

Club Relays Triathlon 2012 – 21st Anniversary

Incorporating the British Triathlon Federation Club Relay Championships

Final Race Information

**Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th August
National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham**

Welcome to the One Step Beyond "Club Relays Triathlon" at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. The National Water Sports Centre is situated 2 miles south of the city of Nottingham. This annual event plays host to British Triathlons Club Relay Championships in 2012, on a completely closed road course which is near perfect for both competitors and spectators alike.

Important Notice

Further to feedback received last year following a number of injuries related to aero helmets, we are changing the ruling that athletes must leave their helmets on their bikes and until after they have tagged their team mate. This is an update to the Provisional Race Information which stated aero helmets would be banned. Aero helmets are not banned.

Important Changes

Due to the success of the changes that were made to last years event the layout of the event will follow the same pattern as with the 2011 event. In summary, the swim start, swim to swim tag and swim to bike tag will be located at the top end of the lake. The bike to bike or run to run transition will not move, with the finish being in front of the spectator grandstand.

Registration Times

Saturday Events Only

Registration Times	Friday	6pm – 8.00pm
	Saturday	7am – 8.15am
	Saturday	12pm – 1pm

Sunday Event Only

Registration Times	Sunday	8.15am – 9.45am
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Start Times

Saturday Morning	Mixed & Open	8.45am
Saturday Afternoon	Female & Open	1.45pm (TBC)
Sunday Morning	Male & Open	10.15am

Team Captains

All team captains will be issued with security wrist bands for competitors only. This will allow competitors into the transition areas. Please note that NO non competing athletes / spectators will be allowed onto the race course during the event. This includes during the swim section.

As team captains you will be required to ensure that all of your team know & understands all the information about this event. As team captain, you will be required to ensure that we, the race organisers know all the required information about all of your team members, including any medical conditions.

Please log into your One Step Beyond online account, and follow the details contained within the Relays tab. You will be required to register on behalf of your teams. Good luck!!

We will not be able to change team details other than if your team changes category after 5pm Wednesday 22nd August. Changes such as team order or competitors names can't be made after this time – this includes on race day.

Relay Tagging

In order to continue the development & quality of the "Club Relays" all athletes will receive their own separate timing chip which must be worn on the left ankle at all times.

In addition to your timing chip you will also be using the traditional tagging system of passing a rubber band from team member to team member. As all athletes will have a separate timing chip, we will also be taking individual splits for each discipline. Please do not lose your teams' rubber band as this is the only proof that you have completed each tag correctly without cheating.

BTF Race Licences

The team captain of your team should either present a 2012 BTF Race Licence (or colour copy) for all four competitors. If this is not possible, then the team captain will be required to pay £5 cash for each person without a 2012 BTF Race Licence. Please note that a Day Licence can only be used on either the Saturday or the Sunday, a Day Licence only covers an athlete for one day. Please do not argue with us as this has been the rule for the past 10+ years.

Registration

Registration will again take place in the Conference Room upstairs in the main building at the National Water Sports Centre. ONLY team captains or other nominated persons are allowed into registration.

Category Definitions'

Saturday Morning 8.45am

The first wave on Saturday morning will consist of mixed teams racing for British Championship Awards & open teams.

Mixed teams must consist of 2 males & 2 females. Open teams are those that do not fit into any of the British Triathlon categories & will not be eligible for British Championship Awards.

Saturday Afternoon 1.45pm (approx)

The second wave on Saturday afternoon will consist of female teams racing for British Champions Awards in the following categories:

Female, Female Vet 40+, Female Vet 50+, Female Junior. Female teams must consist of 4 females & all females must be in the appropriate age category by the 31/12/12. Open teams are those that do not fit into any of the British Triathlon categories & will not be eligible for British Championship Awards.

Sunday Morning 10.15am

The only wave on Sunday morning will consist of male teams racing for British Champions Awards in the following categories:

Male, Male Vet 40+, Male Vet 50+, Male Junior. Male teams must consist of 4 males & all males must be in the appropriate age category by the 31/12/12. Open teams are those that do not fit into any of the British Triathlon categories & will not be eligible for British Championship Awards.

The following are the requirements for the different team categories:

Male	Four males, any age
Female	Four female, any age
Mixed	Two male & two females
Male Vet 40 +	Four males all over 40 years as at 31/12/2012.
Female Vet 40 +	Four females all over 40 years as at 31/12/2012.
Male Vet 50 +	Four males all over 50 years as at 31/12/2012.

Female Vet 50 +

Four females all over 50 years as at 31/12/2012.

Male Junior

Four males all over 15 & under 20 years as at 31/12/2012.

Female Junior

Four females all over 15 & under 20 years as at 31/12/2012.

Finding Holme Pierrepont

Holme Pierrepont, the National Water Sports Centre, is located just off the A52. Sat Nav finder NG12 2LU.

Parking

There are four car parks at the National Water Sports Centre, which will all be marked. On the day, please follow the instructions of the Parking Stewards. It is vital that you do not use the car park at the main entrance, since this is part of the run course, and entry to this area is only possible with an officials parking permit. Depending upon which car park is in use when you arrive please be aware that some car parks are a 10 minute walk from the Race HQ.

It is important that you do not leave any valuables inside your car & that you ensure your car is fully locked & secure. All vehicles are left at the owners own risk.

Additional Contacts

Holme Pierrepont – Venue/Accom	Tel. 0115 9821212
Additional Accommodation in Nottm	Tel. 08444 775678
British Triathlon Federation	Tel. 01509 226161

Race Format & Distances

Swim 500m (1 lap) - Bike 15km (3 lap) - Run 5km (1 lap)

British Triathlon Licences

Athletes wishing to compete for National Titles must be full members of the British Triathlon. Any team containing non – British Triathlon members will NOT be eligible for National Titles. All non British Triathlon members will be required to pay £5 for a Day Licence at registration. Athletes wishing to be eligible for National Championship awards must race for the team/club that is shown on their British Triathlon Licence. For further information contact the British Triathlon HQ on 01509 226161 or www.britishtriathlon.org

Registration Procedure

On arrival at registration, find your race number from the lists displayed at the entrance. Then proceed to the British Triathlon Licence Check desk. At this point, please show ALL corresponding 2012 British Triathlon Race Licences. Please ensure that your competitors are registered in the right order.

Important

If your team members are not already British Triathlon members each non British Triathlon affiliated athlete will be required to buy a BTF Day Licence for £5. Whilst this licence is used to cover insurance it does not entitle the athlete to full BTF membership rights and hence the team will not be eligible for the BTF Championships Awards awarded on the day but instead the team will be placed in the Open (non-affiliated) Category. All teams which have a ratio of 3:1 either male to female or female to male will be placed into the Open Category. This is a non BTF category and as such is not recognised for National Titles. Any athlete not providing a current BTF licence at registration will be required to purchase a BTF Day Licence for £5.

If you have a query, please see the HELP DESK. If not, please pick up your numbers, team baton, security wristbands, helmet stickers, timing chips, swim caps, goody bags, t shirts etc.

Timing

To ensure quicker, more accurate times and results your team will receive four timing transponders to use whilst racing. Using this cutting edge technology will mean results, discipline splits and category positions will be updated live as teams pass the finish line. There will also be a large display providing live results to all competitors and spectators in the race village.

When you have finished the race, please remember to return your timing transponders to our officials in the transition area. Failure to do so will result in a £25 charge per missing chip being made to the team for the loss of equipment.

Please also ensure that you do not cross timing points, which register your times except in the case of when you are competing. To avoid this problem do not climb over barriers as they are out in place to prevent access from these areas prior to the event. Failure to comply with this request will trigger your timing chip and potentially will invalidate your result.

Transition

For teams competing on Saturday morning, transition area will be opened from 8am on Saturday. We recommend that the first two team members of each team rack their bikes before 8.30am. Transition will close at 8.30am. No bags or race kit (other than your cycle helmet & shoes) can be taken into transition.

For teams competing in the afternoon transition area will be opened from 1.15pm on Saturday afternoon. This will be confirmed by PA announcements. We recommend that you arrive at transition immediately it is opened so as not to delay

the race start. Transition for the first two team members will close 10 minutes before the race starts.

For teams competing on Sunday morning, transition area will be opened from 9.30am on Sunday. We recommend that the first two team members of each time rack their bikes before 10.00am. Transition will close at 10.00am.

Medical Cover

The safety of our competitors is paramount. On the day there will be a team of first-aiders, nurses, state registered Paramedics plus Accident and Emergency ambulances equipped to NHS standard, with manual defibrillator / cardiac monitors, ventilators, and pulse oximetry. If before, during or after the event you feel that you require any type of medical care, please do not hesitate to contact an event marshal.

Medical Conditions

We request that all competitors write their next of kin & contact details on the back of their race numbers using a waterproof pen. If you have any type of medical condition or are taking any type of medication please write a large 'MC' on your race number & wear your race number at all times when competing in the event – including the swim section.

Technical Support

Competitors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their bike is in a roadworthy condition. We recommend that you have your bike serviced before race day by TFN or by your local bike shop. During registration on Saturday, TFN will be available to sort out any last minute bike or equipment problems.

Race Numbers

Do not cut or fold these race numbers since time penalties will be issued for number mutilation. No competitor will be allowed into or out of the transition area without a number. In your registration envelope there will also be 4 numbered bike frame stickers – which need to be used in alphabetical order to correspond to your position in the team, which all team members should affix to their bikes so that it is clearly visible to the security teams.

Race numbers must be worn on both the front for the run & back during the bike at all times. Numbers must be pinned at all four corners. Number belts are permitted. To aid the timekeepers, who act as a manual back up to the timing system at the finish, please ensure that your number is not obscured.

Removal of your bike from the transition area will not be possible without your race number, which corresponds with

your stick-on bike frame number. If challenged please be prepared to show your race numbers at all times. NB. Please do not forget to bring safety pins.

Team Change Over's

This year all teams will be required to use a baton during the entire event. The baton will be a rubber wristband and must be passed (hand to hand) between team mates at every change over. Failure to safely pass the baton will result in a time penalty.

Team Order

Each team has an allocated race number, which can be found on One Step Beyond website under the Start List PDF.

At registration, your team will be issued with four colour coded race numbers which relate to the sequence of your team members in the race which should correspond to the order of competitors as submitted pre event.

Team Fancy Dress

Fancy Dress for Club Relays is actively encouraged, though please ensure that your costumes don't impede either your safety or the safety of other competitors when you are racing. If your safety or the safety of others comes into question as a result of your fancy dress you may be asked to remove or modify your costumes.

The sequence of colours is:

Red [1] – white [2] – blue [3] – yellow [4] which also corresponds with your swim hats

Swim - 500 metres

On exiting the swim after 1 x 500 metre lap all swimmers are requested to leave their swim hats on until they have tagged their next team mate. Individual competitor timing splits will be issued, so please ensure that you are wearing your timing chip & that you pass over the timing mats. Wetsuits will be compulsory for all competitors during the swim.

Water Safety

There will be numerous canoes in the lake to guide you and provide safety cover. If you get into difficulty, turn on your back and raise one arm; a canoe will then escort you to the bank. Remember keep the buoys to your right. Swimming on your back is not allowed & if you are seen swimming on your back, you will be requested to turn over & swim on your front.

All competitors please note: United Kingdom inland waters are not completely safe for swimming, although risks of disease are low and risks of serious infection are minute. A swimmer may

be susceptible to infection through immune suppression, particularly if he or she is not in good health at the time of swimming. Be careful entering the open water swim if you are unwell. You are advised not to drink the lake water.

Bike – 15km (3 laps)

This is a 5 km lap course and competitors are required to complete three anticlockwise circuits. The bike course is flat and fast but has some extremely tight right angle corners. Please note that the first team member (the red team member) starts from a different transition area at the bottom of the lake in front of the boat houses. See attached transition map for details.

BIKE ON THE LEFT AT ALL TIMES! RUNNERS WILL ALSO BE USING THE SAME COURSE.

Approved hard shell helmets will be compulsory & must be worn throughout the cycle section. They must be fastened prior to mounting your cycle and neither undone nor removed until you have dismounted. This race is a non-drafting race for all categories out on the bike course and the 'two minute time penalty rule' will be in force. Please ride on the left and overtake quickly on the right before returning to ride on the left. Please note that the venue is a country park and that from time to time ducks & geese will be on the pathway. Ride with caution, as sometimes they do not move!

Run – 5km (1 lap)

This is a one-lap circuit that runs clockwise around the perimeter of the regatta lake and encompasses some grassed sections. Runners where possible should run on the grass verge to avoid conflict with oncoming cyclists. Please note once again that the first team member (the red team member) starts from a different transition area. See enclosed transition map for details.

PLEASE RUN ON THE LEFT AT ALL TIMES! CYCLISTS WILL ALSO BE USING THE SAME COURSE.

All competitors will have to run one loop before tagging the next team mate in the appropriate transition area. When your final runner has completed their lap they should continue through the finish straight and under the finish gantry.

Cut Off Times

In order to facilitate the smooth running of the event in terms of timings we are forced to place restrictions of times to 4 hours and 45 minutes total time. Taken on historical data this establishes that over 95 % of all teams racing in previous years have come inside that cut of time. We hope that this will not

inconvenience any teams on the day. If we believe your team will be outside of that time, the last two runners in a team will be permitted to run together, though their final time will not count in the results which will show a DNF. Officials will advise teams in T2 when this ruling applies.

Transition Area Rules

This is a high security area. Only competitors wearing their security wrist bands & race number will be allowed in any of the transition areas. No spectators or press will be allowed in.

You must rack your bike with your cycle helmet in the allocated numbered space if there is a problem, please approach an official.

No riding is allowed in the transition area at any time. You will mount your bike at the designated line outside of the transition area on your way out and dismount on the road just outside the transition area when you return.

Race Briefings

There will be a compulsory race briefing for all competitors at 8.30am for the Saturday morning wave, 1.30pm for the Saturday afternoon wave & 10.00am for the Sunday morning wave.

This will be heard over the PA system & will take place in the start area of the course immediately outside the boat houses at the top of the lake.

Course Reconnaissance

You are not permitted to swim in the regatta lake at any time, other than during the race. However, you are permitted to cycle the bike course up to 8.00am after which the course will be cleared of all competitors.

Race Office Closure

The One Step Beyond race office will be closed from Wednesday 22nd August at 5pm. Please do not leave messages or send emails regarding this event, as we will be on site from Thursday 23rd setting up.

Nutrition

There will be a drinks station on the run loop on either side of the regatta lake and on the finish line which will be serviced by High 5 Sports Nutrition.

Food (On Race Day)

Food will be available from various food vendors on race day. Please keep the area tidy and put all litter in the rubbish bins provided. Please note bar-b-q's are not permitted in the race village, which is the area immediately behind the finish line.

This is a requirement of the venue under their health and safety rules.

Prize Giving

Prize giving for all Saturday morning categories will take place in the race village immediately adjacent to the finish line, immediately after the completion of the morning race at approximately 1.30pm or whenever the last team crosses the line. Presentation for the Saturday afternoon waves after the completion of the afternoon wave as soon as the last competitor crosses the line which is anticipated to be 6.30pm.

Prize giving for the Sunday morning categories will take place in the race village immediately adjacent to the finish line, immediately after the completion of the morning race at approximately 3.00pm or whenever the last team crosses the line.

Results

Results will be updated constantly at the timing tent in the race village. A provisional set of results will be available shortly after each race outside of the registration room. A full set of results will be available on the web from midday Monday 27th August on www.onestepbeyond.org.uk

Race Rules

The event will be held under the rules of the British Triathlon Federation. Under these rules it is mandatory that all competitors must wear an approved helmet, that all cycles must be in a road worthy condition and that all competitors are insured by third party civil liability insurance – BTF Members are insured as part of their membership package, and all other competitors will be required to purchase a BTF Day Licence. If you require further information about Race Rules, please visit www.britishtriathlon.org or telephone the British Triathlon Federation on 01509 226161.

Time Penalties & Appeals

Any penalties issued by the British Triathlon Race Referee will be displayed on a Penalty Board at the entrance to the Registration Room. No other officials have the right to award a penalty and all penalties must be directed through the race referee. Appeals against these penalties must be made in writing to the race referee within one hour of a penalty being notified and be accompanied by a fee of £15.00 refundable if the appeal is upheld. It is your responsibility to check this Penalty Board.

Course Etiquette

Please note that under no circumstances are any team officials or spectators allowed on the race circuit. For the purpose of

both insurance and safety of competitors only officials with appropriate accreditation are permitted on the race circuit. If you are not acting in an official capacity on behalf of the race organisers, then you should neither walk on the inside of the course nor attempt to cross the circuit at any point on the course. Any team members or officials who do not comply with this ruling risk the possibility of time penalties being added to their team results.

Competitor Conduct

Competitors are reminded that they share the venue facilities with other citizens who may or may not be fully aware of the event. And whilst no members of the public should be on the bike course at any time during the event, due care should be taken at all times.

We request that you treat both members of the public, marshals, other competitors, event officials and venue staff with respect. Any use of profanity or aggression towards any other parties will result in an immediate DQ from the event and a ban from all future events hosted by both the venue and the promoters.

Photography

Marathon Photos will be present at the event and will be taking photographs of all competitors. These photographs will be made available to competitors on the internet from the following day. For further information go to www.marathonphotos.com

And Finally

On behalf of One Step Beyond, all the team would like to wish you well with your race and hope you have a safe and enjoyable event. Whatever your reason for racing we hope you Race Hard & Race Well as well as Race Safe & Race Fair.

Yours in sport

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