



BIRMINGHAM TRIATHLON

Saturday 11th July 2026

Boldmere Gate

Sutton Park

Sutton Coldfield

B73 6LH

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Start Time	Race Category (ages at 31/12/2026)
07:00am	Olympic
09:00am	Sprint
09:45am	Super Sprint & Fun

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Race Day Information 2026

Welcome

Please read this Race Day Information Pack prior to the event day to ensure you arrive fully prepared for the Birmingham Triathlon.

Race Day Checklist

- Race number (can be found on your race day email)
- Wetsuit / Trisuit or swimwear
- Swimming goggles
- Towel
- Appropriate cycling/running kit if you're not wearing a trisuit
- Additional clothing for wet/cold weather
- Cycle
- Cycle Shoes (unless you're cycling in your running shoes)
- Cycle helmet
- Drinks bottle
- Elastic race number belt (optional but available to purchase next to registration for £10)
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Cycle tools/puncture kit/spare inner tube or tyre (if desired)
- Running shoes
- Running cap (optional)
- Energy drinks, gels, bars
- Change of clothing for after your race

Distances

Race	Swim	Cycle	Run
Olympic & Olympic Relay	1500m 2 Laps	40k 8 Laps	10k 4 Laps
Sprint & Sprint Relay	750m 1 Lap	20k 4 Laps	5k 2 Laps
Super Sprint & Fun	200m (short course) 1 Lap	10k 2 Laps	2.5k 1 Lap

Travel & Parking

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Parking is available on Sutton Park next to registration and the event arena.

There is a charity donation of £3 for parking by The Rotary Club of Erdington. Cash or card payment is accepted.

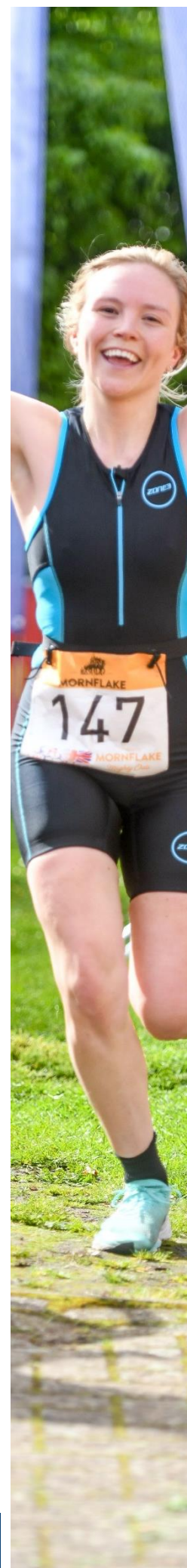
Parking will be open from 05:45am. All cars that are parked on the grass, must exit by 4pm.

On arrival, please follow the Triathlon parking signs.

Toilets & Changing Facilities

Toilets are located on the event field and inside the Cycle Transition Area.

From the car park follow the signs 'To the Triathlon'



Essential Information

Registration

- Registration is located in the orange Mornflake marquee
- Please arrive at least one hour before your start time.
- At registration you will be asked for your race number (which can be found on your email), once your details have been checked you will be handed your race envelope and an instruction sheet, please read this carefully.
- Registration will be open on Friday from 2:00pm - 5:00pm and on Saturday morning from 05:45am.

Race Envelope

- At registration you will receive a race envelope containing:
- Race Number x2, Cycle Sticker x1, Helmet sticker x1, Electronic timing chip and strap x1,
- Safety pins will not be enclosed however they will be available if required.



What to do with your Race Envelope Contents

- Attach the cycle number sticker to the front handlebar stem.
- Attach your helmet sticker to the front of the helmet.

Race Numbers

Your race number must be clearly displayed on your back for the cycle and clearly displayed on your front for the run. You have two options:

1. Use an elastic race number belt (available to buy next to registration for £10) with one or both numbers pinned to it in the top left and right hand corners (as shown in picture). Don't forget your number must be visible on your back for the cycle and on your front for the run.
2. Pin each race number in all four corners, front and back onto your shirt.
3. It is good practice to write name, emergency contact number, blood group (if known) and any allergies on the back of the race number.
4. You must not re-size your race number in any way.



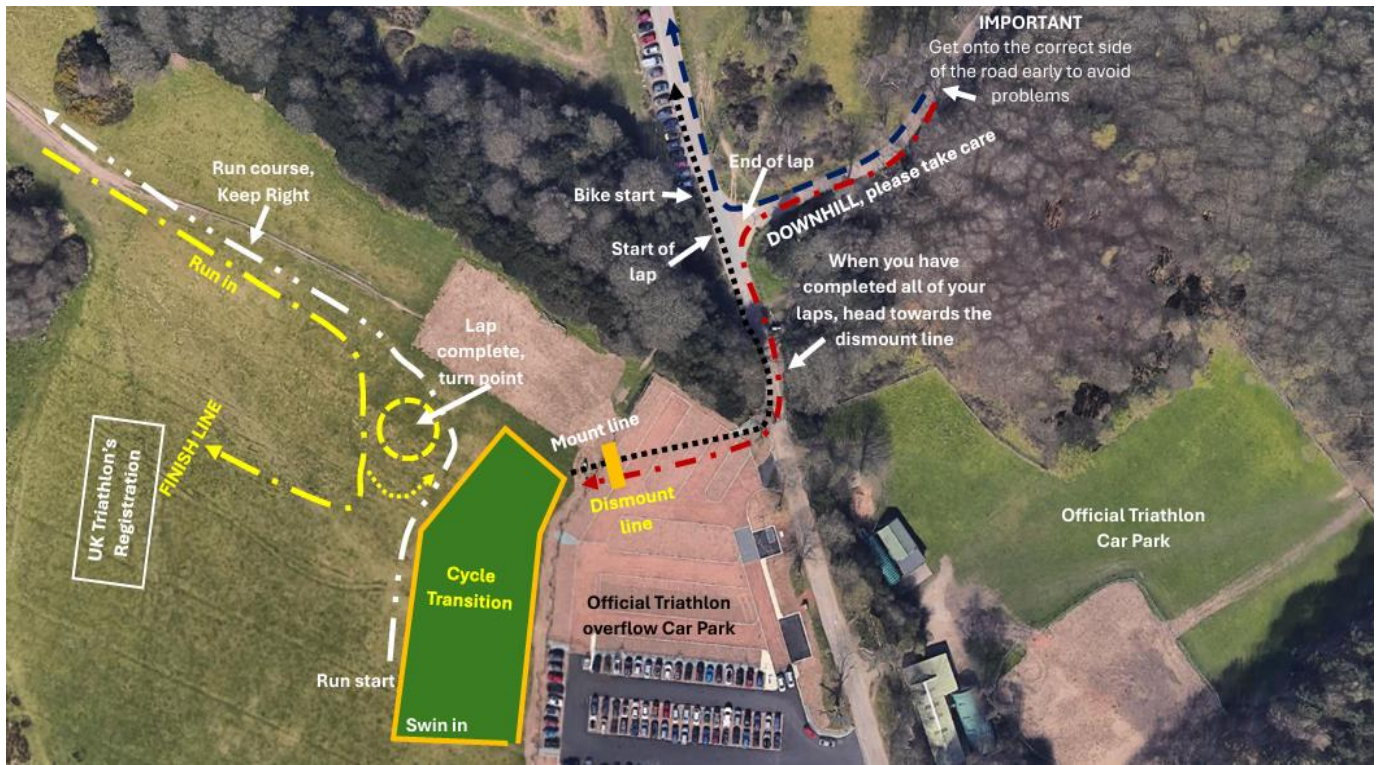
Timing Chip

Check your electronic timing chip number corresponds with your race number. Your timing chip must be worn on the outside of your LEFT ANKLE with the soft side of the strap against your skin. Please follow these simple steps to wear your chip correctly.

1. Thread the loose strap through both slots of the timing chip and securely fasten the velcro.
2. The chip should be secure on the strap and the number visible.
3. Place the strap around your LEFT ankle with the chip on the outside of your ankle.
4. Make sure the chip is firmly around your ankle so it remains securely fastened. Please hand in your electronic timing chip at the finish line whether you complete the course or not or you will be required to pay £25.00 to replace it.



Event Map



Important Cycle Care Information

There will be a self-service cycle station at the event. It has track pumps, specific cycle tools, tyre levers and a cycle stand.

Inner tubes will be on sale in the UK Triathlon store next to registration. You should however carry a spare inner tube which specifically fits your wheels.

From Registration follow the signs to CYCLE TRANSITION

Cycle Transition Area

- The Cycle Transition Area is open from 6:00am.
- You are responsible for checking your own cycle brakes, your cycle must be in road worthy condition.
- Competitors should only bring into transition what is needed - a small bag can remain by your cycle. Within transition there is an area for larger bags.
- Rack your cycle in an empty space, the white tape denotes a racking position.

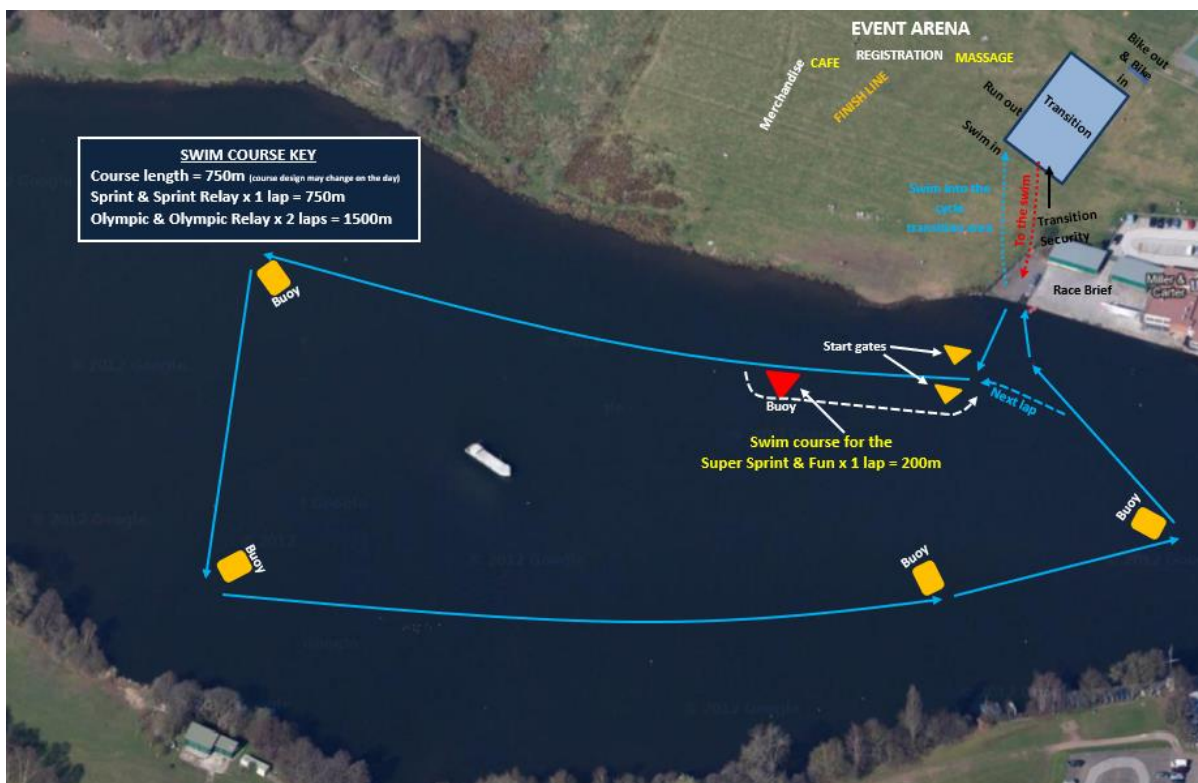
Security

Although we allocate security staff to specifically watch the Cycle Transition Area, please note that we cannot be responsible for any items lost or stolen.



Olympic/ Olympic Relay – 1500m – 2 laps Sprint / Sprint Relay – 750m – 1 lap Super Sprint and Fun – 200m (short course) – 1 lap

- Remember to take everything you need for the swim, wearing your timing chip and strap!
- You should be at the swim start 20 minutes prior to your start time to listen to the compulsory race brief.
- Wetsuits are compulsory for the Olympic and Olympic Relay Triathlon. Although not compulsory we recommend wearing a wetsuit for all distances.
- **If you wear a wetsuit for the swim, make sure when you take it off at your transition point that it is either bagged or neatly placed under the racking pole. Wetsuits that cause a tripping hazard will incur a 2 minute transition time penalty.**
- **Do not cover your electronic timing chip with your wetsuit** as it will interfere with the signal at the swim exit timing point.
- All relay team members must attend the Race Brief.
- There will be safety kayaks on the course
- You will enter Powell's Pool via the concrete jetty close to the public house.
- The swim starts in the water between the inflatables.
- As an added precaution, as soon as you get into water that is deep enough to swim, then please swim and don't walk.
- If you require assistance during the swim, raise one arm high out of the water and a safety craft will come to your assistance.
- If you are a first time open water swimmer, don't have much experience, or would just like to let other swimmers know you are not an experienced open water swimmer, you can request at registration for a white swim cap to wear for your swim. This indicates to other experienced swimmers, your swim status.
- Position yourself at the start of the swim according to your swim ability and experience. If you haven't any experience of a mass start or you are not a strong swimmer, consider starting further back or to the side of the main pack.



Olympic/ Olympic Relay - 40k - 8 laps
Sprint / Sprint Relay - 20k - 4 laps
Super Sprint and Fun –10k - 2 laps

Getting ready for the cycle

- When you finish your swim, head into Cycle Transition Area.
- Your race number must be clearly displayed on your back for the cycle section of the event. You must fasten your helmet before taking your cycle off the rack.
- Any type of cycle can be used as long as it is road worthy. Electric cycles can be used but the battery must be completely disengaged during the triathlon.
- After collecting your cycle, walk or run to the cycle mount line where you commence the cycle section of the race, you cannot mount your cycle until you have crossed the mount line. Cycling is not permitted in the Cycle Transition Area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CYCLE COURSE

- The course is within Sutton Park and has more bends than if it were on public highways. It is more suited to a road racing cycle, rather than a time trial cycle, although any type of cycle can be used.
- Be aware and take extra care at the new speed ramp at the very end of the cycle course, just before the cattle grid.
- Although the cycle course is closed to normal vehicular traffic, there may be pedestrians, dogs not on leads or wild animals (cattle) on the course at any point.



There will be motorcycle marshals patrolling the course. In the case of an accident, there may be an ambulance or a safety vehicle on the course.

- As on all roads in the UK, there are some potholes and rough surfaces on parts of the course. Unfortunately due to council financial cuts, they cannot currently be repaired. Any potholes or rough surfaces will be marked with ground spray, have advance warning signs, or both.
- Keep to the right at all times except when overtaking. Overtake on the left.
- Please take extra care on all parts of the course, especially sharp turns and blind bends. Follow the cycle route signs around the course and do not turn until you see a sign.
- Although there are safety marshals present, they are not there to give direction.
- Ride your cycle in a safe and careful manner at all times. Careless or hazardous cycling will result in race disqualification.
- Follow the 'Cycle Finish' signs when you've completed the correct amount of laps. Dismount your cycle at the cycle dismount line, a marshal will also tell you to do so, cycling is not permitted in the Cycle Transition Area. Do not unbuckle your helmet until you have racked your cycle.

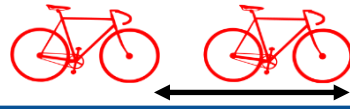
Counting Laps

- Use your cycle computer, attach a GPS device or a watch with lap counting capability and after each lap, press to start a new lap. This way, you will know which lap you are currently on. Look for the 'end of lap' and immediately after the 'start of lap' signs.
- Please note that GPS devices aren't always accurate. Please don't rely on them as totally accurate lap counters. Instead use the end of lap/start of lap signs as your guide to how many laps you've done and have yet to do.
- It is solely your responsibility to count your laps, race marshals cannot advise you. Insufficient laps will result in a disqualification.
- Once you have completed the correct amounts of laps, follow the cycle finish signs.



Drafting

Competitors must keep their distance from the cyclist in front of them, so as not to gain an advantage. In the standard Olympic distance and shorter events, the gap between the front wheel of the leading cycle, to the front wheel of the following cycle should be 10 metres - if overtaking a competitor, you have 20 seconds to pass through their draft zone.

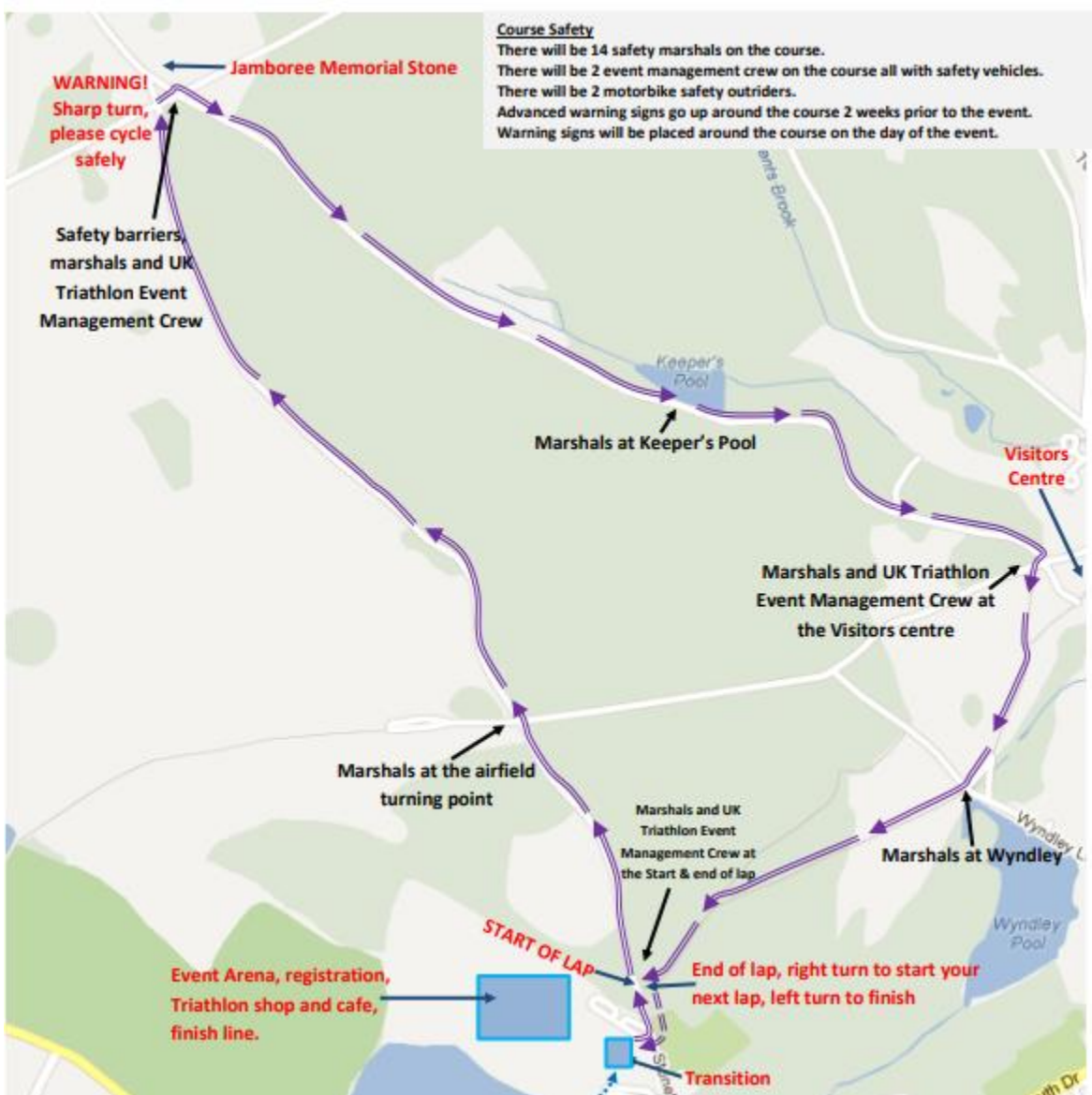


Cycle Map

Olympic/ Olympic Relay - 40k - 8 laps

Sprint / Sprint Relay - 20k - 4 laps

Super Sprint and Fun –10k - 2 laps



Upon completion of the cycle, rack your cycle and follow the 'Run Start' signs

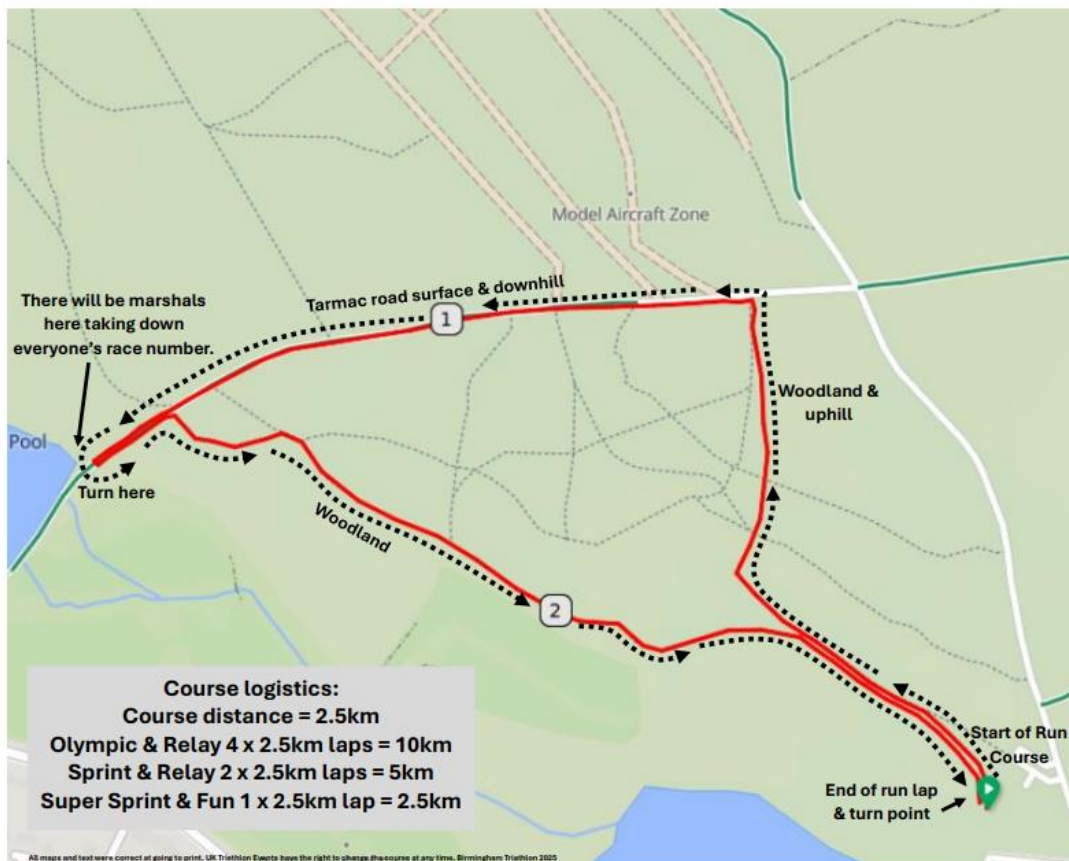
Run

Olympic /Olympic Relay - 10k - 4 laps

Sprint / Sprint Relay - 5k - 2 laps

Super Sprint and Fun - 2.5k - 1 lap

- Your race number must be clearly visible on your front before leaving the Cycle Transition Area.
- Follow the run route signs around the course. It is up to you to count your laps on the run, marshals will be taking numbers as a check in the case of suspected insufficient laps completed.
- There is one feed station on the run course which you will pass on every lap, and one at the finish line which will be serving High5 energy drink and water.
- Please use the bins provided, there must be no littering on the course.
- When you have finished the run, turn onto the finish alley and continue through the Mornflake finish gantry.
- Don't forget to collect your finishers medal and hand in your timing chip!



After the Triathlon

You cannot take your cycle out of the Cycle Transition Area without your race number and corresponding cycle sticker.



Relay

If you are an all female relay team & you change to a mixed team, please inform us at customercare@uktriathlon.co.uk or on the day at registration.

- Each member of the relay team completes one or two of the three disciplines in the triathlon.
- At registration you will be given one electronic timing chip.
- After completing the swim, the swimmer passes the electronic chip to the cyclist inside the Cycle Transition Area next to where the cycle is racked.
- The cyclist must not put their helmet on or take their cycle off the rack until receiving the electronic chip.
- The cyclist completes the cycle course and passes the electronic chip over to the runner in the transition area only when the cycle has been placed back on the rack and their helmet has been fully removed.
- The runner completes the run and hands in the timing chip at the finish line.
- The other team member/s may join the runner before the finishing straight and cross the finish line as a team.
- All team members receive a medal.
- Relay awards are based on all female or all male/open category /mixed teams. Open category/mixed teams can consist of three men, two men and one woman or one man and two women.

Results & Prizes

- Provisional results and times will be online live as they happen.
- Should you have any problems with your results please email results@uktriathlon.co.uk once the results have been finalised.
- All finishers receive the commemorative 2026 finisher medal.
- Prizes are awarded to the top 3 male and female in the Olympic, Sprint and Super Sprint events.
- 1st place is awarded to all female and open finisher category/mixed teams in the Relay.
- Prizes are awarded to first place in all five year age group categories for Olympic and Sprint events (see table below).
- Prize presentations will take place toward the end of the event.

Code	Category	Age
A/B	Youth	16-18
C	Junior 19	19
D	Senior 1	20-24
E	Senior 2	25-29
F	Senior 3	30-34
G	Senior 4	35-39
H	Veteran 1	40-44
I	Veteran 2	45-49

Code	Category	Age
J	Veteran 3	50-54
K	Veteran 4	55-59
L	Veteran 5	60-64
M	Veteran 6	65-69
N	Veteran 7	70-74
P	Veteran 8	75-79
Q	Veterans 9	80+



Photography & Filming

UK Triathlon and our official event photographers, My Sport Photos, will be filming/taking photos to capture your best sporting moments. Images may be used for promotional purposes so remember to smile and wave at the camera! Images taken by My Sport Photos will be available to purchase post event. An email will be sent to you once the photos are available. For any photography inquiries please contact info@mysportphotos.co.uk or www.mysportphotos.co.uk.

Other Important Information

Race Conduct

Everyone involved in the event is there to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable experience, so we ask that you respect your fellow competitors and treat all technical officials, event organisers, race crew, volunteers and spectators with courtesy. Any abuse towards these people will not be tolerated and as a result you may be disqualified.

What do I wear

Wetsuits are compulsory for the Olympic/Olympic Relay distances. For the Sprint/Sprint Relay distance you can wear a wetsuit/swimsuit/trunks or a triathlon specific trisuit for the swim. For both the cycle & run leg you can wear cycling or running gear that you're able to both cycle and run in, or a mixture of both. You can also wear a T shirt and shorts. The UK Triathlon technical series shirt is also a good option and can be purchased at the event (subject to availability). You can also wear a triathlon specific trisuit. If it is cooler, you can wear long sleeves or long pants or add layers like a windproof jacket.

Is there a bag drop area?

There is no bag drop area, but you can leave a bag in the Cycle Transition Area.

Illegal Equipment

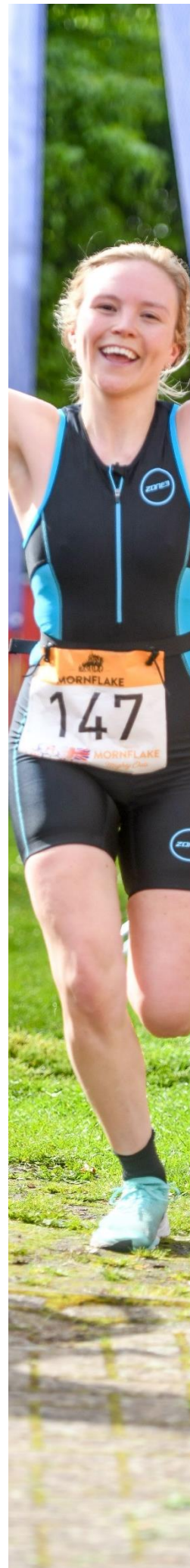
For your safety and the safety of other competitors, certain items are banned during the event as well as in Cycle Transition Area. This includes any music, headphones, headsets, technical earplugs (including bone conduction headphones), mobile phones and personal video recording devices. You may however use your device for tracking your race i.e Strava/Garmin.

Littering

Do not discard water bottles, gel or bar wrappers. Littering is prohibited during the event. Please use the bins at the feed stations or at the venue. If you can carry a gel full, you can carry the wrapper empty.

Race Format

UK Triathlon reserve the right to alter the date, start time, venue or format of an event. Similarly, changes to the event may occur due to adverse weather conditions, 'acts of God', water conditions or emergency road closures. Participants will be notified as soon as possible of any changes. As long as the event is staged no refunds or transfers can be given.





CALENDAR 2026

APRIL

19 STRATFORD TRIATHLON

2 distances, pool based
Stratford Upon Avon,
Warwickshire.

MAY

09 CHESHIRE KIDS DUATHLON

6 distances, for 5 to 16yrs
Barony Park, Nantwich

10 CHESHIRE TRIATHLON

2 distances, outdoor pool
Barony Park & Nantwich
Leisure Centre, Cheshire

16 GLASGOW TRIATHLON

+ Kids Triathlon
3 distances, pool based
Bellahouston Park

30 HENLEY KIDS TRIATHLON

6 distances, for 5 to 16yrs
Henley Leisure Centre,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire

31 HENLEY TRIATHLON

2 distances, pool based
Henley Leisure Centre,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire



JUNE

13 SHROPSHIRE TRIATHLON

2 distances, lake swim
The Mere, Cremorne
Gardens, Ellesmere,
Shropshire

14 ULTIMATE 150 TRIATHLON

3km S - 117km B - 30km R
Lake swim
The Mere, Cremorne
Gardens, Ellesmere,
Shropshire

14 ULTIMATE 100 TRIATHLON

2km S - 78km B - 20km R
Lake swim
The Mere, Cremorne
Gardens, Ellesmere,
Shropshire

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14 ULTIMATE 50 TRIATHLON

1km S - 39km B - 10km R
The Mere, Cremorne
Gardens, Ellesmere,
Shropshire

27 CALDICOT TRIATHLON

+ Kids Triathlon
3 distances, pool based
Caldicot Leisure Centre,

AUGUST

01 BIRMINGHAM TRIATHLON

+ Kids Triathlon
3 distances, pool based
King Edward's School,
Birmingham

15 YORK KIDS TRIATHLON

6 distances, for 5 to 16yrs
York Sport Village, York

16 YORK TRIATHLON

2 distances, pool based
York Sport Village, York

SEPTEMBER

05 ALDERFORD KIDS TRIATHLON

5 distances, for 7 to 16yrs
Alderford Lake, Whitchurch

06 ALDERFORD TRIATHLON

3 distances, lake swim
Alderford Lake, Whitchurch

19 NORTH WEST KIDS DUATHLON

6 distances, for 5 to 16yrs
Barony Park, Nantwich

20 NORTH WEST TRIATHLON

2 distances, outdoor pool
Barony Park & Nantwich
Leisure Centre, Cheshire

OCTOBER

04 WARWICKSHIRE TRIATHLON

2 distances, pool based
Stratford Upon Avon,
Warwickshire.

2026 RACE LEAGUE

Take part in 3 or more qualifying UK Triathlon Events in 2026. Compete against your rivals, see if you can win your age group or even the entire league!

Complete a minimum of 3 Sprint or Standard Olympic distance (includes Ultimate 50) events to automatically enter the league.

Track your progress against your friends, team mates or rivals.

Take part in the league as a challenge or incentive to improve your swimming, cycling and running.

Every event earns you points as a percentage of the winners time, so your points earned are always comparable to other events, whichever one you do.

If you do more than 3 events, your best 3 results will count for your overall standing.

Overall winners and 1st in every age group awarded at the end of the season.

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 **2026 RACE
UKTriathlon LEAGUE**



Take part in 3 or more individual Sprint or Olympic UK Triathlon Events in 2026 to qualify.

Your 3 highest scoring events will automatically count as your total score.

Prizes are awarded to the top 3 competitors & 1st place in every 5 year age group in both Open & Female categories.

 **2026 TEAM
UKTriathlon TROPHY**



Awarded to the highest scoring teams or clubs taking part in Sprint or Olympic UK Triathlon events this year.

To qualify for the 2026 Team Trophy, teams or clubs must score in a minimum of 2 different events.

 **ENDURANCE
UKTriathlon AWARD 2026**



Take on the challenge of completing five or more UK Triathlon events this year and earn the prestigious Endurance Award 2025 for your mantelpiece!

All events count! Fun, Tri Together, Super Sprint, Sprint, Olympic, Middle Distance or Any Ultimate event.

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