# 2025/2026 TRIATHLON WA STATE SERIES POLICY

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## **About**

Each season, the Board selects a number of events on the calendar to be awarded TWA State Series and State Championship status. These selected events must meet certain minimum standards and represent a range of distances. Based on the number of State Series events in the calendar each season, a specific number of races will be established to qualify a triathlete for the Triathlete of the Year Award and the inaugural Multisport Athlete of the Year Award.

The Triathlete of the Year and Multisport Athlete of the Year Award winners will be awarded at the Triathlon WA Annual Awards.

For age determination, TWA follows the same method as AusTriathlon, which is the athlete's age as at 31 December 2025.

Athletes and race organisers are responsible for understanding and following the State Series policy. This policy overrides and supersedes information provided on event websites which may be incorrect or out of date.

Events and dates with TBC status at the time of initial publishing will be updated when an eligible event is confirmed to meet the requirements of hosting the Championship.

Any difficulty in the interpretation or application of this policy should be referred to Triathlon WA at admin@wa.triathlon.org.au.

# **Eligibility**

Standard or Premium members of AusTriathlon and Triathlon Western Australia (including non-club members) will be eligible to participate in the WA State Series events and earn points throughout the season. Points will be awarded to the top ten finishers in each age category (male and female), and athletes can accumulate points throughout the season to compete for the Triathlete of the Year (TOTY) Awards and Multisport Athlete of the Year (MAOTY) Awards, which will be presented at the Triathlon WA Annual Awards at the end of the season.

Basic and Social AusTriathlon members, members of other States, and one day licence holders are **not** eligible for any TWA State Series points.

Current financial Standard and Premium Triathlon WA members participating in State Series events will automatically be eligible for points, and no registration or enrolment is required. Athletes must register/sign up for each event with the same name and membership as per the AusTriathlon membership database. In the instance where an athlete uses a different name or does not add their membership number to their entry, they may not receive points.

The Athlete's Standard or Premium membership must be current at the time of membership checking of the start list (usually the Thursday prior to race), and they must race the correct distance for their State Series Age Category at the nominated State Series races.



Senior Triathlete of the Year Awards will be based on an athlete's accrual of points for the entire Series results, taking into consideration:

- The athlete's **best five (5)** results
- The athlete has competed in and finished a **minimum of three (3)** State Series events in the season, whether they accrued points for that round or not.

Junior Triathlete of the Year Awards will be based on an athlete's accrual of points for the entire Series results, taking into consideration:

- The athlete's **best three (3)** results
- The athlete has competed in and finished a **minimum of three (3)** State Series events in the season, whether they accrued points for that round or not.

Multisport Athlete of the Year Awards will be based on an athlete's accrual of points for the entire Series results, taking into consideration:

- The athlete's **best five (5)** results
- The athlete has competed in and finished a **minimum of three (3)** State Series events in the season, whether they accrued points for that round or not.

Note: WA-Based members of nationally affiliated clubs TriMob and ADF Triathlon Club are eligible for State Series points, provided their membership profile aligns them with Western Australia.

## **Points Allocation**

In each State Series event, points are awarded to the top ten (10) eligible TWA members in each age group/category, as detailed in the accompanying table.

2025/26 State Series Points Allocation							
Finish Position	Points Allocation	Finish Position	Points Allocation				
1 <sup>st</sup>	21	6 <sup>th</sup>	8				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15	7 <sup>th</sup>	7				
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12	8 <sup>th</sup>	6				
4 <sup>th</sup>	10	9 <sup>th</sup>	5				
5 <sup>th</sup>	9	10 <sup>th</sup>	4				

# **Age Groups/Categories – Triathlon Series**

12-13*	14-15*	16-19*	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	Open	Para & Multiclass

<sup>\*</sup> Junior State Series

# Age Groups/Categories – Multisport Series

20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	Open	Para & Multiclass
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An athlete's racing age, and therefore age group, is determined by date of birth and age **as at** 31 December 2025, in line with the AusTriathlon race competition rules.

#### **Presentations and Awards**

#### STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Some State Series events will also hold State Championship Status, meaning athletes can be crowned State Champion of that discipline for the season. Please refer to the rules for each of the Junior, Age Group and Open State Series for specific information about the events that have State Championship status.

Gold, silver and bronze State Series medals are awarded to each eligible age group and Open category athletes at all State Championship events. These presentations take place at the event on the day.

If you are absent from presentations following the event, you may collect your medal from the Triathlon WA office or request for it to be mailed (at your own expense).

Events with State Series status but not State Championship status will not have medals presented for the Series by TWA. They may have other medals from the race director for that specific event.

#### **TOTY AND MAOTY AWARDS**

Triathlete of the Year Awards (Junior, Senior and Open) and Multisport Athlete of the Year Awards (Senior and Open) for the highest State Series point scoring athletes will be presented at the Triathlon WA Annual Awards at the end of the season.

#### **Junior State Triathlon Series Rules and Events**

The Junior State Series comprises a number of races specifically selected for junior triathletes aged 12 to 19 years of age. 7 to 11-year-old members are not eligible for these awards (age **as at** 31 December 2025).

Eligible events/distances for athletes aged 12-19 years will not include events which are beyond the maximum allowable distances for that age as per the AusTriathlon race competition rules.

#### **AGE GROUPS**

Junior State Series events must have the below age categories available to enter.

10 10	11 15	16-19
12-13	14-15	10-19

For each Junior State Series event, points will be awarded to the top ten (10) eligible TWA members in each junior age group. An athlete's best **three (3)** results from the State Series events will be considered. For an athlete to be eligible for Triathlete of the Year awards and final leaderboard placing, they must have competed in a minimum of **three (3)** state series races.

Overall Junior Triathlete of the Year Awards will be given to the three highest point-scoring male and female triathletes in each Junior age group on the State Series leaderboard.



#### JUNIOR STATE SERIES EVENTS

	Eligible	Distance b			
Event	Date	12-13	14-15	16-19	State Championship
EXSS Sprint Triathlon	30/11/2025	Bolt	Bolt	Sprint	-
Coastal Quest	14/12/2025	Bolt	Sprint	Sprint	-
Shoalwater Classic	1/2/2026	N/A	Sprint	Sprint	-
Coogee Beach Triathlon	22/3/2026	Fun	Fun	Sprint	-
Mullaloo Triathlon	29/3/2026	Bolt	Sprint	Sprint	Triathlon

Athletes who do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF), race in a non-eligible distance for their age group, or who are disqualified (DSQ) will receive 0 points and it will not count toward minimum participation.

#### JUNIOR STATE MULTISPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Juniors are not eligible for the Multisport Series or Multisport Athlete of the Year, but they are eligible to earn State Championship titles as below.

	Eligible Distance by Age				
Event	Date	12-13	14-15	16-19	State Championship
EXSS Sprint Duathlon	19/10/2025	Bolt	Bolt	Sprint	Duathlon
Joondalup Autumn Classic	02/03/2026	Bolt	Bolt	Long	Aquathlon

# Age Group State Series Rules and Events - Triathlon Series

#### **AGE GROUPS**

Senior State Triathlon Series events must have the below categories available to enter.

Open	Para & Multiclass	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	

For each Senior State Triathlon Series event, points will be awarded to the top ten (10) eligible TWA members in each Senior age group. An athlete's **best five (5)** results from the State Series events will be considered. To be eligible for Triathlete of the Year awards and final leaderboard placing, an athlete must have competed in a minimum of **three (3)** Triathlon State Series races.

Overall Age Group (Senior) Triathlete of the Year Awards will be given to the three highest point-scoring male and female triathletes in each senior age group on the State Series leaderboard.

Para triathletes and Multiclass triathletes will accrue Triathlete of the Year points in State Series races in the Paratriathlon & Multiclass category.



#### SENIOR STATE TRIATHLON SERIES EVENTS

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
EXSS Sprint Triathlon	30/11/2025	Sprint	-
Coastal Quest	14/12/2025	Sprint	-
Shoalwater Classic	1/2/2026	Sprint	Sprint
Karri Valley Triathlon	14/3/2026	1.5/60/12	-
Coogee Beach Triathlon	22/3/2026	Sprint	-
Mullaloo Triathlon	29/3/2026	Standard	Standard
Busselton 100	3/4/2026	Busselton 100	Long Course

Athletes who do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF) or are disqualified (DSQ) receive 0 points and it will not count toward minimum participation.

## Age Group State Series Rules and Events – Multisport Series

#### **AGE GROUPS**

Senior State Multisport Series events must have the below categories available to enter.

Open	Para & Multiclass	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+
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For each Senior State Multisport Series event, points will be awarded to the top ten (10) eligible TWA members in each Senior age group. An athlete's **best five (5)** results from the State Series events will be considered. To be eligible for Multisport Athlete of the Year Awards and final leaderboard placing, an athlete must have competed in a minimum of **three (3)** Multisport State Series races.

Age Group (Senior) Multisport Athlete of the Year Awards will be given to the three highest point-scoring male and female triathletes in each senior age group on the State Series leaderboard.

Para triathletes and multiclass triathletes will accrue Multisport Athlete of the Year points in State Series races in the Paratriathlon & Multiclass category.

#### SENIOR STATE MULTISPORT SERIES EVENTS

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
Armadale Duathlon	21/9/2025	Sprint	-
EXSS Sprint Duathlon	19/10/2025	Sprint	Duathlon
Perth Duathlon 80k	26/10/2025	Middle 80K	- \
EXSS X-tri Off Road Triathlon	8/11/2025	Long Course	X-Tri
Left Bank Triathlon	23/11/2025	Aquabike	-
Joondalup Autumn Classic	2/3/2026	Long Course	Aquathlon
Armadale Aquathlon	15/3/2026	Sprint	-

Athletes who do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF), race in a non-eligible distance for their age group, or who are disqualified (DSQ) will receive 0 points and it will not count toward minimum participation.



## **Open State Series Rules**

Open Category definition as per AusTriathlon race competition rules:

A category that has prize money below the "Professional/Elite" threshold as per the AT Professional/Elite Licence Policy. This category is open to professional and age group competitors.

Athletes wishing to be considered for the Open Triathlete of the Year awards may accumulate points only in events in which they competed in that category. The Open category is available for any athlete aged 16 years or older (as at 31 December 2025) who is ready to step up to a more elite level and begin racing in the Open field.

If an athlete begins the season racing Open, they must continue to race Open for the remainder of the season and will not be able to accrue any age group points at all.

If an athlete begins the season racing Age Group, they may move up to Open at any time during the season. However, once an athlete elects to race in the Open Category, especially if it is done mid-season, they must continue to race Open for the remainder of the season and will not be able to accrue any further points in their age group category.

Should they happen to qualify for an award in both their age group and Open categories, they will automatically forfeit their age group award and will only be eligible for an Open award.

For athletes who normally race Open, if a situation arises where no Open or Elite category is available, event awards will be given as per advertised age group categories. However, Triathlete of the Year points, Multisport Athlete of the Year points and any State Championship awards will be allocated as if the athlete raced Open (with athletes ranked in timed order and points given accordingly).

Awards are given for Open Triathlete of the Year (TOTY) and Open Multisport Athlete of the Year (MAOTY). These awards are presented to the **three (3)** highest point-scoring male and female athletes in the Open category.

#### **OPEN STATE TRIATHLON SERIES EVENTS**

An athlete's best **five (5)** results from the Triathlon State Series events will be considered. To be eligible for Triathlete of the Year awards, an athlete must have competed in a minimum of **three (3)** Triathlon State Series races.

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
EXSS Sprint Triathlon	30/11/2025	Sprint	-
Coastal Quest	14/12/2025	Sprint	-
Shoalwater Classic	1/2/2026	Sprint	Sprint
Karri Valley Triathlon	14/3/2026	1.5/60/12	-
Coogee Beach Triathlon	22/3/2026	Sprint	-
Mullaloo Triathlon	29/3/2026	Standard	Standard
Busselton 100	3/4/2026	Busselton 100	Long Course

Athletes who do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF) or are disqualified (DSQ) receive 0 points and it will not count toward minimum participation.



#### **OPEN STATE MULTISPORT SERIES EVENTS**

An athlete's best **five (5)** results from the Multisport State Series events will be considered. To be eligible for Multisport Athlete of the Year awards, an athlete must have competed in a minimum of **three (3)** Multisport State Series races.

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
Armadale Duathlon	21/9/2025	Sprint	-
EXSS Sprint Duathlon	19/10/2025	Sprint	Duathlon
Perth Duathlon 80k	26/10/2025	Middle 80K	-
EXSS X-tri Off Road Triathlon	8/11/2025	Long Course	X-Tri
Left Bank Triathlon	23/11/2025	Aquabike	-
Joondalup Autumn Classic	2/3/2026	Long Course	Aquathlon
Armadale Aquathlon	15/3/2026	Sprint	-

Athletes who do not start (DNS), do not finish (DNF) or are disqualified (DSQ) receive 0 points and it will not count toward minimum participation.

# **Open Category Incentives**

Open categories incentives will only be paid to athletes who are financial TWA members at the time of competition with an AusTriathlon Standard or Premium membership.

All incentives and prizes must be claimed by 1 June of the current season (2025/26). After this date, Triathlon WA reserves the right to reject any claims for payment. Please ensure prize money claims are submitted promptly.

For Senior State Series Championship events (Duathlon, Aquathlon, X-Tri, Sprint, Standard and Long Course) there will be total prize money of \$2,400 per event contributed by TWA (\$1,600) and the Race Director (\$800).

The prize money will be broken down as follows:

First place Open male and female \$500 Second place Open male and female \$400 Third place Open male and female \$300

Valued at \$14,400 (TWA contribution \$9,600 Race Directors \$4,800)

Overall Triathlete of the Year Award winners in the Open Category will receive the following prize money allocation at the end of season Annual Awards function.

First place Open male and female \$500 Second place Open male and female \$400 Third place Open male and female \$300

Valued at \$2,400

Overall Multisport Athlete of the Year Award winners in the Open Category will receive the following prize money allocation at the end of season Annual Awards function.

First place Open male and female \$500 Second place Open male and female \$400 Third place Open male and female \$300

Valued at \$2,400



#### Ties and Tiebreakers

In the case of a tie, a count back will determine placings. TWA will consider:

- 1. The participant with the highest number of wins or higher placings (more firsts, seconds, and thirds over the events),
- 2. Comparison of results in events where the tied athletes have competed head-to-head (who has placed higher)

If, after following this process, two or more athletes still tie for a place and their performances cannot be separated, they will be awarded the same rank (jointly placed) and any prize money will be split accordingly. When a tie is awarded, results of tied competitors will be listed alphabetically by surname to ensure equity.

The next athlete to finish behind them will occupy the place lower by the number of tied athletes. For example,

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1st, 1st, 3rd
1st, 2nd, 2nd
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd
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## **Appeals**

Queries and corrections can be made throughout the season up to 36 hours after the publishing of each round, and for the final round up to at least **7 business days prior** to the Annual Awards. These can be submitted to <a href="mailto:admin@wa.triathlon.org.au">admin@wa.triathlon.org.au</a>.

However, following presentation of Triathlete of the Year Awards, no appeals of the final leaderboard are permitted.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### How do I determine my age category?

An athlete's racing age, and therefore age group, is determined by date of birth and age as at 31 December 2025, in line with the AusTriathlon race competition rules.

#### Do I need to let Triathlon WA know which races I am competing in?

No, that's ok. Triathlon WA does membership checks on all State Series race start lists so we will be able to identify your participation and points based on this.

#### How long after a race will the leaderboard be updated?

The race directors have a one-week time frame to send all results to the Triathlon WA office. The office staff will then aim to have the point score up within two weeks of the race. If there is a delay, this is usually a result of issues with the timing system, or the data having not been received in a timely manner.

#### Is there a Series registration?

No, all events are independently run and managed. To enter the series, you just need to register through the event's website and be an active AusTriathlon/WA member. Make sure you register in the correct race category so you can earn points.

#### How do I know which distance to race?

Please see the nominated distance for your category under each set of rules in the policy.

If I don't race the required distance for my age group, can I still get points?



No, you must compete in the nominated distance for your age group to earn points. Any other distances will be ineligible and will not count toward your overall participation in the series.

If there is an issue with my placing or I notice an error on the leaderboard, who should I contact?

All timing issues must go to the race organiser immediately after the event, within 1 hour of the final race. Once the race results have been received by Triathlon WA, the places will stand. If you find an error in the leader board, please send an email to <a href="mailto:admin@wa.triathlon.org.au">admin@wa.triathlon.org.au</a>.

### What happens if a series event is cancelled?

If an event is cancelled and not able to be rescheduled or replaced, no points will be awarded to any athlete for that race.

If I don't want to be part of the State Series leaderboard, who do I contact? Please send an email to Triathlon WA at <a href="mailto:admin@wa.triathlon.org.au">admin@wa.triathlon.org.au</a>.

#### How do I register for an event?

State Series races are run by external event organisers, who have their own registration systems. You must register via the Event's website. Links can be found on the calendar page of our website. Any queries regarding event registration should be directed to each Event organiser.

#### Why is the final round not published?

To heighten the excitement and anticipation, the final leaderboard will not be published until the awards ceremony, adding an extra element of fun and surprise.

## **Version Control**

Version	Date	Revised by	Comments
1.0	2024		New policy. Replaces TWA State Series and Annual Awards
			Policy
2.0	19 August	M. Farley	Updated stand-alone State Championship events
	2024	_	
3.0	July 2025	M. Farley	Multisport Series added

