



TRIATHLON HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF TRIATHLON IN FISU

Triathlon entered the programme of the FISU World University Championships in 1992 with a first edition organised in Darmstadt, Germany, which welcomed 89 triathletes from 22 countries.

Since then, 14 other editions have taken place on three continents.

The first time the FISU event went out of Europe was in 2002 when the Japanese city of Nanao hosted the 6th edition, attracting 100 participants from 18 countries. The current participation record was established in 2010 in Valencia, Spain where 139 athletes took part at the competition.

In 2014, the World University Championship Triathlon was held in the beautiful city Brasilia, Brasil – the first time the event went to South America. In 2016 and 2018 Triathlon came back to Europe for two successful Championships in Nyon, Switzerland and Kalmar, Sweden.

The 2020 edition was supposed to take place in Kecskemet (HUN) but has unfortunately been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2022, Triathlon went back to Brazil and was successfully organised as a combined Championships together with Beach Volleyball on the beautiful beaches of Maceio.

In 2024 the FISU Championship Triathlon will take place in the city of Gdansk, Poland.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	1992	GER	Darmstadt	22	63	26	89	31	120
2	1994	FRA	Nantes	17	71	44	115	29	144
3	1996	CZE	Liberec	18	68	42	110	30	140
4	1998	GER	Kiel	20	80	53	133	33	146
5	2000	HUN	Tiszaujvaros	26	77	51	128	40	168
6	2002	JPN	Nanao	18	49	24	73	27	100
7	2004	ESP	Palma	21	64	38	102	38	140
8	2006	SUI	Lausanne	19	69	35	104	40	144
9	2008	TUR	Erdek	23	76	52	128	44	172
10	2010	ESP	Valencia	36	84	55	139	70	209
11	2012	TPE	Yilan County	24	53	43	96	36	132
12	2014	BRA	Brasilia	12	25	26	51	17	68
13	2016	SUI	Nyon	27	66	58	124	40	164
14	2018	SWE	Kalmar	31	76	53	129	37	166
15	2022	BRA	Maceio	18	49	41	90	22	112

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	OPENING DAY 0	COMPETITION DAY 1	COMPETITION DAY 2 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
Date	Date	Date	Individual sprint distances	Mixed team relay	Date

4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

The Triathlon competitions shall be run in accordance with the most recent technical rules of World Triathlon, unless otherwise stated. In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the rules, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC. The competitions shall last two days and include the following events:

Men:

- Individual race, sprint distances (750 m swimming, 20 km cycling and 5 km running);
- Team classification.

Women:

- Individual race, sprint distances (750 m swimming, 20 km cycling and 5 km running);
- Team classification.

Mixed team relay:

- Super sprint distances (250-300 m swimming, 5-8 km cycling and 1.5-2 km running).

Each country may enter a maximum of 17 persons: 12 competitors and 5 officials.

Each country may enter:

Men:

a maximum of six competitors in the individual race.

Team classification is based on the individual results: the total team time is the addition of the 3 best times of the athletes from the same nation and gender. In case of a tie, the time of the third team member will determine the team result. Only one team per country is rated. no medals will be awarded but a flower ceremony shall be organised for the team classification.

Women:

a maximum of six competitors

Team classification is based on the individual results: the total team time is the addition of the 3 best times of the athletes from the same nation and gender. In case of a tie, the time of the third team member will determine the team result. Only one team per country is rated. no medals will be awarded but a flower ceremony shall be organised for the team classification.

A maximum of 70 athletes per gender will be accepted. If the registration exceeds this number a team selection will be organised.

In consultation with FISU and the OC, more participants might be accepted. In this case, the programme would be as follow:

Day 1: Semi-finals & Finals men and women on a super sprint distance

Day 2: Mixed team relay.

This programme is subject to changes according the each Organising Committee's situation. The final event programme shall be published shortly after the closing of the Quantitative entries.

Mixed team relay:

a maximum of 3 teams of two men and two women.

Only one team per country may be on the podium. Remaining teams will be classified from rank 4. The final list of teams and competitors must be given to the FISU TCC the day before the race after the individual races.

To encourage participation, FISU teams composed of two men and two women from different countries and composed randomly can take part to the Mixed team relay competition. The FISU team are not included in the final ranking.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Three (3) months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 25% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

The athlete's race numbers are assigned based on previous race results in similar events.

The elite men's and women's events shall be numbered starting with number 1; number 13 shall not be used.

Order of criteria for seeding:

- Current WTS rankings
- World Triathlon points list
- Random

Selection

Athletes' selection will respect the following principles:

- Quantitative entries deadline
- Host country
- Next host
- Country / Continental representation

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination

FISU and World Triathlon will appoint up to three ITOs and one World Triathlon medical committee member.

Costs

The costs of the ITO's (travel, board and per diem) will be covered by the Organising Committee. For the World Triathlon medical committee member, accommodation and board will be covered by the Organising Committee while World Triathlon will cover travel and per diem.

Number of Technical Officials needed and qualification

Race officials are assigned to registration, start/finish, transition area(s), swim, cycle, run, lap counting, wheel stations, penalty box, aid stations and vehicle control.

An adequate number of race officials shall be assigned to each area. They shall be responsible for the reinforcement of World Triathlon Competition Rules within their assigned jurisdiction.

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free. Costs for a laundry services will be provided as soon as possible to assist with budgeting.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;

- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

The World Triathlon Regulations must be followed at the minimum level of a World Triathlon Continental Championship. The venue equipment is listed in the FISU Triathlon Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible.

A recognition of the courses (swim, bike and run) completed in the competition must be set up.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit. The medical team and ambulances must be on-site and operational no later than one hour before the start of the races.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
1	4	2	0

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions. It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle. Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

For Triathlon it is recommended to use a DJ and a speaker experienced with the sport in order to enhance the atmosphere and the experience of the spectators following the races.

12. SPORT PRESENTATION

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - ITO list (FISU - World Triathlon)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - Athletes selection if too many entries (FISU) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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