



**2017 Welsh Triathlon Series:
Series Guide**

Introduction

In 2017 Welsh Triathlon are launching a new national competition, set to bring four of Welsh Triathlon's existing national championship races into a bilingual race series for the 2017 season (official series name TBC).

The aims of the series are as follows:

- To raise the profile of the Welsh national championship races,
- To grow entries at Welsh National Championship events,
- To attract high calibre athletes to enter the series races,
- To boost media exposure for the national championships, event organisers and Welsh Triathlon,
- To create an exciting, bilingual, race series which gets triathletes and the wider public in Wales talking about triathlon.

The Race Series Guide

Race One: Bala Middle Distance Triathlon

2017 Event Date: Sunday 4th June

Race Organiser: Watson Events

Race Two: Cardiff Triathlon (Standard Distance):

2017 Event Date: Sunday 25th June 2016

Race Organiser: Always Aim High Events

Race Three: Porth Eirias Aquathlon:

2017 Event date: Saturday 15th July

Race Organiser: GOG Triathlon

Race Four: Tuska Sprint Triathlon

2017 Event Date: Sunday 6th August

Race Organiser: Pencoed Triathlon Club

Series Eligibility

To be eligible to collect points for the series, an athlete must be a British Triathlon member no later than a week before the next event. Members of Triathlon England and Triathlon Scotland **ARE** eligible to take part in the series.

i.e. to be eligible for the first race of the series on Sunday 4th June, an athlete **MUST** have either joined or renewed their home nation membership no later than Sunday 28th May. If an athlete's membership has expired and has not been renewed by this point, they will not be eligible to score points in that race.

The criteria does allow for new Home Nation Triathlon members to join in with the series halfway through.

As is normally the case, National Championship titles in the individual races will only be awarded to Welsh Triathlon members. However, Triathlon England and Triathlon Scotland members are eligible to score points towards the series in these races.

Scoring System

Scoring will adopt the scoring system for the current ranking series in Scotland:

<http://www.triathlonscotland.org/performance/legends-rankings/>.

Points are allocated based on a finishers time relative to the 40th percentile finisher in the race. Using this scoring system, the further the winner is ahead of the rest of the field, the more points they are rewarded with.

This means that the performance of each athlete is scored relative to the performances of the athletes they are racing against. This means that a big performance on the final day of the series can affect the series results, ensuring that interest is maintained over all four races.

Welsh Triathlon will work with the event organisers and timing chip company to obtain the results and to publish the series rankings on the Welsh Triathlon website.

Scoring Formula

The scoring formula is as follows: Assume that Athlete Y is the 40th percentile finisher. Athlete Y finishes the race in 75 minutes. Athlete A finishes the race in 70 minutes:

$(\text{Finish Time of Y} / \text{Finish time of A}) \times 100$

$(75/70) * 100 = 107.14$

Athlete A receives 107.14 points. Meanwhile, using the same formula, athlete Y receives 100 points. Athletes finishing behind athlete Y would receive less than 100 points. All athletes finishing the race would receive points for the series.

An athlete must complete two out of the four races to qualify for the series rankings*. The best three scores from four races will be taken forward into the final rankings.

Prizes

Welsh Triathlon will award cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category after the end of the fourth race in the series:

- 1st place- £100
- 2nd place- £50
- 3rd place- £25

There will also be Category prizes for this series which will follow the categories for the Welsh National Championship event and are as follows:

CATEGORIES	MALE	FEMALE
Youth (15 to 16)	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Where Youths are allowed to enter. Prizes will be value in kind.		

CATEGORIES	MALE	FEMALE
Junior (17 to 19) Where all 3 years of juniors can compete i.e. both under and over 18*. Prizes will be value in kind.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Senior (20 to 39)	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Veteran (40 to 49)	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Super Veteran (50 to 59)	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Vintage Veteran (60 Plus)	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Super Vintage Veteran (70+)* *where field is of sufficient depth- more than 3 competitors in the series. If less than three competitors, prizes will be awarded instead.	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd

The rankings for the Youth and Junior Categories will be decided over two races, the Porth Eirias Aquathlon and the Tuska Sprint Triathlon, where the distances enable Youth and all Junior athletes to compete. Juniors aged over 18 may compete for national titles in the standard and middle distance events, however these races will not count towards the series.

Enquiries

Please send all enquiries about the series to Will Kirk, Welsh Triathlon Development Manager at willkirk@welshtriathlon.org.