

HUNTERSVILLE SPRINT TRIATHLON

AUGUST 1, 2021

START TIME: 7:00 A.M.

Packet Pick Up

Saturday, July 31 – 1:30pm-2:45pm

HFFA (Race Site)
11725 Verhoeff Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

Sunday, August 1 –5:30-6:30am

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- *Photo ID Required - No ID, No Race, No exceptions (USAT RULE)***
 - *All Participants MUST pick up own packet (incl. relay members)***
 - *Parent/Guardian may pick up packet for a MINOR child (17 or under)***
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This event is sanctioned by USA Triathlon. What this means for you:

- *All participants (incl. relay members) must either be a member of USAT or purchase a one-day license (\$15).***
- *All members MUST show CURRENT USAT card in order to receive their packet***
- *If members cannot show proof of current membership, they will be required to purchase a one-day license (\$15)***
- *If you have recently renewed your membership, print out a temporary card (or take a screen shot with your phone) from the USAT website (www.usatriathlon.org) for packet pick up***

TIP: Take a picture of your photo ID and your USAT card with your phone so you will always have it with you.

Parking

All participants will park in one of three parking lots: 1) the parking lot of the Huntersville Athletic Park, 2) the parking lot of Huntersville Recreation Center, and 3) the HFFA. These lots are located across the street from the Huntersville Aquatic Center. **If you park at the Huntersville Athletic Park you will not be allowed to leave until the last biker finishes the event. If you need to leave early, park at the Community College.**

Access to Aquatic Center

Verhoeff Rd. will be closed from the Huntersville Aquatic Center to Statesville Rd. (HWY 21) from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Access to the parking lots and the Aquatic Center will be available via Old Statesville Rd. (HWY 115) throughout the event.

Pre-Race Meeting

A pre-race meeting will be held at the race site at 2:30 PM on Saturday (7/31). It is highly recommended that you attend this race orientation meeting (entrance to the Aquatic Center). A USAT Official may be onsite to answer questions. There will be NO pre-race instructions provided on race morning. If you can't attend the 2:30 PM Saturday pre-race meeting, please make sure you read through the race information document thoroughly.

Chip Pick Up 5:30-6:30am

Timing chips will be picked up race morning. **You will be required to show your run number to the folks handing out timing chips in order to get your timing chip.**

NOTE: All timing chips must be picked up by 6:30AM. If you lose your timing chip, you will be charged a \$30 replacement fee.

*Timing chips will be distributed in the red Chip Pick-Up Tent (just outside of the HFFA entrance). Regardless of what time you start the race, you must pick up your timing chip by 7AM.

*Make sure you receive the correct timing chip. Your chip is the same as your run number.

You will wear this chip on your left ankle – attached to you ankle using a disposable plastic medical strap. Attach the chip to the disposable medical ankle strap and attach the strap to your left ankle - leave 1-2 fingers space between your ankle and the strap. Too Loose: It could fall off and you'll be charge a replacement fee for the lost chip. Too Tight: It will become uncomfortable as your ankle will swell a little during the race. When you get it adjusted just right, make sure that the band snaps shut. You will hear the band snap into its closed position when it is secured properly.

Volunteers will cut off your strap and remove your timing chip as soon as you cross the finish line.

We will have Velcro straps for the timing chips for sale at packet pick if you would rather use that.

Race Numbers

You will be issued 3 numbers at packet pick up.

1. The square number is your run number and must be displayed on the front of your body during the run segment of the race only. Safety pins will be available at packet pick-up if you don't have a race number belt.
2. The long number (actually containing your number twice) is your bike frame number. This number is self-adhesive and will be folded over the top tube of your bike frame.
3. The small number is your helmet number. It also has an adhesive backing to it. This number

should be attached to the front of your bike helmet.

*Do NOT cut or alter your numbers in any way.

Body Marking

5:30-6:30am

All participants must be marked at the body marking area – located outside beginning at 5:30AM.
Participants must be marked by 6:30AM.

Swim Information

Swim start times will be posted on the Huntersville Sprint Triathlon web page by Friday, July 30, 2021 by 9:00 PM. They will also be posted on race morning at packet pick-up. Every participant will have their own swim start time. **Remember your exact start time!!**

NOTE: *Swim start times will NOT change for ANY reason.*

The water temperature in the HFFA pool is kept at approximately 80 degrees. Wetsuits are allowed, however we strongly discourage them at pool swim events.

Swim Course

- The Swim course map is available on the Huntersville Sprint Triathlon webpage and will also be displayed at packet pick-up.
- Swim start times will be posted on a separate link on our website (beginning at 9PM on Friday – 7/30).
- There will be NO changes to swim start times.
- The pool will be open from 5:30 AM to 7AM for warm-up.
- Once the race starts, a smaller 25 yard pool inside the Aquatic Center will be available for warm-up swims.
- Be prepared to line up for the swim start a minimum of 10 minutes before your starting time.
- Each participant will enter the warm-up lane-immediately adjacent to the swim start area – two minutes prior to their start.
- Participants will go off individually in 15-second increments.
- When lining up for the swim – remember your specific swim start time.

Transition Area

- ONLY PARTICIPANTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE TRANSITION AREA AT ANY TIME.
- The transition area will have five entrances/exits that will be clearly marked by large inflatable archways:
 - Swim Finish
 - Bike Start
 - Bike Finish
 - Run Start
 - Transition Area Entrance/Exit
- Once you are racing, make sure you come in and out of the transition area through the appropriate inflatable archway. If you're finishing the swim and heading into the transition area to start the bike, make sure you run through the inflatable archway that reads "Swim Finish." The inflatable archway next to that one will be for "Run Start," so you don't want to run through that one. At the other end of the transition area will be the "Bike Start" and "Bike Finish" archways.
- Once the race starts at 7AM – the only entrance that you will be able to use (unless you've started the race and you're racing) will be the large "Transition Area Entrance & Exit" inflatable. This will allow people to enter and exit the transition area without disrupting the race.
- All participants will have their own numbered bike slot. Find your numbered bike rack and then find your specific space on that rack. You'll notice that half the numbers on the bike rack face one direction and the other half face the other direction. Place your bike on the rack centered on your number. If the number is upside down when you look at it, you're on the wrong side of the rack. This will allow more space between bikes for placing your gear. Each rack accommodates six bikes – three on one side and three on the other side.
- No bike storage the night before the race.
- Only the race participant will be allowed to remove his/her bike from the transition area.
- Participants will not be allowed to mount bikes inside the transition area – and will be made to dismount at transition area entrance following the bike segment.
- **IF YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY RACING AND YOU'RE IN THE TRANSITION AREA BECAUSE YOU'VE EITHER JUST FINISHED THE RACE OR YOU HAVEN'T STARTED YET, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO YOUR FELLOW COMPETITORS. REMEMBER, YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF SOMEONE GOT IN YOUR WAY WHILE YOU WERE RACING. THIS MEANS – DON'T STAND IN THE AISLES TALKING!**

Bike Information

- The Bike course map is available on the Huntersville Sprint Triathlon webpage and will also be on display at packet pick-up
 - This will be a one loop bike course
 - No drafting! Draft marshals on motorcycles will be present on the course. Don't get caught drafting or blocking. If you aren't familiar with the USAT rules, read through the USAT rules document that will be displayed at packet pick-up.
 - Helmets must be fastened before leaving the transition area.
 - Stay to the right in the designated bike lanes to allow faster cyclists to pass on the left.
 - Bike frame numbers that are provided must be attached to the top tube of the bike near the handlebars.
 - Helmet numbers must be affixed to the front of your cycling helmet.
 - No headphones, earphones or any radio-type devices will be allowed.
 - There are plenty of volunteers and police officers along the course but it is ultimately your responsibility to know the course.
 - Corners will be marked with orange spray chalk arrows on the pavement approximately 25-50 yards before each turn and with large orange directional signs- also located about 25-50 yards before each turn.
 - Volunteers will be wearing orange vests and will be directing athletes with orange flags.
 - Spirited Cyclist will be present for pre-race assistance if necessary.
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Run Information

- Run course map is available on the Huntersville Sprint Triathlon webpage and will also be on display at packet pick-up.
 - This will be an out-and-back run course.
 - The course will be well marked. The turns will be indicated with orange signs (with white arrows).
 - Mile 1, Mile 2, and Mile 3 markers will also be provided.
 - There will also be plenty of volunteers on the course.
 - You must wear the race number that is provided in FRONT (with the pull tag).
 - ***If you do not have your race number clearly displayed on your front as you cross the finish line-you will be assessed a two-minute penalty.***
 - Water stations will be located at the beginning of the run, and then at one additional location on the run course. Due to the design on the run course (out and back) athletes will receive water twice (on the way out and on the way back). You will never be more than ½ mile away from the next water station.
 - No headphones, earphones or any radio-type devices will be allowed.
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Relay Teams

- The swimmer will be given an index card at packet pick up that they can use to pick up the timing chip in the morning OR the runner can show the run number.
 - Teams will be given a Velcro ankle strap at chip pick up. You will need to put the timing chip on the strap and put the strap on the swimmer's left ankle.
 - "Tagging" takes place at the designated bike rack for your team.
 - The cyclist will be waiting at the rack with their helmet on and ready. They will remove the timing chip strap from the swimmer's ankle and put it on their ankle.
 - The runner will be waiting at the designated rack for the cyclist. When the cyclist returns, the runner will remove the timing chip from the cyclist's ankle and put it on their ankle.
 - The chip and strap will be collected at the finish line
 - Relay members do NOT need to remain in the transition area the entire time. Just make sure you are ready for when your team gets there. Use the Transition Area Entrance/Exit to go back and forth.
 - PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO THE OTHER COMPETITORS!
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Post Race Refreshment/Awards

The post-race refreshments will be located near the finish line and the presentation of awards will take place at the Results tent near the finish line. There will be plenty of post-race food and drinks for all participants to enjoy. Awards presentation will begin immediately after the last finisher completes the race (estimated to be 10:00 am). You must be present to collect your award, or arrange to have someone pick it up for you. **Awards WILL NOT be mailed out. We will have separate awards for each swim/race distance.**

Spectator Information

- Spectator are welcome at the event. You will be allowed everywhere except in the finish line chute and the transition area.
 - There are ample places around the transition area and finish line to see a lot of the event. You will be able to watch the swim, then walk over to the finish line. Please be aware of the event as you walk around. There will be athletes heading out on course and there's nothing worse than a collision with a spectator because people aren't paying attention.
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Volunteer Information

We welcome volunteers. If you arrive at the event and wish to volunteer, simply go to the volunteer check in tent. Our staff will let you know where help is needed.

Results

Results will be posted continuously throughout the race on a 47 inch TV. Official results with splits will be posted within a few hours of the race finishing at: www.jonesracingcompany.com/2021-results.

HAVE A GREAT RACE!