

UniSport Australia Guideline

Triathlon

Men and Women

UniSport Australia (UniSport) triathlon competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of [Triathlon Australia](#) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Individual entry

- 1.1. There is no maximum limit on the number of competitors that can enter the event.
- 1.2. At least four universities need to fulfil the minimum entry qualifications for the event to be recognised as a UniSport Nationals competition.
- 1.3. For a university to be eligible to contest the championship pennant, they must enter a minimum of two competitors in each event (each gender competition is considered separate). The two competitors can be entered in either the sprint distance, standard distance or across a combination of the two categories (i.e. one in any of the categories).

2. Competition rules

- 2.1. The competition shall comprise of the sprint and standard (Olympic) distances for both men and women.
 - a) The competition will be conducted externally as part of an event/s as published on the UniSport event calendar.
 - b) Participants must register in both the UniSport registration system and the event registrations system to be counted towards the university point score.
 - c) Participants must check the 'UniSport Nationals' tick box and enter their university and student number upon registration into the event for their result to count towards their university's point score in the championship.
 - d) The general format and conduct of the events will be contested under the rules of the specific event organisers.

3. Para Triathlon

Para triathletes will be incorporated into the overall competition schedule in partnership with the hosting event upon close of entries. Athletes will be required to select their event and classification at their point of entry.

- 3.1. Para triathlon athletes are only eligible for entry in the sprint race distance.
- 3.2. World Triathlon classifications will be used (refer to Rule 17.2 b in [World Triathlon guidelines](#)) in conjunction with the six (6) World Triathlon - Para triathlon medal events.

The six (6) Para triathlon medal events are as follows:

- a) PTWC: PTWC1 and PTWC2 sport class athletes competing together;
- b) PTS2;
- c) PTS3;
- d) PTS4;
- e) PTS5;
- f) PTVI: PTVI1, PTVI2 and PTVI3 sport class athletes competing together.

- 3.3. Para Triathlon medals will be awarded to each podium finisher within their Para triathlon medal event.

Example: If there are two Para triathlon athletes, with one Para triathlete in PTWC1 one in PTS3, each athlete will receive a first place medal for their respective medal event.

3.4. World Triathlon “interval start time” (shown below) will be used to determine finishing positions within the Para triathlon point score (refer to Rule 17.5 in [World Triathlon Guidelines](#).)

	PTWC1 Men	PTWC2 Men	PTWC 1 Women	PTWC2 Women
Sprint Tri	0:00	+3:00	0:00	+3:38
	PTVI1 Men	PTVI2/PTVI3 Men	PTVI1 Women	PTVI2/PTVI3 Women
Sprint Tri	0:00	+2:51	0:00	+3:21

4. Point score

4.1. Competition points will be allocated to the top 15 places in each sprint and standard categories based on the following point-score table:

Competition points allocated				
		Para Triathlon Medal Events Contested		
Position	Sprint and Standard	Para (1 event)	Para (2 – 6 events)	
1 st	15	15		7.5
2 nd	14	14		7
3 rd	13	13		6.5
4 th	12	12		6
5 th	11	11		5.5
6 th	10	10		5
7 th	9	9		4.5
8 th	8	8		4
9 th	7	7		3.5
10 th	6	6		3
11 th	5	5		2.5
12 th	4	4		2
13 th	3	3		1.5
14 th	2	2		1
15 th	1	1		0.5

4.2. The men and women's overall champion universities will be the university with the greatest combined total point score (i.e. all categories combined) at the completion of the competition.

4.3. In the instance that two or more universities are tied on the same point score at the completion of the competition, they will be separated by tallying the number of 1st place finished each university has won.

4.4. If there is still a tie, the university with the most 2nd places will be deemed the overall winner, and so on until an overall winner has been determined.

4.5. Final results will be calculated upon the completion of eligibility checks. UniSport will post medals out to the sport departments of the top three placed athletes in each competition for distribution on campus, unless presented at the event.

5. Para Triathlon Point Score

5.1. Points for the Para Men's and Para Women's sprint categories will be allocated based on the total number of Para Triathlon medal events contested represented in the point score table.

The number of points allocated for first place(s) are as follows for Para triathlon:

- a) 15 points – if there is only 1 Para triathlon medal event contested
- b) 7.5 points for each Para triathlon medal event – if there are 2 – 6 Para triathlon medal events contested

5.2. Within each medal event, points will be allocated starting from the highest-placed Para triathlete and decreasing by 0.5 or 1 point per position depending on the number of Para triathlon medal events, until all points are allocated or there are no remaining eligible Para triathletes in that category.

Example: If there are entrants in PTWC1 and PTS3, the total number of Para triathlon medal events contested will be two (2). There are three (3) Para triathletes in PTWC1 and two (2) in PTS3, each medal event will be start at 7.5 points for first position. The points for PTWC1 would be distributed as 7.5, 7, and 6.5 points for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place respectively and PTS3 will be allocated 7.5 and 7 points for 1st and 2nd place respectively.

Previous rule amendments

May 2004 | April 2005 | April 2008 | March 2010 | March 2011 | November 2012 | May 2014 | March 2015 | April 2017 | February 2018 | December 2018 | January 2020 | January 2021 | December 2021 | February 2023 | January 2024 | April 2024 | November 2025

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.

