



## Northumberland Festival of Sport Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025 & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Welcome

Hello and welcome to the Northumberland Festival of Sport. The event team anticipate for this to be a fantastic weekend for you.

**Full event information** is available at the event website: [www.vo2maxracingevents.co.uk](http://www.vo2maxracingevents.co.uk)

### The Venue

The Visitor Centre  
Druridge Bay Country Park  
Morpeth  
NE61 5BX  
[Druridge Bay country Parks](#)

### Car Parking

Car parking charges operates within the Country Parks, they are:  
Up to 1 hour – free parking  
Up to 2 hrs - £1.60  
All day - £3.00

Please Park in the car parks provided. You can pay for parking online via phone or by cash at the machine on site.

***Note: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – due to the early event start time, car parking charges are waived until 12.00pm. Please pay the car parking charges if you wish to stay in the park after the Sunday event.***

### Facilities

Changing, Showers & toilets are available on site.

### Camping / Caravans / Motor Homes

Camping / Caravan / Motor home overnight stays are allowed within the country parks.

The Country Parks allow overnight Camping / Caravan / Motor homes.

Please book via the electronic booking system link here:

[Northumberland County Council - Druridge Bay Country Park & visitor centre.](#)

Alternatively, email:

[druridgebay@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:druridgebay@northumberland.gov.uk)

If you have any queries on stopping at the parks, please use the email above or call the Visitors Centre on 01670 760968

### On Site Café - Refreshments

Hot and cold food/drinks will be available from the café within the Visitors Centre. The café will be open late on the festival of sport weekend.

### Weekend Event Schedule

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June:

6pm – 7.30pm-Join us at our QE2 open water swim training session. QE2 Country Park, Ashington NE63 9AT.

Info here: [Open water swimming training](#)

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

- 12.00pm: Registration opens for Trail Runs & Junior Aquathlon
- 1pm Registration opens for Challenge swims.
- 1pm: 10k & 20k Trail Runs Start.
- 1.30pm: Junior Aquathlon Start.
- 2pm: 3km Open Water swim Challenge start.
- 2.30pm: 1.5km & 750m Open Water swim Challenge start.
- 3.30pm – 5pm: Registration opens for Sunday's events. (tbc)



### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

- 6.15am: Registration open 06:15am
- Transition opens 06:30am
- 7.10am: Competitor Event Briefing in Transition area.
- 7.30am – Wave 1 – Sprint Distance Aquabike, Triathlon & Sprint Relay.
- 7.40am - Wave 2 – Standard Distance Aquabike, Triathlon & Standard Relay.
- 7.50am - Wave 3 – Standard Aquathlon.
- 8am – Wave 4 – Sprint Aquathlon.

### Registration

Registration is at the Visitors Centre (Event HQ). All competitors must present photographic identification at registration. Triathlon England & Home nations members must present their home nation race licence (preferably in electronic form) or purchase a race day licence.

At Registration, all competitors will receive essential items for the race:

- Race numbers (these must be worn throughout the event)
- Bike race number sticker (must be affixed before entering transition)
- Helmet race number sticker (must be affixed before entering transition)
- Timing chip – Please wear around your ankle for the duration of the event and please return to appropriate place at the Finish Line at the end of your event. If you fail to return your timing chip you will be charged £10 for its replacement.

We recommend you use a race belt for your race numbers. If you are not using a race belt, then ensure the race number is visible from the rear on the bike & front on the run.

### **British Triathlon**

This is a British Triathlon sanctioned event. The Aquathlons, Aquabike & Triathlon events are being held under British Triathlon competition rules.

[British Triathlon competition rules available on their website here](#)

### **British Triathlon Race Passes**

How to use the British Triathlon Race passes for competitors who have purchased one:

[British Triathlon Guide](#)

### **British Triathlon - Illegal Equipment**

Certain items are banned during the event – this includes MP3 players, mobile phones, and personal video recording devices.

### **British Triathlon – Littering policy**

All litter must be placed in bins or elsewhere specified by the Event Organiser – keep hold of your litter until you can dispose properly



### **Event Course Route Maps**

All Course Route maps are available to view or download on the event website:

<https://www.vo2maxracingevents.co.uk/>

they will also be available to view at the Event HQ when registering.

It is the competitor's responsibility to know the course routes.



### **Northumberland Trail Runs: From 1pm**

10km & 20km - 1pm Start

The route is fully signed will marshal will be located at key points along the route. There will be a safety / route brief at the start line. There will be an aid station at 10km, (just after finish line) for all trail runners. The aid station will have water, high 5 gels & high 5 zero tabs.

### **Junior Aquathlon: From 1.30pm**

We are pleased to announce that the Northumberland Festival of Sport junior Aquathlon is part of the 2025 North East Junior race series

### **Junior Event Distances (Approximate)**

Tristar Start (Age 8) Swim 100m & Run 600m

Tristar 1 (ages 9-10) Swim 200m & Run 1100m.

Tristar 2 (Ages 11-12) Swim 300m & Run 1600m.

Tristar 3 (Ages 13-14) Swim 400m & Run 2100m.

### **Junior Event Briefing**

An Event Briefing will be held before the start of each swim wave start. We advise all competitors to attend the briefing as all safety notices will be issued here together with any course amendments. The Race Director and Race Official will talk you through the course and the rules. It is also your chance to ask any questions you may have regarding the event

### **Juniors Previous Years Results**

[2022](#) [2023](#) [2024](#)

### **Open water Swim challenges: From 2pm**

Swim 750m - Swim 1.5km - Swim 3km

All Open water swim competitors will follow the same Swim course as the Triathlon competitors. Open water swim competitors will finish their event after Exiting the lake and crossing the finish timing line at the end of their swim. The 3km swim has a 2hr (3.15pm) cut off point.

### **Aquabike competitors**

Sprint: Swim 750m- Bike 19km

Standard: Swim 1.5km - Bike 38km

All Aquabike competitors will follow the same Swim & Bike course as the Triathlon competitors. ***Aquabike competitors will finish their event after exiting transition (T2) and following a short run/ walk, crossing the timing point at the finish line.***

Aquabike competitors, please be aware of other competitors on the run through past transition when you exit.

### **Aquathlon competitors**

Sprint: Swim 750m - Run 5.2km.

Standard: Swim 1.5km - Run 10.4km

All Aquathlon competitors will follow the same Swim & Run course as the Triathlon competitors. Aquathlon competitors will finish their event after crossing the finish line at the end of the run.

### **Triathlon Competitors (individual & Relay)**

Sprint: Swim 750m, Bike 19km, Run 5.2km.

Standard: Swim 1.5km, Bike 38km, Run 10.4km

All Course Route maps are available to view or download on the event website:

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### **Relay Team Competitors**

All team members must present themselves at registration with ID. The team captain will be provided with the team timing chip and race numbers. One timing chip with a Velcro strap will be provided at registration. The timing chip is your baton, which must be passed between team members together with the Velcro band. It must always be worn around the left ankle to work. Two race numbers will be provided.

- Cyclists must wear the number on their back.
- Runners must wear the number on their front. It is recommended that a race belt is used for ease and convenience.
- The bike sticker must be attached to the team cyclist's bike, and this must be on your bike before you go to transition.
- Changeover will be in a spacious area (transition), the cyclist waits for

swimmer at a designated position and then runner waits for cyclist at that same point. Helmets must remain on the bike until after tagging.

## Transition



- Bikes must be racked in the numbered spot allocated.
- Your helmet must be securely fastened before unracking your bike.
- You must rack your bike before unfastening your helmet.
- There are experienced Volunteers in the transition area, there to help you! Please listen to them and follow their instructions.
- Event numbers must be visible from the rear on the bike.
- After the event, you will only be able to retrieve your bike and equipment from transition using your race number as ID
- The Transition volunteers will let you gain access to your bike and belongings when you finish and when it is safe to do so
- Please respect other competitors and give them time and space to continue their race.

## The Swim



- Standard Distance 2 Laps.
- Sprint Distance 1 Lap.
- Anti-clockwise swim course keeping buoys to your left always.
- Swim start is at the end of the pontoon / Jetty.
- Give yourself plenty of time to warm up before you start.
- There is a dedicated warm up area available.
- Wetsuits are compulsory unless informed otherwise by the Triathlon England Technical Official.
- Exit the lake in front of transition and large flags on the lakeside will guide you safely to the exit point.
- Water safety cover is provided, and swim exit marshals are located around the lakeside on the swim route at nearest point to the side of the lake.
- If for whatever reason you happen to get into any difficulties during the swim section, please roll onto your back, raise one arm into the air, and you will be attended to by the safety crew.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to know the course and count their own laps.

## The Bike

- **Sprint:** A single 19K lap.
- **Standard:** This is a 2 lap 38k of the same course (**Do not** return to the park after your first lap!).
- The roads are Live! and all competitors must always obey the Highway Code.
- The course has Three roundabouts; competitors should exercise best caution and follow the Highway code.
- When you are overtaking a cyclist in front of you, please do not pull out to the centre of the road, please be aware of other road users during the event
- Exercise best caution when cycling in and out of the country parks. There are speed humps in the middle of the road of the country parks that you can get safely around at the side of the road. There is a long fast decent into transition and to bike dismount, please slow down.
- Volunteers are located at key areas around the course but are NOT allowed





to direct or stop traffic. It is up to the competitor to follow the highway code and **stop** if required.

- Be safe, Enjoy the bike ride - but be cautious and obey the Highway Code.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to know the course and count their own laps.

### **Bike Course Strava Segment maps**

Bike course 1 - full loop in / out of Country parks - [HERE](#)

Bike course 2, Coast road loop only: [HERE](#)

### **Event Briefing**

If needed an Event briefing will be held at 7.10am in transition on the morning of the event. All event information, course routes and instructions are contained within this event information pack. Any last-minute event / course changes will be relayed to competitors at registration and at the event briefing prior to the start of the event.

### **Drafting**

Drafting will not be tolerated. Triathlon England Motorcycle Officials will be officiating that this event.

[British Triathlon Drafting Rules explained on their website here](#)

### **The Run**



Sprint Distance - 2 laps 5.2km  
Standard Distance - 4 laps 10.4km

- The run is on the hard surface path that surrounds the lake with full signage.
- Run on the inside of the path and overtake on the outside.
- Please be aware of any members of the public on the footpath as it is a public area.
- Race number clearly visible on the front.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to know the course and count their own laps.

### **Run Course Strava Segment maps**

Run course : [HERE](#)

### **Run feed station.**

There is a water station on the run course after passing the finish line. Water & gels will be available for competitors during and after the event.

### **Finish Line**

Once you have finished your event, have a drink, cool down and recover. The podium with a flag backdrop will be available at the end of the finish funnel for you to take your photo with a big smile!

Please feel free to share your Photos on our social media pages here:

<https://www.facebook.com/vo2maxracing>

<https://www.instagram.com/vo2maxracing/>

### **Prize Ceremony**

#### **Results and Prize Ceremony**

This will be held at Race HQ. Medals will be handed out to:

Open water Swims 750-1.5k -3k

1st – 2nd – 3rd Female / Male.

Aquathlon Standard & Sprint

1st – 2nd – 3rd Female / Male.

Aquabike Standard & Sprint

1st – 2nd – 3rd Female / Male.

Triathlon Standard & Sprint

1st – 2nd – 3rd Female / Male, U20's, Seniors,

Vet, Super Vet, Vintage Vet, Super Vintage Vet.

Standard & Sprint Distance Triathlon Relay:

1st place Relay team.

Medals must be collected on the day. We cannot post medals out after the event.



### **Timing & Results**

This will be undertaken by Timing Up North Ltd. Results will be live throughout the event and provisional results will be posted on their website following the event.

For any timing result queries, amendments, or clarifications, please email Mark at:

[info@timingupnorthltd.co.uk](mailto:info@timingupnorthltd.co.uk)

### **Confirmed Results**

Full and confirmed results will be published on by 6pm, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June on the Timing Up North & Results Base event entry website.

### **Previous Years Results**

[2014](#) [2015](#) [2016](#) [2017](#) [2018](#) [2019](#) [2021](#)

[2022](#) [2023](#) [2024](#)

### **Penalties and Appeals Process**

An appeal is a request for a review of a penalty decision made by a Technical Official.

Appeals cannot be made against penalties resulting from a Technical Official's judgement call which include, but are not limited to, drafting and littering. A competitor may ask the Chief Technical Official for explanation of these judgement calls; however, no appeal can be made and will not be admitted.

### **Medical Cover & Conditions**

Medical cover will be available on site. If you have any medical conditions, you should have declared this on your entry, but please write this on the reverse of your race number. If you have any medical issues during the event, the medical team will check first before any emergency treatment is performed.

### **Event Equipment – what do you need?**

You may need to bring the following items for your event:

- Wetsuit - (It is compulsory to wear a wetsuit for the open water swim. You will not be allowed to start without one)
- Goggles
- Shorts, Swimsuit or Trisuit (to be worn under your wetsuit)
- Bike – (in road-worthy condition, with handlebar end caps fitted. Checks will be carried out before your bike is allowed into the Transition area)

- Cycle/run T Shirt (unless you are wearing a trisuit)
- Cycle helmet (without any damage and that fits!)
- Running shoes
- Number belt if you use one

### **Accommodation around the area**

For other accommodation there is a Premier Inn situated approximately 8 miles away at QE2 country parks.

[Ashington QE2 lake Premier Inn](#)

**Get in Contact;** For any queries, please Email.

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