

Officials Report

Event	Ullswater Triathlon	Date	13 th July 2013
Official	Sue Taylor		

1. Competitors Information

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: Clear and concise event information was made available to competitors several weeks before the event. This included maps and other pertinent information. A suggestion was made about recent rule modifications which needed to be included and these would be forwarded to the race organiser separately (re nudity)

The race briefing was clear and covered all of the necessary information to make the event safe and enjoyable. Specific information was given about a late amendment to the run route because of an objection raised by a landowner.

2.Registration Process

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments:

The registration took place in a campsite reception close to the race headquarters. There were no queues and competitors were processed quickly. Maps had also been put out. To improve the information it would be worth having the drafting diagram on display. The organiser was also reminded to put out the race permit in the future too.

2. Swim Organisation and Safety

Excellent		Good		Adequate	x	Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: The two waves started at the advertised time. The course was clearly marked with buoys and there was good safety craft cover.

The organiser relied on the timing system, a visual check, and checking there were no bikes left in transition to confirm that there were no swimmers left in the water. Manual counting will be looked at for future events, with a funnelled entrance/exit into the water to assist this.

Given the weather, the lake and the surrounding area were very busy on the day and it could have been possible to 'mislaid' a competitor.

3. Transition Area (including security)

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: The transition area was ample, with numbered, well-spaced bike racking. The entrance was secured by two marshals who checked all equipment and competitors in. There were a couple of instances when non competitors (mainly children) gained access when the entrance was busy. At the end of the event the layout was changed as planned to reduce the risk of competitors leaving with the wrong equipment. For future events it would be good if an agreed odd/even racking method could be agreed before the first competitors came into transition

4. Design and Signage of Courses

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments:
 A late change had to be made to the run route because of an objection raised by a landowner but this was specifically explained at the race briefing and the course was well marshalled. A sweeper vehicle confirmed when the last cyclist was back in to transition. It was very busy in the area around the course because of the good weather but the organisers and the marshals did a good job of managing the joint expectations of competitors, campsite users, and lake users. It was noted that specific discussions had taken place with the steamer company to ensure the swim was safely timed.

5. Drafting Situation

Excellent		Good		Adequate	X	Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments:
 There were no moto officials in attendance and this is why this has been ranked as adequate. Whilst the course did not give much opportunity for drafting, and there were no concerns raised by competitors, there were a couple of occasions when groups of cyclists came into transition together, suggesting that drafting may have taken place. The organiser is keen to use moto-officials in the future and contacts have already been established to facilitate this.

6. Marshals

Excellent	x	Good		Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: The event was marshalled by volunteers from the air cadets and local people, as well as the event organisers.
All of the marshals that I saw were knowledgeable and supportive.

7. Overall safety of event

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Comments:
The two waves used the same colour swim cap and I would recommend that different colours are used for each different wave in future.
Also there was no body marking used, and as a number of competitors chose not to use their race numbers (see penalties) this made equipment collection tricky in some cases, and could have made athlete identification out on the course difficult if there had been an incident.

8. Response from Competitors

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Comments: Everybody I spoke with was very complimentary about all aspects of the event.

9. Treatment of Officials and Marshals

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Comments: A separate tent was available with a plentiful supply of refreshments.

Further Comments:

This is the first open water triathlon organised by Sport in Action, and they should be congratulated on putting on such a good event, and for making everybody feel welcome.

Please list any penalties, including details:

Number	Reason
27	2 mins – number not rectified
132	2 mins – number not rectified
67	2 mins – number not rectified
190	2 mins – number not rectified
56	2 mins – number not rectified
160	2 mins – number not rectified

Number of officials in attendance (including m/c officials): 1

Number of competitors in the event (including DSQ and DNF): 200 registered

Distance travelled to officiate the event: 214 round trip

To make further comments, please use a separate sheet and attach to the report.

Signed	Sue Taylor	Date	18.7.13
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Copies to Triathlon England HQ, the appropriate Regional Official's Coordinator and the Event Organiser (within seven days of the event).