

## Ful-On Duathlon Competitor Instructions – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April

Congratulations on entering the Ful-On Duathlon, we look forward to welcoming you at Dunsfold Park on race day.

### **Getting there:**

The race takes place at Dunsfold Park, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 8TB. You can either choose to drive there and park, or take the train to Guildford or Godalming and cycle the short distance from the station. **Please enter the venue via the main gatehouse from Stovolds Hill**, you will be directed to the Eastern Runway to park. Race HQ will be in the 'Pilots briefing room' on the Western Runway. You will not be able to park once the race has started, therefore please allow plenty of time.

For those arriving by train, there is an option to check a small bag in at registration which you can pick up at the end of the race (it will be label-matched to your competitor number). To check full train time listings, go to the National Rail website: [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE – ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SIGNS UP ON THE DAY, BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE TWO ENTRANCES TO DUNSFOLD PARK. ONLY THE STOVOLDS HILL ENTRANCE IS OPEN AT WEEKENDS.**

### **Registration & Start:**

Registration opens at **8:30am** and will **close at 10:00am**. The race consists of **TWO** wave starts\*

- 10:30: Open Male
- 10:45 Open Female, Vet Male & Female (aged 40 or over on 31st December 2017), Relay teams

(\*wave times subject to change)

Please allow yourself at least 45 minutes to park, register and rack your bike before your race start time. You must start in the correct wave for your race distance and category, with no exceptions.

Registration takes place in the Pilots Briefing Room on the Western Runway. Please check your competitor number on the list at registration and go to the appropriate desk to sign-in and pick up your race numbers, bike & helmet stickers.

You will be required to show your BTF licence at registration together with an appropriate form of ID (driving licence, credit card). If you do not have a BTF licence then you will be asked to pay the £5 fee to get a BTF day licence in order to race. If you forget your licence or your licence has expired, you will have to pay the £5 levy for a day licence.

You can then proceed to rack your bike in transition.

### **Identification & Transition:**

You will need to fix the bike sticker to your bike's top tube and the helmet sticker to the front of your cycle helmet. Please wear or carry your race number at all times when accessing transition, as non-competitors are not permitted in this area. You will be issued with TWO race numbers each (including relay teams) which must be worn. They must be clearly visible on your back for the bike and front for the run. The numbers should be attached at all four corners – please bring your own 8 safety pins. The use of race number belts is permitted, so long as your number is clearly displayed on your front for the run and your back for the bike. You will receive a two minute penalty if we can't see your race number. Do not cut or fold your race numbers – penalties will be issued for number mutilation.

BSI, ANSI or SNELL approved hard shell **cycle helmets are compulsory** and must be worn throughout the bike section. Your cycle helmet will be checked for safety and the marshals will check

that your bike number and competitor number match whenever you enter or exit transition with your bike. Handlebars and tri-bars must be plugged, and the marshals will use tape to do so where necessary. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that your bike is in a roadworthy condition.

Fixed wheel bikes are not permitted. There must be a brake on each wheel, and both wheels must be classified as free wheels.

Transition will close at 10:30. Transition will re-open once all competitors have finished the bike section of the race. This is to ensure a safe transition. You must comply with these rules, or you will be penalised. Please check with a marshal if you are unsure.

You must rack your bike in your allocated zones for your race category. No riding is allowed in the transition area at any time. You will mount your bike at the mount line beyond BIKE OUT and dismount in the zone indicated at the end of the bike leg next to BIKE IN. During the race your cycle helmet **must** be fastened to your head **prior** to removing your bike from the rack and **must not be undone** until your bike is **replaced** in the rack after the bike section. You will be given a two minute time penalty if you do not comply with this rule. Do not use mobile phones, MP3 players or iPods during the event or in transition at any time.

### RELAY TEAMS

In addition to the above rules, relay teams should note that:

- The relay exchange from one team member to another will take place inside the exchange zone in transition
- The exchange is completed by the incoming competitor, using their hand to contact the body of the outgoing competitor within the relay zone
- If the exchange occurs outside the exchange zone, the team will receive a penalty of one minute, which will be added to the finish time
- If the exchange is not completed, the team will be disqualified
- Competitors must not put their helmet on until they have been tagged by their team mate; Only once the competitor has left the exchange zone can the helmet be picked up and secured before the competitor touches their bike
- Competitors must remove their helmet once their bicycle is racked; only once the helmet is placed in their area in transition can the competitor enter the exchange zone and tag their team mate.

**Warm-up laps of the bike course will not be permitted**, however, there will be a small warm up zone near to transition. Please ensure you listen to marshal instructions. There should be NO cycling in transition at any time and helmets MUST be worn even for the warm-up. This will be open from 8:30 to 10:15.

Bike shop spares such as tubes and tyres will be available for purchase from Elswood Cycleworks near Race HQ along with track pumps for your use. There will be portaloo's available at registration and near to transition and a café (remember to bring small change) available in this area. Unfortunately there are no showers or changing facilities available.

Once you have registered, racked your bike in transition and are ready to start, please go to the start line (access via Transition Run Out) on the main runway **5 minutes before your wave start time** for the safety briefing.

Enjoy the race!

### **The Race:**

You are racing the following distance:

- 6k run (2 laps) / 24k bike (5 laps) / 6k run (2 laps)

Please refer to the **Course Map** for layout details.

The run consists of two laps on the Main runway, Eastern runway and Western runway. The run is flat and on tarred road surfaces. There will be water available on each lap of the run. You are responsible

for counting your own laps and failure to complete the correct number of laps (2 laps) will result in disqualification. On the Eastern runway (back section of run course) the tarmac is a little broken up, any large potholes will be marked up but please take care when running. On the Western runway there are a number of works going on as well as a plane!! You will be directed around this, please take care and keep on the course.

The bike course is contained within a closed road circuit looping around the runway. Each lap takes you out along the flat perimeter road of Dunsfold Park. Ride on the left at all times and overtake briefly on the right before returning to ride on the left. You are responsible for counting your own laps and failure to complete the correct number of laps (5 laps) will result in disqualification. The completed bike distance should be 24km. **Please note there may be cars driving in the opposite direction, their access will be directed by marshals but you should remain vigilant throughout the race. They will be told to drive slowly and on the left. There will be enough room to race but please take caution at all times.**

#### **Drafting:**

Competitors are not permitted to draft (i.e. Take shelter behind or beside another competitor or motor vehicle) during the bike section of the race. Athletes who break the rules will be penalised. Familiarise yourselves with the drafting rules:

- The draft zone is a rectangle measuring 7 metres long x 3 metres wide. The centre of the leading 3 metre edge is 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 15 seconds is allowed to progress through the draft zone of another competitor. If an overtaking manoeuvre is not completed within 15 seconds, the overtaking cyclist must drop back out of this zone.
- The draft zone of one competitor may not overlap the draft zone of another competitor.
- Competitors may enter the draft zone of another competitor for the purpose of overtaking as detailed above or in the following circumstances:
  - For safety reasons;
  - At the entrance/exit of transition area;
  - At an acute turn, such as 180° around a traffic cone
  - If race officials exclude a section of the course from drafting rule because of narrow lanes, or for safety reasons
- When a competitor is passed by other competitors, it is his/her responsibility to move out of the draft zone of the overtaking competitor. A competitor is passed when another competitor's front wheel is ahead of his/hers.
- Side-by-side riding, while still observing the draft zone, is allowed where the width of the road permits it because the race takes place on a closed road circuit.

There will be a number of static draftbusting marshals out on the course and there is no requirement for them to indicate to the athlete in question that they have noted the athlete's number. Three reports from static draftbusters will result in a two minute time penalty. Four reports will result in disqualification. You have been warned!

#### **Water Stations:**

There is a water station before transition on the Run course available on each lap of the run and at the finish.

#### **Timing System & Results:**

As in previous years, we are using a chip timing system to record your times in 2017. However, please make sure that your race number is clearly visible at all times.

Results will be available on a TV screen at Race HQ, together with any penalties. A full list of results including split times should appear on our website: [www.fulonduathlon.com](http://www.fulonduathlon.com) within 24 hours.

#### **Prize Giving:**

The prize giving will take place at approximately 12.30 in the Ful-On Tri Gazebo in front of transition next to the finish. A full list of prizes will be on display at registration.

**First Aid & Medical Issues:**

First Aid cover is being provided by Medical Despatch. The first aiders are in a Landrover at Race HQ and various points on the course for the duration of the race.

If you have a known medical condition (such as diabetes, asthma, allergy to penicillin, etc) please inform us prior to the race by emailing [event@fulontri.com](mailto:event@fulontri.com). IMPORTANT: Please write all personal and medical details on the back of your race number and put a small indelible red cross on the front of your number to indicate a known medical issue. Whether you have a medical condition or not, if you feel unwell on race day – don't race!

**Sponsor and spectator zone:**

Drop by the sponsor and spectator zone near transition (see the course map) before and after your race.

The sponsor and spectator zone is also the perfect location for watching the race, so bring your friends and family will to cheer you on!

**Refreshments**

Hot and cold refreshments will be available to purchase on race day from the Drinkwater trailer!

**Mechanical support and spares**

Elswood Cycleworks will be providing mechanical support and will be selling any spares needed on the day.

**Withdrawals:**

As per the terms & conditions on our website, please note that all fees are non-refundable but entries can be transferred to the subsequent year's event. If you are ill, injured or unable to take part for personal reasons, and want to defer your entry you must do so by emailing the organiser on [event@fulontri.com](mailto:event@fulontri.com) BEFORE MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH. Athletes who withdraw after this date will forfeit their entry fee. Athletes will need to reapply for a "Deferred Entry" place under the same name for the subsequent year's event. Deferred entries must be used in the subsequent year or they will be forfeited.

Please note that the swapping of entries between competitors will not be allowed as it invalidates insurances undertaken by the event organisers to cover the event. Photo ID checks will be implemented at event registration.

**Safety and the environment:**

Participants are asked to be mindful of their own safety and take reasonable precautions when parking, registering and crossing the race course. Marshals will be on site to assist you. Please can we ask that you are also aware of the environment you are racing in and take any rubbish away with you on the day! There will be plenty of rubbish bags / bins on the site so please make use of them.

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe race!

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