

The Bishopbriggs Tristars, Novice and Sprint Triathlon

Sunday 24th April 2022

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COVID UNCERTANTIES

Due to Covid uncertainties it should be noted that changes may require to be made to the arrangements set out in this briefing. Competitors are therefore requested to review this briefing closer to the event. For example restrictions in numbers that can be accommodated within the Leisuredrome the race briefings may need to be done outside or before the race day by video. Spectators may need to be discouraged

Situated on the outskirts of North Glasgow, the "Leisuredrome" complex is a modern multi-sport facility on the banks of the Forth and Clyde canal. The Leisuredrome offers a modern 6-lane pool, access to a closed road bike loop and an off-road run course.

Finding the Leisuredrome – G64 3HD

The Leisuredrome (Bishopbriggs Swimming Pool) is situated to the north of Glasgow in the suburb of Bishopbriggs, just off the main Kirkintilloch Road, on Hilton Road.

Directions:



From the East (M8)

Follow the M8 to the Townhead junction (Junction 15: Take the white left hand "Kirkintilloch" slip road and turn right at the traffic lights back under the motorway. Turn left at the next traffic lights, and cross above the Springburn Road (A803). Turn immediately right to join the slip Road onto the dual carriageway (Springburn Road (A803).

From the West (M8)

At junction 15 (Townhead) take the left-hand slip road which leads directly onto the Springburn Road (A803).

Follow this road (A803) for approximately 3 miles through Springburn, following signs for Kirkintilloch until you've passed through Bishopbriggs Town Center. Leaving Bishopbriggs Town Center the road raises through a set of traffic lights and then swings to the right past Allen Glens rugby pitches. At the third set of traffic lights turn left into Hilton Road, with the Eagle Lodge on the corner. If you reach ASDA you've gone too far). Follow the Hilton Road until Hilton Terrace on the right (sign-posted "carpark") – the leisure center carpark will be closed for transition and a temporary carpark created on the adjacent all-weather football pitch.

From the North (M80)

Coming from Stirling (M80) or Falkirk (M876), leave the M80 at the last exit before it becomes the A80, (Banknock). Turn right onto the Kilsyth Road, passing through Kilsyth, Queenzieburn, and Kirkintilloch. On leaving Kirkintilloch, pass the Rob Roy Football Club and the Stables Inn go straight on at the next two roundabouts, the second one being the entrance to a retail outlet. After a further 1km you will pass ASDA on the left. At the next set of traffic lights turn right past the Eagle Lodge into Hilton Road. Follow the Hilton Road until Hilton Terrace on the right (sign-posted "carpark") – the leisure centre carpark will be closed for transition and a temporary carpark created on the adjacent all-weather football pitch

Parking

NO parking will be allowed in the leisure centre as this is part of the Field of Play.

Parking will be limited thus competitors are requested to travel with outer club members and spectators

Additional parking advice will be included in an update of this Briefing

Balmuilty Primary parking – G64 3AJ

We kindly request that early arrivals, particularly those in the Tristars, Youth, and Novice triathlon events use the lot at Balmuilty Primary until it is full.

Getting to Balmuilty Primary depends on the direction you approach the Centre:

- Coming from Bishopbriggs via Balmuilty Drive: Turn left off Balmuilty Drive onto Stirling Drive – School on the left
- Coming from Bishopbriggs or “the North” via Hilton Road: Turn Left onto Balmuilty Drive and take the second right onto Stirling Drive
- Coming from Balmore Road via Balmuilty Road: Pass the Leisuredrome, turn first right and keep on Stirling Drive until you get to the school on the left.

Map: [Balmuilty Primary to The Leisuredrome](#)

Race Rules

We recommend you familiarise yourself with the BTF rules and regulations since these will be applied to this race. You may be penalised for infringements and ignorance is no defence. The rules can be obtained from the Triathlon Scotland or BTF website.

Registration

Heats 1 to 4	8:45 to 10:00am
Heats 5 to 13	10:00 to 12:30pm

If you are in a later heat you can still register early, but priority at the registration desk may be given to the early heat competitors.

Please plan to leave plenty of time to complete the process and prepare adequately for the race start.

If you paid the discounted entry fee applicable for Triathlon Scotland members, you **must** produce your race licence at registration. ***If you forget your licence and have paid the discounted rate you will need to pay a surcharge of £6.00 at registration!***

Tristar 2/3

As it has been very cold wet & windy in the past during this event the Tristar competitors **must** bring a warm/windproof jacket. The Race director will determine if this has to be put on by Tristars before

getting on their bikes. If this is required, it will be announced during the Race Briefing.

Transition Area Opening Times

Heats 1 to 6	09:15 to 11.00am
Heats 7 to 13	10:15 to 1.15pm

- Transition will be situated in the Leisuredrome car park.
- Only competitors will be allowed into the transition area
- You will be asked to provide your race number for entry to transition.
- Your approved helmet must be with your bike when you rack it.
- Slots will not be pre-numbered, but the bike rows will relate to your wave number - please rack anywhere in your designated wave row.
- Due to the relatively narrow space available to each competitor we will encourage a “no large boxes or bags rule” to avoid your kit interfering with other competitors.
- We are operating a rolling-transition to allow the event to be in progress while other competitors, scheduled in a later heat, complete their set up.
- Please listen & adhere to the transition marshal’s instructions!
- All competitors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their bike is in a roadworthy condition.

Race Numbers

You will be issued with **one** body number, **one** helmet number & **one** bike number. The body number must be clearly visible on your **front** for the run section of the race. Please bring your own pins. Bike numbers attach to the seat-post. Elastic number belts are permitted (number to the back on the bike please).

Timing Chip

You will be issued with your timing chip on the **day of the race**. Please affix it securely to your

ankle. No chip - no split time results. If you need to withdraw from the race - please make sure you hand your chip to the Finish Marshal. Failure to return a chip will result in a £20 replacement fee.

Race Briefing

There will be a mandatory race briefing in the main Sports Hall the following times:

Heats 1 to 6	10:05am
Heats 7 to 13	11:35pm

You **must** attend this briefing since we will deliver any last-minute course information and answer any final questions.

Race Starts:

It is estimated that the events will start at the following times:

Tristar 2/3 (Heats 1, 2 & 3)	From: 10:30am
Youth/Novice (Heats 4 to 6)	From: 11:05pm
Sprint (Heats 7 to 13)	From: 12:05 pm

Times are approximate and it is the responsibility of the competitor to be poolside on time.

Course Reconnaissance

The bike loop will be closed to cars from 10:00 am. Competitors may cycle the route before this time but be aware of occasional fast-moving traffic. No coaches are permitted on the course during the race. **Sprint racers** in particular should be aware that if reconnoitring the course, other competitors are in race mode. Please give them **space!**

SWIM COURSE – up to 750metres

The leisure centre has a modern 6 lane, 25m pool. The swim will follow the standard pool format with heats seeded according to the submitted estimated time, with the slowest swimmers taking to the water first.

Passing is only permitted at the end of the length and a desire to pass signaled by a solid tap on the competitor's feet in front.

On completing the swim distance for the event, competitors will exit the pool by the fire exit and enter transition.

Swim distances:

Tristar 2	- 200m (8 lengths)
Tristar 3	- 300m (12 lengths)
Youth event	- 400m (16 lengths)
Novice event	- 400m (16 lengths)
Sprint event	- 750m (30 lengths)

Lane counters will be provided but it is the competitor's responsibility to count their lengths.

TRANSITION:

Helmets must be fastened before the bike is moved from its rack and remain fastened until after the bike is racked at the end of the bike (time penalty!!). Bikes may not be mounted or ridden within the transition area, and only once the competitor has crossed the mount line at transition exit

BIKE COURSE – up to 20Km

The bike course is a **5Km closed road loop** which runs out and back along the Balmuidy Road.

All riders must wear BSI, ANSI or SNELL approved hard shell helmets will be compulsory and must be worn throughout the cycle section. They must be fastened prior to mounting your cycle and neither undone nor removed until your bike is racked.

This event is a **non-drafting** race for all categories. No rider is to ride within **six** bike lengths (10 metres) of the rider in front – unless completing an overtaking manoeuvre.

The roads will be free of traffic, but riders must still **ride to the rules of the road and obey the Highway Code at all times**. Our Marshal's **will** direct or hold up any traffic requiring access to the course – to give you a clear passage throughout the race. **Emergency vehicles have full right of way.**

On mounting your bike, you will turn left right left to exit the Leisure Centre car park and the loop proper starts with a gentle climb up the hill. There is a sharp left-hand bend followed by a straight, an "s-shaped" kink and then a second straight before a sharp right hand then left-hand corner. The distant turn point is at the entrance of the Whiteinch Works, which is rounded clockwise, and the course retraced. The "home" turn-point this year will be on the main road and entrance into the car park will only be to exit and enter transition.

Bike distances:

Tristar 2/3 event	- 1 lap (5km)
Youth/Novice event	- 2 laps (10km)
Sprint event	- 4 laps (20km)

Cyclists will be disqualified if they cross the mid-line of the road, especially on the sharp corners, as you will pose a danger to oncoming cyclists. Marshals (and video) will be posted to observe compliance and also to scrutinize for

drafting. The turn points at either end of the course are rounded clockwise.

Once the bike course has been completed, cyclists re-enter transition to rack their bike. Cyclists must dismount before re-entering transition at the marked dismount line. The bike must be racked in the slot from which it was first removed.

RUN ROUTE – up to 5Km

The run is an off-road loop along the banks of the Forth and Clyde canal, finishing back at the Leisuredrome.

There will be a drinks station at the bridge over the canal. The path is shared with the general public so competitors are advised to keep a close watch for pedestrians and "loose" animals.

Run distances:

Tristar 2/ 3 event	- 2 km
Youth/Novice event	- 3 km
Sprint event	- 5 km

Run Route directions

All runners leave the centre as directed & head over the canal bridge & turn left onto the canal tow path. Tristar 2 / 3 & sprint athletes head west along the tow path to a turn point at 1km. On returning to the canal bridge Tristar 2/ 3 **go under** the bridge, turn left & head to the finish line (2km). On return from the west to the bridge Sprint athletes go under the bridge & carry on heading east to the next bridge across the canal. They cross the bridge & return along the other side of the canal, to the finish (5km). Youth & Novice athletes cross the canal bridge & turn left on to the canal towpath, but then turn hard left again to go under the canal bridge & head east to the next bridge across the canal. Cross this & return on the other side of the canal to the finish (3km).

Medical Advice

If you have any known medical condition (such as diabetes, asthma, allergy to penicillin, etc.) please inform us prior to the race by letter or e-mail. Please write all medical details on the back of your race number and put a small indelible red cross on the front of your number. Whether you have a medical condition or not, if you feel unwell on race day – don't race.

AFTER THE RACE

Shower and change in the Leisure Centre. Food and hot drinks are available in the Centre Café until 5.00pm

Prize Giving

Every effort will be made to present the Tristars/Youth & Novice prizes around 1:30pm

The Sprint prize giving will follow the event as soon as the results emerge from the timing system.

Both presentations will be held inside the Leisure Centre.

Results

A complete set of results will **not** be provided to competitors on the day, but a provisional list will be posted and available the next day on:

www.glasgowtriathlonclub.co.uk. If you have a query over any results please inform us **immediately** on the day in writing by passing a note onto club officials in the transition area.

Map of transition

This will be included in an update before the race

Bike route



RUN ROUTE MAPS Tristar Run Route



Youth Novice, & Sprint Mid section along Canal Path Out to Calder Bridge & Back



Novice & Youth Run Route beginning



Youth, Novice & Sprint Run Finish



Sprint Run beginning

