

Officials Report

Event	PSUK Triathlon Ullswater	Date	10 July 2015
Official	Pete EDWARDS		

1. Competitors Information

Excellent	x	Good		Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: Plenty of informative information was available to competitors on the organiser's website well in advance of the event. Everything that competitors needed to know in advance or on raceday was included. At the venue itself there was further clarification and reinforcement in documentary form close to the registration tent. This included course maps, entry list and event permit. Plenty of event personal were available to answer questions if required.

2. Registration Process

Excellent	x	Good		Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: With just over 70 competitors to sign on there was little delay in completing the process. Registration opened well in advance of the race start. A production-line process was employed with 3 volunteers each tackling one part of the registration in a very efficient manner. Queues were kept to a minimum allowing competitors to carry on with their race prep. This exercise proved valuable practise for the next day when approximately three times as many competitors would race at the same venue on the same course.

3. Swim Organisation and Safety

Excellent		Good		Adequate	x	Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: The 1500 meter swim took place in Ullswater beginning with a deep water start approximately 50m from shore. A safety boat was in place although it arrived rather late on scene. Only 3 safety kayaks were present to cover two 750 m laps though they were kept busy with a number of withdrawals during the swim phase. On a rather breezy day the final marker buoy moved with the wind approximately 100 m which caused some confusion with swimmers altering the length and direction of the course making it somewhat unequal for all swimmers.

4. Transition Area (including security)

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: Transition was set up adjacent to registration on a large grassed field. The usual tubular scaffolding racking approx. 1.5m high was set up in 4 rows. Transition was bounded by 1 meter high crowd control barriers with access in diagonally opposite corners. With only a low number of entrants there was plenty of space allowing competitors to rack at will as racking was not numbered. Entry and exit was controlled by a marshal at each corner who required matching race numbers to be shown by competitors to deposit and remove equipment.

5. Design and Signage of Courses

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: The swim course was basically oblong in layout over 2 laps and clearly demarcated by floating orange buoys. Just sufficient kayakers were in place to point swimmers in the right direction. The bike course covered 2 laps in the adjacent hilly countryside and was very well signed and marshalled in its entirety. Although it contained several right turns there were no reports of any road safety issues. The run course began around the perimeter of the grassed field before continuing along the lakeside on the first of 6 laps. The use of barrier tape and marshals meant signage could be kept to a minimum.

6. Drafting Situation

Excellent		Good	x	Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: Although there were no official motorcycle officials used, no adverse reports were passed back to me regarding any drafting on the cycle course.

7. Marshals

Excellent	x	Good		Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: All of the marshals utilised were drawn from the organising company, a local events company and local triathlon club and were very well briefed on their duties and approached their task with enthusiasm and commitment. They offered plenty of assistance and encouragement to competitors who were heard to offer appreciation on numerous occasions. All marshals were easily identifiable in corporate hi-viz.

8. Overall Safety of Event

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A very comprehensive risk assessment t was prepared in advance but did not envisage the problem with the moving marker buoy during the swim. The small number of water craft made this difficult to cope with though in the end there were no serious consequences. However this was the only pint during the race when there was any real potential for personal danger to competitors or other personnel involved.

9. Response from Competitors

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Comments: A number of competitors were heard to express their thanks for a quality event to myself, marshals and event organisers. The fact that some had travelled hundreds of miles to take part illustrates the regard this event is held in.

10. Treatment of Officials and Marshals

Excellent	x	Good		Adequate		Poor		Very Poor	
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Comments: No reports were received of any abusive or unsporting language and behaviour from competitors. A note of thanks need to go to the event organisers for ensuring that all marshals and officials were sufficiently fed and watered on a very warm day.

Further Comments:

Please list any penalties, including details:

Number	Reason
NONE	

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

Number of competitors in the event (including DSQ and DNF): 76

Distance travelled to officiate the event: 210 miles return

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

Signed	P.EDWARDS	Date	10/7/2015
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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).

Report Checklist

This checklist is designed to act as a template to provide you with guidance when completing your race report. The use of this list is not mandatory but you may find it helpful to refer to.

Competitor Information		
Was the competitors information accessible before the event?	Yes	No
Were there maps provided on the information board for:		
• Transition	Yes	No
• Swim Course	Yes	No
• Cycle Course	Yes	No
• Run Course	Yes	No
Was the course explained to competitors?	Yes	No
Was the briefing content appropriate?	Yes	No

Registration		
Was there any delay processing competitors?	Yes	No
Were course maps displayed for competitor information?	Yes	No
Were course maps good quality and accurate?	Yes	No
Did registration open and close at the advertised times?	Yes	No

Swim Course		
Were there any impediments to competitor flow?	Yes	No
Were all swim buoys visible to competitors at all times?	Yes	No
Was there sufficient water safety craft and personnel?	Yes	No
Were wetsuits permitted? Add water temperature to Yes/No column	Yes	No
Did the race start at the advertised time?	Yes	No
Did the race have multiple waves?	Yes	No
• If yes, did all waves start at the advertised time?	Yes	No

Transition		
Did transition open and close at the advertised times?	Yes	No
Were competitors bikes and helmets checked before entering transition?	Yes	No
Was transition secure?	Yes	No
Did the design/size present a fair transition for all competitors?	Yes	No
Were the entry and exit points visible through signage?	Yes	No
Were marshal present to direct competitors and secure the area?	Yes	No
Were there cycle racks for all competitors?	Yes	No
Was each competitor allocated a numbered rack position?	Yes	No
Were there any impediments to the competitor flow?	Yes	No
Was a secure baggage area provided for competitors?	Yes	No
Was a change area provided for competitors?	Yes	No

Design and Signage of Courses		
Were there any impediments to the competitors flow?	Yes	No
Was there sufficient signage on the course?	Yes	No
Was the Traffic Management Plan appropriate for the course?	Yes	No
Were there sufficient marshals/police on the course?	Yes	No
Were there any unsafe areas on the course?	Yes	No
Was there a sweep/emergency vehicle on the course?	Yes	No
Was there sufficient crowd control, where needed?	Yes	No
Was the cycle course shared with the run course?	Yes	No

Drafting		
Were motorcycle officials present?	Yes	No
Was the feedback from competitors regarding drafting positive?	Yes	No

Marshals		
Were the marshals knowledgeable and effective?	Yes	No
Were the marshals effectively deployed?	Yes	No
Were there enough marshals for the size of the event?	Yes	No

Overall Safety of Event		
Was the safety of competitors maintained throughout?	Yes	No
Were there any elements of the courses/transition/the event area that gave cause for concern or are there any examples of good practice?	Yes	No
Was the safety of the spectators maintained throughout?	Yes	No

Response from Competitors		
Was the response from competitors positive?	Yes	No
Were there any common areas of praise or concern from competitors?	Yes	No

Treatment of Officials and Marshals		
How did the event organiser treat the race officials and volunteers?	Yes	No