

# National Development Series

The National Development Series is 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.

The Series is designed to facilitate the transition from community events to International Triathlon Union (ITU) racing. This is 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.

## 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.

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

## Entries and 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. 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. Results will be submitted to Triathlon Canada for generation of point for ranking.

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 with 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. This is a one-off event with recognition for top teams. Relay teams are to be determined by the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs).*

**Publication of Results**

Triathlon Canada will publish a CURRENT STANDINGS National Development Series ranking every Friday by 12pm PST.