



12th - 14th December, 2025. Taupo.

Future ChampioNZ Triathlon Festival - Round 2 Suzuki National Junior Series



Athlete Guide and Detailed Briefing



Please familiarise yourself with the contents of this document to ensure a fair and safe race is had by all, and less stress for you and your parents on the day.

Welcome

On behalf of the team at Tri-Sport Taupo we are excited to welcome you to Taupo for the festival which is a part of the Tri NZ Suzuki National Junior Series. We hope you are excited about being able to experience racing in this stunning location as much as we are. You'll have the opportunity to race multiple times this weekend and with that will come lots of learning! No matter whether you are a first time triathlete or a seasoned athlete hoping to win the series overall in March - welcome, have fun and play fair!

The Tri-Sport Taupo Team.

Remember as a participant in this event you are responsible for your own safety and equipment:



- Please obey all traffic rules
- Please undertake all you do in all the races within your own capabilities, and swim, bike, and run in a safe and fair manner
- Please look after our local whenua and awa, read the bio diversity guidelines included in this briefing and follow them as prescribed, failure to do so not only jeopardizes our waters but also the future of the event.

REGISTRATION & BRIEFING

- Registration will be from 3pm-4pm on Friday 12th December, at Taupo Motorsport Park(Look for the TriSport Taupo Flags)

**Please do not enter the Motorsport Park before 2.45pm.
- This document has all the information you need to know and will act as your full race briefing for the event, **it must be read by all participants.**
- We will also have a short safety briefing before the start. Please ensure you have checked the time you need to attend these and be present and focussed on listening,
- There will be course maps and schedules displayed at the event, and they can be found on our website.
- All events are endorsed by Triathlon NZ and run under TRI NZ competition rules. Some events have specific rules unique to this event, please read carefully below.





Event Details

Race 1: Friday 12th December. Le Mans Criterium.

Location: Taupo Motorsport Park, Corner Centennial Drive and Broadlands Rd, use entrance at 463 Broadlands Road (main entrance) park in main carpark and make your way toward the Tri-Sport Taupo flags for registration. **Please no pets within the Motorsport Park, and absolutely no smoking or vaping. Beverage and snacks caravan onsite from 3pm onwards.

Registration: 3-4pm (Do not enter Motorsport Park before 2.45pm)

Course Familiarisation: 3-4pm

Bike Racking: 4-4.30pm

Briefing: 4.45pm

5pm U17 Youth Girls Race 1

5.30pm U17 Youth Boys Race 1

6pm U20 Junior Girls Race 1

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Specific Rules relevant to this event:

- You must ride the same bike, in the same condition, as you intend to race on Sunday, this includes the pedals you intend to use.
- The event is draft legal and therefore your bike must conform to TRI NZ draft legal rules.
- You must run in shoes.
- A race number must be worn clearly to the front on all run sections.
- You cannot run in a cycle helmet.
- Bike racks will be numbered, please rack in your allocated spot.



Race 2: Saturday 13th December (Juniors Only) Off-Road Aquathlon.

Location: Race begins at Cherry Island, Taupo. Down river swim on Waikato River as part of the off-road triathlon, and then a short 1.2km off-road run around Spa Park. You will need to go to Spa Park before the race and place your run shoes and race belt in your numbered box (provided at the event) in transition. Transition opens at 5am on the morning of the race. Allow plenty of time to get from Spa Park to Cherry Island. Whilst it is only 1km by road, you will need to find a park on the adjacent streets.

Registration: You will collect your timing chip and number for this race at The Taupo Motorsport park when registering on Friday afternoon. **You do not need to attend the Off-Road Triathlon registration.**

Race Start Time: Junior Boys and Girls will race at the same time 7.40am.

Swim 1.6km downstream (fast!), Run 1.2km Off-road (Grass).

Specific Rules relevant to this event:

- Wetsuit Swim, You must wear your Junior Series Swim Cap and Goggles.
- Wetsuit, Goggles and Cap to be placed in your numbered transition box after the swim - if you throw on the ground you could potentially be sent back in transition to box your gear before being allowed to run,
- Race number to be worn to the front on the run,
- You must run in shoes, these can be either flats or spikes.
- All athletes must have read and followed the Taupo waters bio-diversity guidelines as listed in this guide, failure to do so will mean you cannot use that particular swim gear.





Athlete Forum and Skills Workshop (Open to all athletes and parents - non compulsory)

Location: Taupo Nui-a-Tia College, 122 Spa Road. Look for the TriSport Taupo flag and park on Spa Road out front of the college.

Start Time: 9.30am



- **Triathlon NZ Talent Pathway** discussion led by Chris Willet,
- **Functional Movement Session** with Jonty Garlick
- **Q&A Session** with Wollongong Elite Juniors and previous Elite NZ Reps',
- **Transition Session** led by Blake Miller and support coaches (Bring bike, bike shoes, run shoes, and helmet if you wish to attend this session).
- Aim to finish at approx 10.45am

Race 3: Saturday 13th December (Juniors & Youth) Elimination Aquathlon.

Location: Wharewaka Reserve, Taupo.

1pm Race Briefing in race village at Wharewaka Reserve (by transition),

1.15pm Youth Girls Elimination Race,

Approx 1.45pm Youth Boys Elimination Race

Approx 2.15pm Junior Girls Elimination Race,

Approx 2.45pm Junior Boys Elimination Race.



Specific Rules relevant to this event:

- You must follow the instructions and decisions of officials at all times,
- Official decisions will be final in determining who is eliminated and no discussion will be entered into,
- Non-wetsuit,
- You must run in shoes,
- You cannot swim in shoes,
- You may run in swim caps and goggles,
- No allocated spots in transition, you must use the same space throughout the event (bring a small towel no larger than 500mm x 500mm to mark your spot),
- You cannot claim your space in transition until the previous event has finished, athletes have cleared their gear, and you are instructed to enter by officials,
- You must have your race number clearly displayed to the front on the run,
- You may race in togs.



Race 4: Sunday 14th December (Juniors & Youth) Grand Final Triathlon.

Location: Wharewaka Reserve, Taupo.

7.15 am Transition open
 8 am Youth Race Briefing
 8.15 am Youth Boys race begins
 8.17 am Youth Girls race begins
 9.15 am Junior Girls Race Briefing
 9.30 am Junior Girls race begins
 10.40 am Junior Boys Race Briefing
 10.50 am Junior Boys race begins



Specific Rules relevant to this event:

- Draft legal triathlon, conforming to TRI NZ Competition Rules,
- Absolutely no drafting between the Youth Girls and Youth Boys.
- Closed roads but you must stay left on the bike at all times. Any athlete crossing the centre line may be disqualified from the final result if the race jury deems the incident dangerous and avoidable. Stay left.

Arrival at Wharewaka on Sunday morning, and Transition check in:

- Do not park on any part of the circuit, we need the roads completely clear. This includes the large grass area opposite the transition (this will be fenced off).
- Parking is in Wharewaka Reserve (see below) and you will be directed there upon arrival.
- Follow the instruction of course volunteers when crossing the course so as not to obstruct athletes who are already racing.
- Bike racks will be numbered in transition, please rack your bike in your allocated spot.
- Follow the instructions of Volunteers and Officials when accessing the transition area and respect the athletes already racing. There is no designated racking time, but you must be racked and exited transition 5 minutes before your race briefing,
- No Parents, coaches, or helpers in transition, no exceptions.
- Please remove all bags and surplus equipment from transition before your race.



CRITICAL INFORMATION - PLEASE READ AND ACTION

Have you swam in fresh water lately?

As part of our commitment to keep the Invasive Golden Clam out of Lake Taupō you MUST complete the following steps BEFORE registration if you have used your wetsuit in a body of freshwater (other than Lake Taupō) prior to our event:

Check - Remove anything visible (mud, weed, clams, excess water)

Clean - Complete one of the cleaning treatments:

Soak in hot water (55°Celsius) for at least 5 minutes **OR**

Soak in 10% household bleach for an hour **OR**

Freeze solid overnight

Dry - Leave to dry for a further two days. (Your wetsuit should be dry on Friday night)

This also applies to goggles, swim caps and footwear such as crocs and jandals that have been worn in other bodies of freshwater. These items can be rinsed thoroughly in tap water onto grass (not down the drains) and then left to dry for 2 days.

You will be asked about this at registration and a failure to have completed this Check Clean Dry process as required, could result in an athlete not being able to use that equipment during the event.

ABOUT THE THREAT

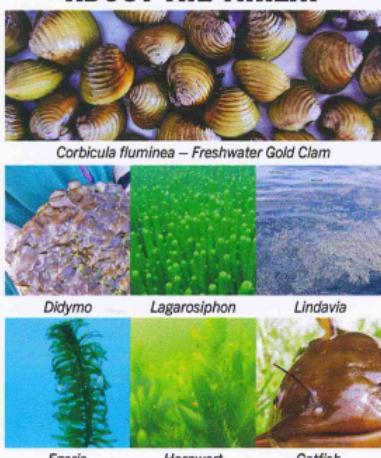


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Help stop invasive weeds and pests from spoiling New Zealand's lakes, rivers and wetlands.

These invasives can take over. Some clog the water and take all light and nutrients; others stir up sediment. Do your bit to stop the spread.



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PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

STOP THE SPREAD OF FRESHWATER PESTS

 **CHECK**
for what's visible

Remove anything visible like mud, weed or clams from watercraft and gear. Drain all river or lake water.

 **CLEAN**
for what's not visible

Wash down your gear and craft with tapwater, not into a stormwater system.

Use a cleaning treatment for absorbent materials:

- soak in hot water (55°C) for at least 5 minutes **OR**
- soak in 10% household bleach for an hour **OR**
- freeze solid overnight

 **DRY**
to be sure

Mop up areas where water has pooled with a towel. Dry watercraft and gear to touch, inside and out. Leave to dry for a further 2 days.



If you stick to a single waterway there is no need to Check Clean Dry.

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Put this on a container you use for soaking your gear.



Scoring

- The festival is scored on points and not timing.
- The Le Mans Criterium, Off-Road Aquathlon, and Elimination Races are all worth 350 points for 1st place, 330 points for 2nd, and 310 points for 3rd. Points then descend in 10 point increments; 300, 290, 280 etc.
- The Grand Final Triathlon is worth 700 points for 1st place, 680 for 2nd, 660 for 3rd, 650 for 4th, 640 for 5th and so on.
- Results will be posted to Webscorer immediately after the culmination of each event, however these 'live' results are preliminary and will be verified by our Field of Play Director and Judges panel in the case of any violation of rules, issues and protests.
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