



# Stradbroke Triathlon

**Saturday 19th May 2018 – Start 17:30**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018– Start 08:30**

## Race Details

*Thank you for entering our event. Please take the time to read through these race details as they contain important information about the event.*

### **Timings**

Please make sure you attend as follows;

#### **Saturday evening Race 1**

All competitors must attend **registration** between 15:30 and 17:00

All competitors must set up in **transition** between 15:40 and 17:10

All competitors must attend the **race briefing** at 17:15

Race starts at 17:30.

#### **Sunday Morning Race 2**

All competitors must attend **registration** between 06:30 and 08:00

All competitors must set up in **transition** between 06:40 and 08:10

All competitors must attend the **race briefing** at 08:15

Race starts at 08:30.

### **Location**

Address: Stradbroke Swim & Fitness Centre, Wilby Road, Stradbroke, IP21 5JN

Telephone 01379 384376

### **Car Parking**

Free car parking has generously been provided by Stradbroke High School, located a short distance from the event site at Wilby Road, Stradbroke IP21 5JN. Please note that NO parking will be available at Stradbroke Swim & Fitness Centre. Please note that entry to the event day car park is controlled by volunteer marshals who will NOT be in attendance during the races. You will be parking at your own risk. In the unlikely event that the car park is full you will be responsible for finding your own parking space in the village.

## **Registration**

Registration will take place in the community centre adjacent to the leisure centre. Signs will be posted for competitor access to the centre.

At registration collect your race numbers and check to see your start time. Your race number will be written on your right arm, for identification purposes.

You will be given two large race numbers for wearing during the bike and run sections, and two small numbers, one to stick on your helmet and the other to stick on your bike for security purposes. The small bike number can easily be folded around a cable if you do not wish to attach it to your frame.

Please write details of any medical conditions we need to be aware of on the back of your race numbers. One number must be worn on your back for the bike section and one number on your front for the run section.

If you have entered as a Triathlon England member you will need to produce your licence. If you can't produce a valid licence, you will be required to purchase a day licence costing £5. Please note we require to see your actual licence and cannot accept email confirmation of TE membership. If you purchased a day licence at time of entry we will have a record of this.

Please note that you are not permitted to use earphones at any time during the event. The use of communication devices of any sort in a distractive manner during the event is strictly not allowed. This includes the use of smart watches, mobile phones etc for purposes such as making/receiving calls, sending/receiving texts, playing music, using social media and taking photographs. You may not use cameras, phone cameras or video cameras at any point during the event.

Please treat all marshals, race officials, organisers, volunteers and other competitors with respect, and inform us if you have to withdraw from the race at any time for any reason.

## **Transition Area**

After collecting your numbers at registration please make your way to the transition area to rack your bike and layout your equipment. Transition will be situated outside between the community centre and the swim centre. **Only competitors and marshals will be allowed in the transition area.**

Please wear your helmet when you come into transition to set up so race officials may check it for safety. Your bike must comply with the rules of British Triathlon and must be in a safe and roadworthy condition. This includes having a brake on both wheels and bar ends that are plugged. Mirrors are not allowed.

Please allow yourself plenty of time to set up and to check the transition area before start of race to familiarise yourself with exits and directions, etc.

Please note that whilst boxes may be used to bring necessary items into the transition area only a small soft sided bag or rucksack can remain. You must ensure that any bag used in transition does not impede the passage of other competitors. Please only leave in transition what you require for the race.

Penalties may be awarded for littering so please make sure that any wrappers or rubbish are kept on your person whilst racing and taken home or disposed of appropriately.

Please note that the transition area will not be secure outside of the race times.

## **Changing**

Changing rooms will be available in the Community Centre and Stradbroke Swim and Fitness Centre, both wet-side and dry-side. Showers are also available in the leisure centre. There will not be a bag drop in operation, please plan carefully where you will store items not required during the event. You may only leave in transition a small soft-sided bag/ items necessary for the event. Lockers are available in the leisure centre and require a trolley token or old £1 coin. Tokens are available from reception if required. **Please note you will not be able to access the wet-side changing rooms in the leisure centre after 12 noon on Sunday due to a children's event taking place in the afternoon.**

## **Race Briefing**

**All competitors MUST attend the race briefing before making their way to the swim start. This will take place close to the transition area.** If any competitors have any queries about the race then this is the time to raise them.

The race will be run under British Triathlon rules and if any competitor wishes to read any particular rule(s), then a rule book will be available on the day of the race at the help desk.

Please note that for the run and cycle sections of the race your torso must be completely covered. This includes any zips being completely closed and if wearing a two-piece out-fit the top and bottom must overlap.

You are **not allowed at any point** in the race to assist the forward progress of another competitor.

## **Start Times**

The race will commence with each swimmer going off in 30 second intervals, females swimming first followed by males. The start order will be based on swimmers estimated total swim time with the fastest swimmers going off first.

Timing chips will be issued at pool side before you get into the water

**PLEASE BE AT POOL SIDE AT LEAST 15MINS BEFORE YOUR START TIME**

**Only competitors, event staff and Leisure Centre staff on duty will be allowed on poolside, no spectators please.**

## **Swim Section**

The swim will take place in the leisure centre pool, which will be marked out with 4 lanes of 20m.

Competitors will start in 30second intervals. The swim distance will be covered by each swimmer completing **two** lengths in each lane and then ducking under the lane ropes to the next lane, moving across the pool.

Please take care when exiting water, as your balance may be impaired by the swim.

Upon leaving the pool, you will make your way to the transition area

Under British Triathlon rules **all competitors must wear a swim hat.** These will not be provided by the organiser. The swim route may be viewed at

<http://www.activeoutdoorsport.co.uk/project/stradbroke-triathlon/>

Due to the limited space available in the pool hall we ask that any spectators refrain from spectating from poolside.

Please note that overtaking should only take place at the end of the lane. The need for overtaking will be minimised by all competitors ensuring their submitted estimated swim times are as accurate and up to date as possible.

## **Transition 1**

The Transition area will be outdoors, situated next to the leisure centre. You will access this area via a short ramp down from the pool exit.

All your cycling and running equipment should already be in the transition area. Once in the transition area, locate your bike and prepare yourself for the bike leg.

**Note: You must not pick up or remove your bike from the rack until your helmet is on your head and fastened.** When you have got your helmet on you can walk/ run with your bike to the exit of transition. The bike exit will be clearly signed. After exiting transition, you will cross the mount/ dismount line, which will be marked on the ground and marshalled. Once across the mount line then you can get on your bike and proceed on the bike course.

## **Bike Section**

All competitors are required to abide by the Highway Code and reckless riding will be grounds for disqualification. This includes passing another competitor on the wrong side. The cycle route consists of a single 17km loop on quiet roads. Please be aware that in some areas there is not a dividing line on the highway, cyclists should be aware they are likely to come across on coming traffic. They should be particularly aware of farm traffic. Signs and marshals will ensure the course is clearly marked.

Every competitor **must** ensure that his/her bicycle is in a safe and roadworthy condition.

Competitors must wear their race numbers provided at all times throughout the cycling section of the event and in such a way that it is clearly visible from behind. (Number belts will be allowed, but competitors must have their number clearly visible on their back during the cycle, and on their front during the run).

Cycle helmets approved by the BSI, ANSI, Snell or equivalent standards authorities must be worn and fastened up at all times during the cycling section of the event, including the return of the bike to the cycle rack.

Competitors are **NOT ALLOWED TO DRAFT!** The cycle draft zone is defined as a distance measuring 10m long measured from the leading edge of the front wheel. A competitor may enter the draft zone of another competitor but must be seen to be progressing through that zone. A maximum of 20 seconds is allowed, to pass through another competitor's draft zone. The 10m draft zone does not apply at transition, mount & dismount line or at any sharp turns. It is the competitor's responsibility to check the rules on this, which will be posted at Registration. If you are overtaken by another competitor, it is your responsibility to drop out of the draught zone of the passing competitor within 20 seconds. You may not repass them prior to dropping out of this zone.

All competitors must follow the normal rules of the road, obey all traffic signals and must follow any directions given by the police, race marshals or officials. Any infringement of the law and subsequent legal action is the sole responsibility of the competitor. The bike route may be viewed at <http://www.activeoutdoorsport.co.uk/project/stradbroke-triathlon/>

## **Transition 2**

Dismount from your bike before the dismount line and run/walk with your bike, back to the transition area.

**Note: You must not unclip or remove your helmet until after you have returned your bike to the rack.**

After racking your bike make your way to the 'run exit'.

## **Run Section**

The run route is on a narrow running track following the boundary of the playing field and the headland of the adjacent arable field with a final section of each lap on grass. The course is a simple two lap route. Please be aware that depending on farm activity leading up to the event that the headland may be slightly rutted or uneven. In the event of wet weather leading up to or on event day the whole run route may be slippery and muddy. One of your race numbers must be securely fixed and clearly visible from the front at all times. Competitors **must** follow the directions and instructions of all race officials. Competitors must complete two laps of the run course before entering the finish chute. As much of the run is on private land we are not able to publish the route in advance of the event. However, there will be a map of the route on display on event day.

## **Refreshments**

In an effort, to reduce single use plastic at our events we ask all competitors to bring their own filled reusable bottle to collect at finish. Water will be available for competitors at the exit of transition 2 & after completion of the first lap of the run. Other refreshments will be available for purchase.

## **Collecting your Kit from Transition**

Out of respect to all competitors your belongings cannot be collected from transition until the last competitor has completed the bike section. You must wait until race day officials declare transition open.

## **Race results**

Results will be available as soon as possible after the last competitor has finished. These will give each competitor's overall race time and their finish position in order for prizes to be issued. Full results with split times will be available at Chip Timing UK, <http://www.chiptiminguk.co.uk/> shortly after the event.

A link to full results will be published on social media and put on the event web site, <http://www.activeoutdoorsport.co.uk/project/stradbroke-triathlon/> as soon as possible after the event.

Please also check your entry email address and our Facebook page for post event updates

We very much hope that no-one gets a penalty or disqualification. There will be a penalty board on display on the day and any queries need to be resolved with the race official before leaving the event.

## **Prizes**

Presentation of trophies will take place as soon as possible after the results are completed. Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> overall male and female and first place in each age group male and female (if you are placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> overall you are not eligible for age group wins). **Please note that if you think you may have won a prize you will need to stay behind for the presentation or allocate a friend to collect for you as we cannot send out prizes by post.**

## **Photography**

Diss Event Photography will be the official event photographers. Images will be available to view online a day or so after the event at their website <http://www.diss-eventphotography.co.uk/>

## **Social Media**

For up to date posts about all our events please follow us on Facebook at @AOSLtd & Twitter @Active\_outdoor Full details of our events may be found on our website; <http://www.activeoutdoorsport.co.uk/>

*We very much hope you enjoy the Stradbroke Triathlon. Good luck to all our competitors, we look forward to meeting you all on race day!*