

PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRIATHLON INFORMATION

DATE: Wednesday 2 March 2016.

ENTRIES: Entries close 5pm 24 February.

TIME: Reporting time **9.45am for participants and marshals in the field beside the lake.**

The race briefing will commence immediately after reporting at 10am. Because of the potential traffic hazard all competitors must report at this time. The first race will commence by 10.30am. It is unlikely that any competitors who report late and who miss the briefing will be accepted for racing. Bikes must be left in transition until **all** competitors in all age groups have finished their races.

VENUE: Pegasus Town

CANCELLATION: Phone 373 5058 for a message or check our website:

www.primarysports Canterbury.org.nz

The SportCheck cancellation text messaging service is also available to those who have signed up. There is no cancellation date. We will not cancel unless the weather conditions are extreme.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

Schools may enter up to **four** students in each age group if the school roll is less than 400, **six** students in each age group if the school roll is between 400 and 500, **eight** students if the school roll is between 500 and 600 and **ten** students if the roll is over 600. This may consist of any combination of each gender. Please be aware of the costs for the use of transponders. Schools may incur the cost if athletes do not turn up. Entries will only be accepted via online entry. These will be open early February 2016.

RACE DETAILS:

Individuals only - entrants must complete all 3 disciplines (ie there are no teams' events).

Swim 75 metres for 9 and 10 years, 100metres for 11 and 12+ years.

This swim is in the lake and it will be deep enough to be over the students' heads in parts. Guards from a local surf lifesaving club will be on duty. The temperature may also be quite cold.

Cycle 5.4 km for 9 & 10 yrs, 10.8 km for 11 & 12+ yrs. These distances may change slightly.

Run 2.5 kilometres

AGE GROUPINGS:

Age is at 1st January 2016 for both girls and boys. Children must be 9 years or over on this date – OR in year 5 at school (ie participants **must be** in year 5 as the minimum age group).

9 years & under) The event will consist of eight races.

10 years) That is, one race for each age group and each gender within
11 years) these four age groups. Entrants will enter in an age group
12+ years) and certificates will be presented for the first three places.

RACE RULES

1. Swimming aids are not permitted except goggles and swim caps.
2. Cycle helmets approved to Snell, ANSI or NZ Standards must be worn and done up at all times when competitors are in charge of their bike. There is to be no drafting and no aero bars should be used.
3. Competitors may wear no less than normal swimwear and the upper torso must be covered while on the bike and while running.
4. Assistance other than from race officials and medical personnel will result in disqualification.
5. Race officials and medical personnel have the right to remove competitors from the race.
6. All road rules and marshal's instructions must be observed.
The course will be marked and marshalled. A car will follow the last runner.
7. No drinks are to be given during the race.
8. No bikes are to be removed from the transition area until the last race is completed.
This could result in disqualification.
9. No video cameras or cameras are allowed in the transition area.
10. Competitors enter at their own risk.
10. The Race Director's decision is final.
11. ALL COMPETITORS MUST REPORT IN AND ATTEND THE RACE BRIEFING.

OFFICIAL DUTIES:

All schools that enter competitors are required to allocate one person for official duties. These people must be named on the official entry form, **and schools' marshals will need to choose one of two categories for assistance – before (8am), or after (1.30pm) the races. In addition to this, all marshals will be required to be available for duties during the races. The adults assisting with the event must be totally free from any obligation to a school team or supervision of children. They may choose to rotate with others from their school.** Schools' entries will be in jeopardy if this is not completed. Should a person be unable to fulfil their obligation on the day then it is up to the school to ensure a replacement is made and notified to the Sports Director.

It is not possible to run the event without official staffing. However as all the preliminary work is done from the Sports Director's Office no teacher release payments will be made. Depending on the number of entries we may need to send children off in waves within a race. The official placings will be posted on the website as soon after the event as possible – probably by the day following the event.