



Youth State Series

Series Description

USA Triathlon supports youth races and clubs across the country that give youth athletes the opportunity to get involved in the sport of triathlon. The goal of the USA Triathlon Youth State Series is to grow visibility of youth races across the country as well as keep youth athletes racing numerous times throughout the season. The Series will consist of numerous localized youth race series across the country. Each localized series will be owned and operated by the local community and supported by USA Triathlon. The format will follow that of the USA Kids Tri Dallas Series that launched in 2023 – [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Series Requirements

Races must be timed

- It is acceptable to have an untimed, non-competitive division, but there must be timing for athletes that would like to earn points and be part of the scoring of the series
- USA Triathlon must receive the timed results from the event.

Races must include the following age groups:

- 6-8 Male and Female
- 9-10 Male and Female
- 11-12 Male and Female
- 13-15 Male and Female
- 16-17 Male and Female (encouraged)
- Should there be a demand for a non-binary division, it must be added

All races in the series MUST be USA Triathlon Sanctioned Events.

- If an event is not sanctioned, it will not be recognized as part of the series.
- If your event is currently not sanctioned by USA Triathlon [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more

Local clubs and coaches must be involved with scoring and promoting the series to their athletes to drive participation at series events

Logistics

- At least five (5) races in each state series – states are permitted to combine with other states if the state does not have enough youth races, or if races are in close proximity (up to around 300 miles) to races in other states.
- Coaches and clubs in the area are responsible for scoring after every race. USA Triathlon will provide the scoring structure and parameters.
 - Race Directors will send results to the head scorer, one of the coaches or a group of coaches, after the race
- Series awards will be provided at the last race in the series. USA Triathlon will provide the certificates for all the awards. The coach group or race director will be responsible for printing and awarding them at the final race.

Scoring

- All race series are required to follow this scoring system. Other scoring systems will not be permitted.
- Series Age Groups
 - 6-8 Year Old Females
 - 6-8 Year Old Males
 - 9-10 Year Old Females
 - 9-10 Year Old Males
 - 11-12 Year Old Females
 - 11-12 Year Old Males
 - 13-15 Year Old Females
 - 13-15 Year Old Males
 - 16-17 is encouraged for males and females
 - Non-Binary
 - ADT1 Males and Females (Previously called PC Open)
 - ADT2 Males and Females (Previously called NeuroDiverse)
- Individual Performance Scoring
 - The top 4 scores for each individual will count towards their series score. These 4 scores will be added together to create a cumulative score for the series.
 - 1st place athlete in each age group will receive 50 points, and each place behind that will receive 2 points less.
 - Ex: 1st place- 50 points, 2nd place- 48 points, 3rd place- 46 points, 4th place 44 points
 - See page 4 for Full Points Table
 - 1st – 3rd place athletes in each of the age groups listed above will be awarded with series awards at the last event of the series
- Team Scoring
 - Teams/Clubs are ranked based on the sum of their top 2 scoring athletes in each of the race age group categories at EACH of the races within the series.
 - Top 3 Teams will be awarded at the final event of the series

Scoring Chart

Athletes will be awarded points based on the place that they finish in their individual age group

Place	Points Awarded
1	50
2	48
3	46
4	44
5	42
6	40
7	38
8	36
9	34
10	32
11	30
12	28
13	26
14	24
15	22
16	20
17	18
18	16
19	14
20	12
21	10
22	8
23	6
24	4
25 & Below	2

***** Everyone placing in places past 25th will receive 2 points**

Marketing Benefits

- Press release announcing the series designation
- Series designation logo
- Additional designations for the series are shown on the new USA Triathlon Sanctioned Events Calendar
- The series will also be advertised on TriFind.com
- Inclusion in USAT's Regional Race Guide
- Inclusion in USAT Race Finder
 - also incorporates inclusion in Google Ad Grant budget-which leverages paid search placement on Google
- One geo-targeted registration email on behalf of the race to local members
- Inclusion in USAT article as a highlighted event (ex: top 10 off road triathlons, top 10 beginner friendly etc.)
- Priority inclusion for requests for additional marketing assistance

Logistics

- End of series certificates for podium finishers
- Access to virtual support from a USA Triathlon staff member to help facilitate the series planning
- Scoring system and leaderboard provided by USA Triathlon
 - The leaderboard will be on USA Triathlon's website on the Youth State Series page

