	Hutchins	Senior	7	116		INC. in TRI		1181	1181
Jeremy	Briand	Senior	8	119		INC. in TRI		1176	1176
Filip	Mainville	U23	9	173		INC. in TRI	278	883	1161
Mathis	Beaulieu	Junior	10	143		INC. in TRI	118	1028	1146
Josiah	Ney	U23	11	189		INC. in TRI	237	777	1014
Daniel	Damian	U23	12	243		INC. in TRI	300	577	877
Russell	Pennock	Senior	13	199		INC. in TRI		735	735
Alexandre	Leblanc	U23	14	265		INC. in TRI	174	519	693
Chris	Gregor	Senior	15	213		INC. in TRI		686	686
William	Nolet	U23	16	284		INC. in TRI	203	462	665
Nicolas	Harvey	U23	17	301		INC. in TRI	220	426	646
Hayden	Woodrow	U23	18	363		INC. in TRI	257	302	559
Pavlos	Antoniades	U23	19	273		INC. in TRI		491	491
Solen	Wood	U23	20	276		INC. in TRI		484	484
Tristen	Jones	U23	21	375		INC. in TRI	188	291	479
Blake	Harris	Junior	22	387		INC. in TRI	80	272	352
Zed	Roy	U23	23	487		INC. in TRI	161	174	334
Nathan	Grondin	U23	24	501		INC. in TRI	149	157	305
Sage	Sulentic	Junior	25	424		INC. in TRI	68	225	293
Brodie	Marshall	Senior	26	440		INC. in TRI		212	212
Daniel	Epp	Junior	27	518		INC. in TRI	58	143	201
Blaise	Uglow	U23	28	603		INC. in TRI	101	100	200

Henry	Bristol	Junior	29	593		INC. in TRI	74	105	179
Cédric	Simard	U23	30	798		INC. in TRI	127	48	175
Lukas	Vadeika	U23	31	939		INC. in TRI	138	28	165
Louis	Marchand	U23	32	697		INC. in TRI	93	69	162
Leo	Roy	U23	33	505		INC. in TRI		153	153
Lionel	Sanders	Senior	34	512		INC. in TRI		148	148
Trevor	Laupland	U23	35	981		INC. in TRI	109	20	129
Brett	Saunders	Senior	36	557		INC. in TRI		123	123
Jackson	Laundry	Senior	37	614		INC. in TRI		93	93
Leandre	Binette	Junior	38	1222		INC. in TRI	86	4	90
Michael	Simard	U23	39	638		INC. in TRI		86	86
Loic	Poulin-Desjardins	U23	40	1156		INC. in TRI	63	10	73
Loïc	Postras	Junior	41		34	INC. in TRI	34		68
Alexandre	Lavigne	Junior	42		40	INC. in TRI	27		66
Charles-Alexandre	Pouliot	Junior	43		29	INC. in TRI	37		66
Oleksii	Kolesov	Junior	44	1061		INC. in TRI	46	14	60
Léo	Savoie	Junior	45		37	INC. in TRI	23		60
Christophe	Bastien	Junior	46		27	INC. in TRI	31		58
Isaac	Lapointe	Junior	47		46	INC. in TRI	10		56
Dillon	Longo	Junior	48			INC. in TRI	54		54
Miguel	Alvarez	U23	49		50	INC. in TRI			50
Jack	Screen	U23	50			INC. in TRI	50		50
Victor	Roy	Junior	51		25	INC. in TRI	25		50
Théodore	Von Geyer	Junior	52		43	INC. in TRI			43
James	Sikich	Junior	53			INC. in TRI	43		43
Olivier	Minville	Junior	54		23	INC. in TRI	18		41
Laurent	Tétreault	Junior	55			INC. in TRI	40		40
William	Lavallée	Junior	56		20	INC. in TRI	13		33
James	Olson-Keating	U23	57	907		INC. in TRI		32	32
Loïc	Demarbre	U23	58		31	INC. in TRI			31
Vladyslav	Lyesin	Senior	59	923		INC. in TRI		30	30
Cy	Jones	Junior	60			INC. in TRI	29		29
Elliot	Proulx	Junior	61		16	INC. in TRI	11		26
Mathieu	Benoit	Senior	62	954		INC. in TRI		25	25
Adam	Bergeron	Junior	63		21	INC. in TRI			21
Matteo	Tonnos	Junior	64			INC. in TRI	21		21
Ludovic	Long	Junior	65			INC. in TRI	20		20
Jeremy	Brule	Junior	66		18	INC. in TRI			18
Hubert	Cazes	Junior	67		17	INC. in TRI			17
Vincent	Fortin	Junior	68			INC. in TRI	17		17
Austin	Beese	Junior	69			INC. in TRI	16		16

Jerome	Emery	U23	70		14	INC. in TRI			14
Vincent	Hebert	Junior	71			INC. in TRI	14		14
John	Rasmussen	Senior	72	1063		INC. in TRI		14	14
Adrien	Valiente-Allard	Junior	73		13	INC. in TRI			13
Émile	Boucher	Junior	74		12	INC. in TRI			12
Josiah	Wilkinson	Junior	75			INC. in TRI	12		12
Max	Davidow	Junior	76		11	INC. in TRI			11
Simon	Drolet	Junior	77			INC. in TRI	11		11
Olivier	Carignan	U23	78		11	INC. in TRI			11
Reshef	Laor	Junior	79		10	INC. in TRI			10
Charles-Olivier	André	U23	80		9	INC. in TRI			9
William	Proulx	Junior	81			INC. in TRI	9		9
Jonathan	Côté	U23	82		8	INC. in TRI			8
Caden	Hubers	Junior	83			INC. in TRI	8		8
Philippe	Tarini	Junior	84		8	INC. in TRI			8
Noel	Kerschner	Junior	85			INC. in TRI	8		8
Émile	Asselin	Junior	86		7	INC. in TRI			7
Karl	Seminaro	Junior	87		7	INC. in TRI			7
Nicolas	Bolouri	U23	88	1204		INC. in TRI		6	6
Olivier	Vaudrin	Junior	89		6	INC. in TRI			6
Charles-Elliot	Allaire	Junior	90		6	INC. in TRI			6
Matthew	Badall	U23	91		5	INC. in TRI			5
Alexis	Rousseau	U23	92		5	INC. in TRI			5
Antoine	Dionne	U23	93		4	INC. in TRI			4
Gabriel	Champigny	U23	94		4	INC. in TRI			4
Samuel	Nogaret	U23	95		4	INC. in TRI			4
Samuel	Perron	U23	96		4	INC. in TRI			4
Nathan	Cohen	Junior	97		3	INC. in TRI			3
Eloi	Trepanier	Junior	98		3	INC. in TRI			3
Charles	Audette	U23	99		3	INC. in TRI			3
Yeran	Wang	U23	100		3	INC. in TRI			3