

BRIGHTON & HOVE

TRIATHLON AND MULTISPORT FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

STANDARD AQUABIKE ATHLETE GUIDE



IMPORTANT

There will be no race briefing on the day. It is compulsory to read this briefing document before the race.

Please note, during the week leading up to the event we will be on site setting up and we will not be able to respond to emails. For any last-minute queries, please visit the help desk at registration.



Event Schedule

To avoid delays on race morning, we ask **where possible, you should register and collect your race pack on Saturday afternoon between 1:00pm to 6:00pm**. This will allow you to proceed directly to transition for racking on Sunday morning.

Saturday 5th September

13:00 Registration Open

15:00 Scootathlon Races (ages 3-7)

18:00 Registration Closed

! **IMPORTANT:** Bikes will not be left in transition overnight. There will be **NO BIKE RACKING ON SATURDAY**. Please register on Saturday and proceed directly to bike check-in on Sunday morning.

Sunday 6th September

06:00 - 10:00 Registration Open

06:00 Transition Open

07:30 TriStart Start

07:40 TriStar 1 Start

07:50 TriStar 2 Start

08:00 TriStar 3 Start

08:30 Super-Sprint Start

09:00 - 09:30 Sprint Distance Waves Start

09:30 Sprint & Standard Duathlon Start

09:40 - 11:10 Standard Distance Waves Start

15:00 Age Group Awards Ceremony



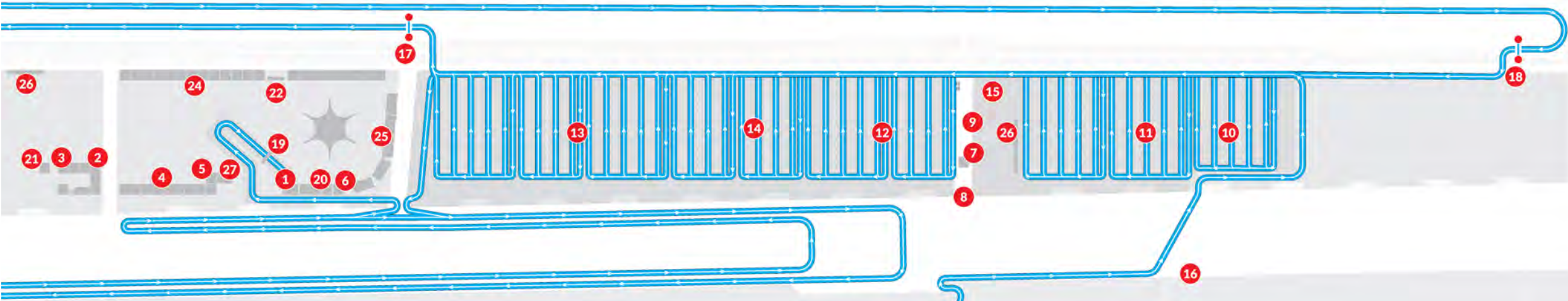
Parking

There is no specific designated parking for the event, but there is on-street parking on the roads in the area. Please scan the QR code for details of parking zones and charges. We recommend parking to the West of the event, further from the town centre. You may need to walk or cycle some distance, so plan to arrive early to give yourself plenty of time to find a parking space and walk/cycle from your car to the race venue at Hove Lawns. **Please note, the A259 Kingsway will be closed from 6am to 3pm between Wish Road and Western Street.**



CAUTION: If arriving after 7:30am on Sunday, please avoid crossing the bike course on the A259 Kingsway. If you need to cross, please do so beyond the turn point at Western Street, near the Peace Statue.

Site Plan



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| 1 Race Director | 10 TriStar Transition | 19 Finish Line |
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Registration

To avoid delays on race morning, we ask **where possible, you should register and collect your race pack on Saturday afternoon between 1:00pm to 6:00pm**. This will allow you to proceed directly to transition for racking on Sunday morning.

- Registration is situated on **Hove Lawns**
- **Saturday from 1:00pm to 6:00pm**
- **Sunday from 6:00am**, only for those unable to register on Saturday
- At registration you will be asked for **your last name**

BTF Members

Where possible we will check the validity of BTF Race Licences in advance, however, please be prepared to show your digital Race Licence.

BTF Non-Members

If you are **not** a BTF member you will have purchased a Race Pass when you signed up for the event. There is no need to bring this to the event.

Once we have checked your details you will be handed your race pack. Your pack will contain a numbered wrist band. **This must be worn throughout the event and must not be removed until after you have collected your bike from transition at the end of the event.** The wrist band shows your race number and will be used to identify you in case of a medical emergency and to collect your kit from transition after the race.

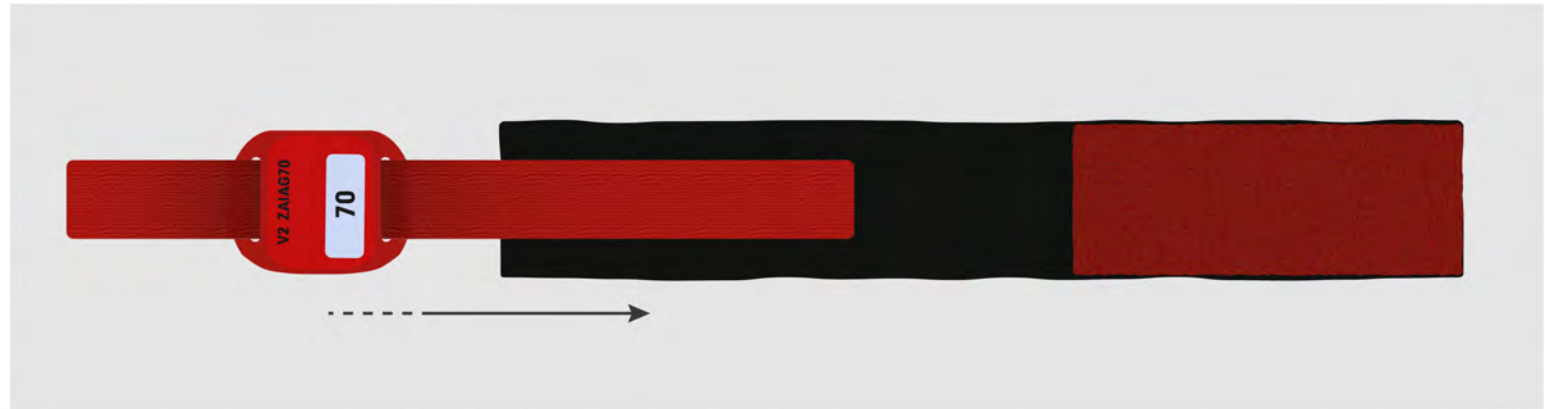


Chip Collection

Once you have collected your Race Pack you will be directed to the chip collection desk. Here you will show your race number printed on the front of the race pack envelope you just collected.

You will be asked to confirm your name, and you will then be handed your timing chip and a Velcro ankle strap.

You must wear your timing chip around your **left ankle**. Make sure it is attached securely. No timing chip, or incorrect use of the chip will mean you will not appear in the results. There will be a £40 charge if you fail to return your timing chip at the end of the race. **If you register on Saturday, don't forget your timing chip on Sunday morning.**





Numbered Wrist Band

Must be worn throughout the event and must not be removed until after you have collected your bike from transition.

Sticker Sheet

Includes helmet sticker which must be stuck to the front of your helmet and a long bike number which you must stick around your seat post.



Race Number

Must be on your **back during the bike** and on the **front during the run**. Fix the number to an elastic number belt (available to buy from the TriBourne Shop on Saturday) and don't forget to spin your race belt around as you leave the bike to run transition, so your number is on the front.



Swim Cap

You must wear the swim cap provided. The colour of the swim cap will identify your starting wave.



Timing Chip

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Bike Check-in

Bike check-in will take place on Sunday morning only. If you register on Saturday, you can proceed directly to bike check-in on Sunday morning. **Please allow plenty of extra time to arrive allowing for potential delays and queues. Depending on your start wave, transition may close over an hour before your start time. Please note the transition closing times on the following pages.**

Before arriving at the transition check-in gate, please ensure:

- You are wearing your numbered **wrist band**.
- Your **helmet is on your head and fastened**.
- Your **bike sticker** is on your bike seat post.
- Your bike is **safe and roadworthy** and complies with **BTF rules**.

Your handlebars must not have open ends so please ensure they are plugged with bar ends. Fixed wheel bikes (bikes that use the pedals as a brake) are not permitted and e-bikes are also not permitted.

You must not use headphones, mobile phones or any other such devices in transition which could be considered a distraction.

RULES
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Illegal Equipment

Certain items are banned during the race – this includes MP3 players, mobile phones and personal video recording devices. Leave these outside transition.





CAUTION: The route from registration to transition crosses the run course. Earlier races may already be in progress so please take care when crossing the run route.

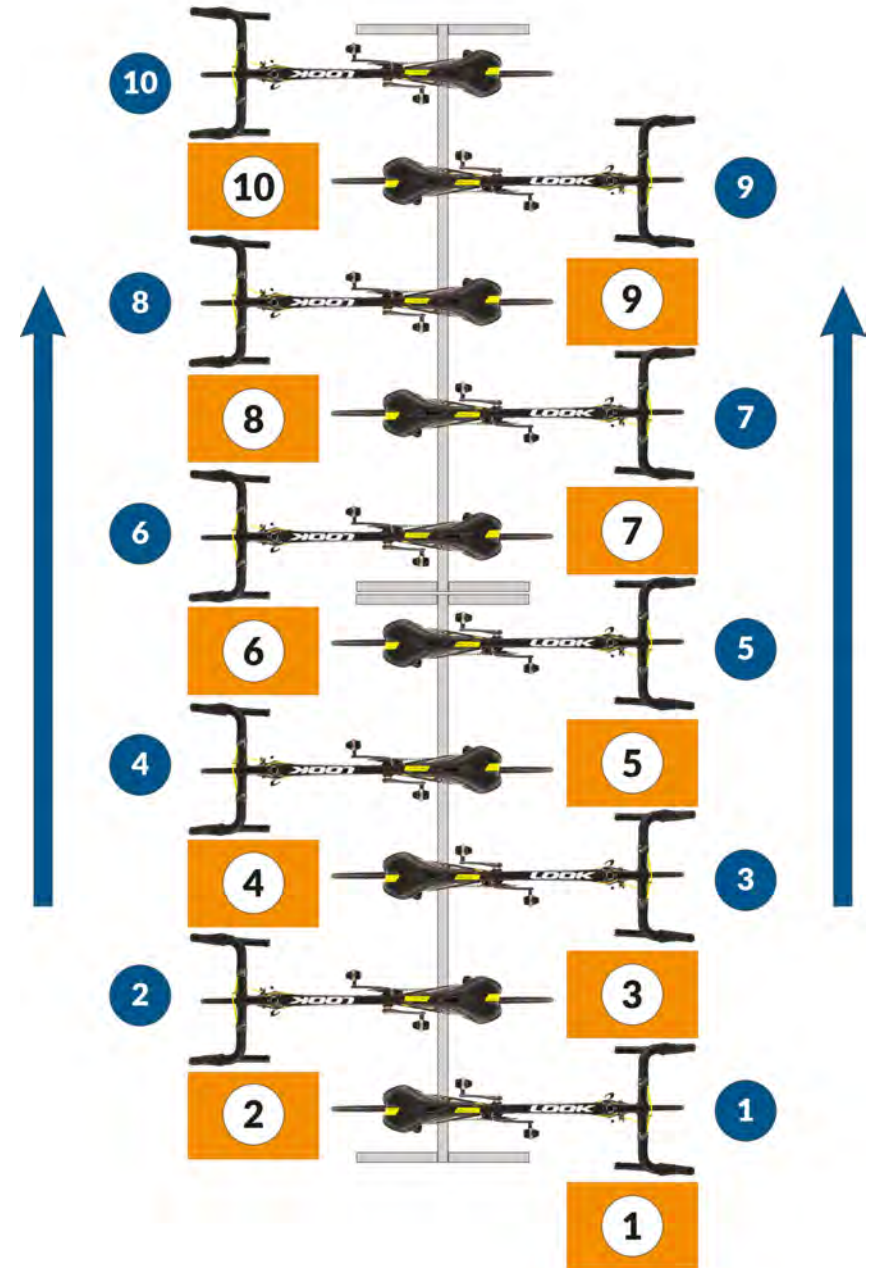
Bike Racking

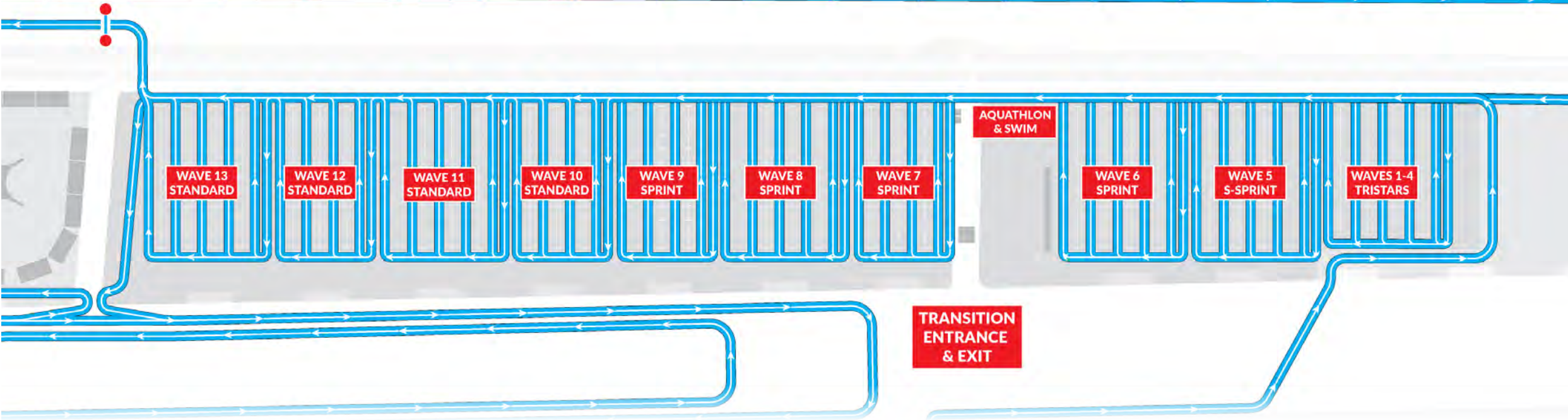
Your transition zone will be assigned based on your start wave. Racking is numbered with **odd numbers on the right and even numbers on the left**.

Each numbered space in transition will have one kit box. As you follow the flow through transition **your box will be the one immediately before your bike** (on the southern/seaward side of your bike).

You must reverse your bike into position such that it is hanging by its saddle, **odd numbers facing east and even numbers facing west**.

Place all your race kit in the box. We will be operating a clean transition area which means nothing should be left outside your designated box except for your running shoes (which can be placed neatly beside your box) and anything attached to your bike (nutrition, etc.).





Each zone in transition will correspond to a starting wave. You must rack your bike and prepare your transition area before your transition closes **15 minutes before** your scheduled wave start time.

BAGGAGE: Each competitor will have a box in transition measuring 60cm x 40cm x 15cm. There will be an additional designated baggage area within transition, however space is limited. All your belongings should be placed in your own transition box. Please try not to bring more kit than will fit into the box provided.

You will not be able to access your transition zone after the race until the last cyclist in your wave has finished the bike. If you plan to buy a food and drink straight after you finish, you might want to consider leaving your wallet/phone with a supporter.

Wetsuits

We will monitor the water temperature throughout race week. **On race day it is expected to be between 15°C and 20°C.** Please note wetsuits are **mandatory below 15.9°C and forbidden above 24.6°C.** For safety reasons, **wetsuits are recommended (up to the max temperature allowed) even if the temperature is above the mandatory lower limit,** as the wetsuit will not only keep you warm, but will also help you swim faster as it provides you with extra buoyancy. **The swim hats provided are compulsory.**

TriBourne are delighted to be working with Adventure Kit Hire, offering performance Triathlon wetsuits to hire at affordable prices with options to hire for 2 weeks, 4 weeks or the whole season. **Scan the QR code to book.**

- **The swim hats provided are compulsory.**
- **Gloves are not permitted.**
- **Socks are not permitted** unless the water temperature is below 15.9°C. Where socks are permitted the bottom of the wetsuit must cover the top of the sock.

ADVENTURE
KIT HIRE



'Elite' Waves

The first wave of each distance will include those competing for the overall podium places. This allows the fastest athletes to race head-to-head and ensures that the first athletes to cross the finish line are the actual overall winners. We will send out an email about 3 weeks before the race asking if you wish to be included in this competitive wave. This is only for **overall podium places** and is not required for competitive age-groupers.

Start with Friends

If you want to race head-to-head with a friend, you can request to start together in the same wave. We will send out an email in the weeks leading up to the race asking which wave you want to start in. You should agree with your friends which wave you will all choose.








Swim Warmup

If you wish to get in the water to warm up before the start, please do so away from the swim course on the beach to the west of the swim exit beach. Please note there is **no swim safety cover at the warm-up area** so you will **swim here at your own discretion**.

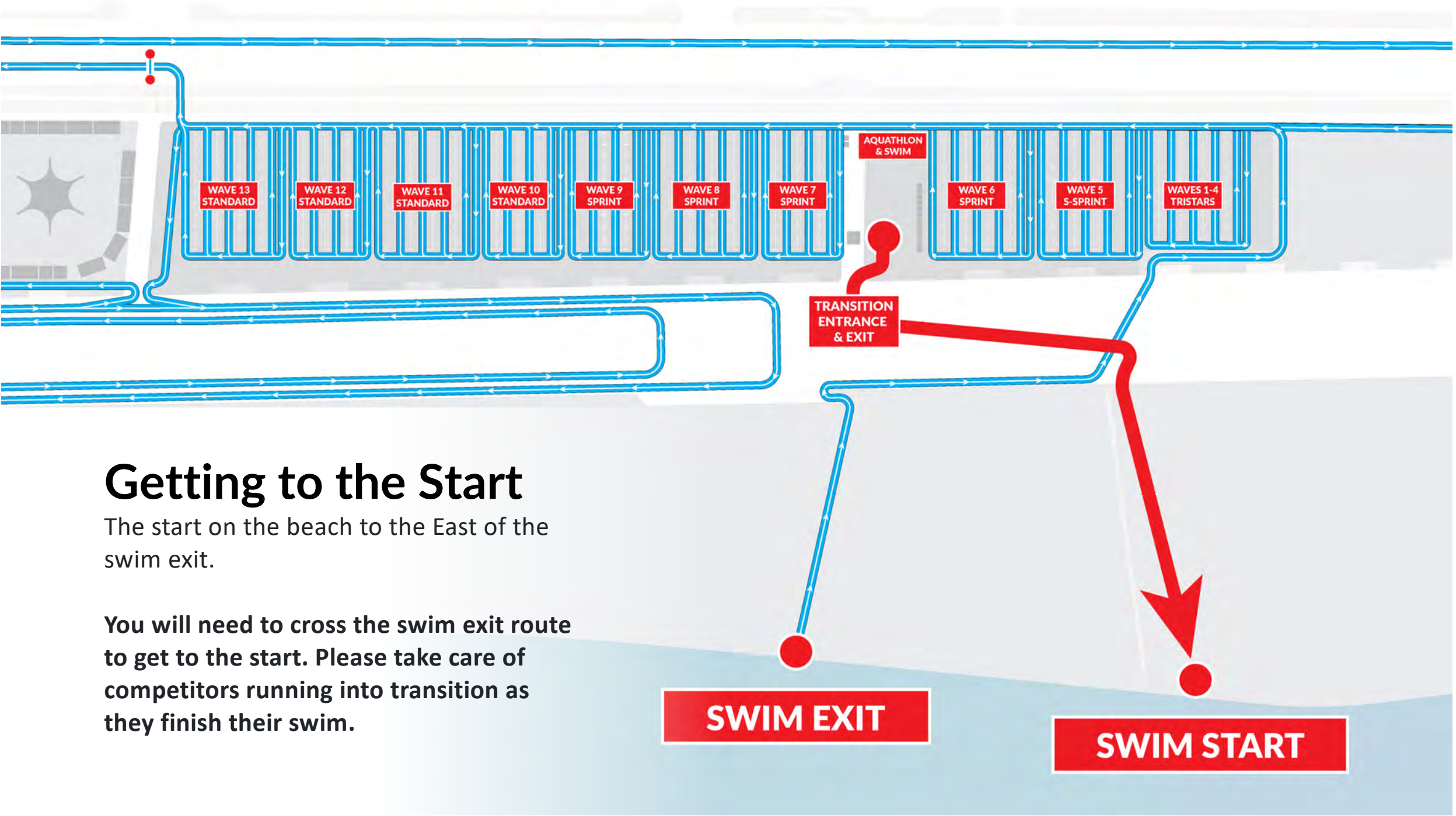
Glasses

A marshal will be available near the start to take any prescription glasses which will then be placed on a table near the swim exit.

Swim Start Waves

	WAVE 1	07:30	TriStart (age 8)
	WAVE 2	07:40	TriStar 1 (age 9-10)
	WAVE 3	07:50	TriStar 2 (age 11-12)
	WAVE 4	08:00	TriStar 3 (age 13-14)
	WAVE 5	08:30	Super-Sprint Triathlon
	WAVE 6a	09:00	Sprint Distance
	WAVE 6b	09:01	Sprint Distance

	WAVE 7	09:10	Sprint Distance
	WAVE 8	09:20	Sprint Distance
	WAVE 9	09:30	Sprint Distance
	WAVE 10	09:40	Standard Distance
	WAVE 11a	10:10	Standard Distance
	WAVE 11b	10:11	Standard Distance
	WAVE 12	10:40	Standard Distance
	WAVE 13	11:10	Standard Distance



Getting to the Start

The start on the beach to the East of the swim exit.

You will need to cross the swim exit route to get to the start. Please take care of competitors running into transition as they finish their swim.

SWIM EXIT

SWIM START

The Start

Please arrive on the start beach in time for your swim briefing at least 10 minutes before your start time.

Following the briefing, your wave will be called to the start. Your swim cap colour will identify your start wave.

Once you have passed through the swim arch you will line up along the shore. **The start will be a mass start from the beach. Your time will not start until the start siren sounds.**

! **IMPORTANT:** When your wave is called to the start you **must** pass through the swim start arch. This gives us a count of all athletes starting each wave. **Please do not bypass the arch and do not go through the arch before your wave is called forward.**

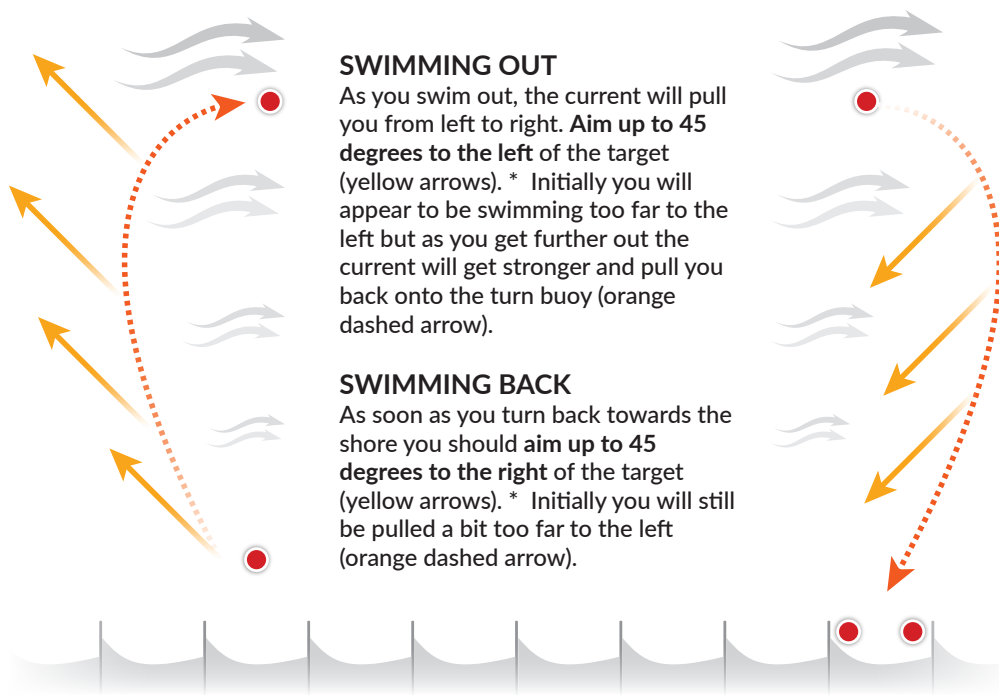


! **IMPORTANT:** This year all waves will be taking place on an outgoing tide.
The current will be pulling you from East to West (left to right as you look out to sea).

OUTGOING TIDE

From 1-2 hours before high tide until 1-2 hours before low tide

SWIMMING ACROSS THE CURRENT



SWIMMING OUT

As you swim out, the current will pull you from left to right. Aim up to 45 degrees to the left of the target (yellow arrows). * Initially you will appear to be swimming too far to the left but as you get further out the current will get stronger and pull you back onto the turn buoy (orange dashed arrow).

SWIMMING BACK

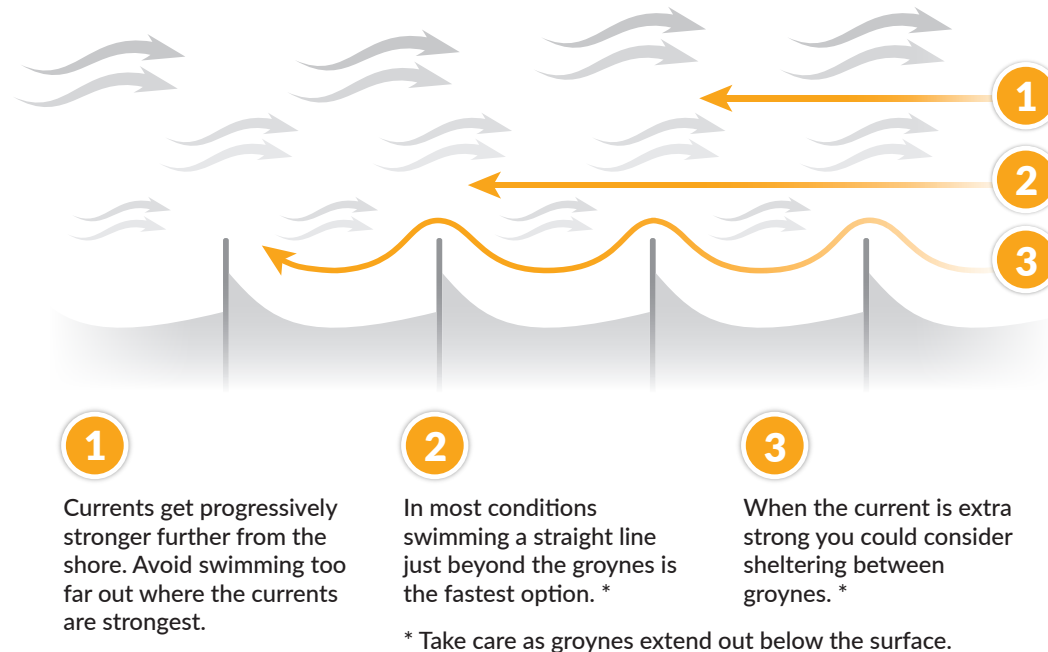
As soon as you turn back towards the shore you should aim up to 45 degrees to the right of the target (yellow arrows). * Initially you will still be pulled a bit too far to the left (orange dashed arrow).

* The angle depends on the strength of the current and how strong you are as a swimmer:
Stronger swimmer and/or weaker current = smaller angle (15 - 30 degrees)
Weaker swimmer and/or stronger current = larger angle (30 - 45 degrees)

OUTGOING TIDE

From 1-2 hours before high tide until 1-2 hours before low tide

SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT



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Currents get progressively stronger further from the shore. Avoid swimming too far out where the currents are strongest.

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In most conditions swimming a straight line just beyond the groynes is the fastest option. *

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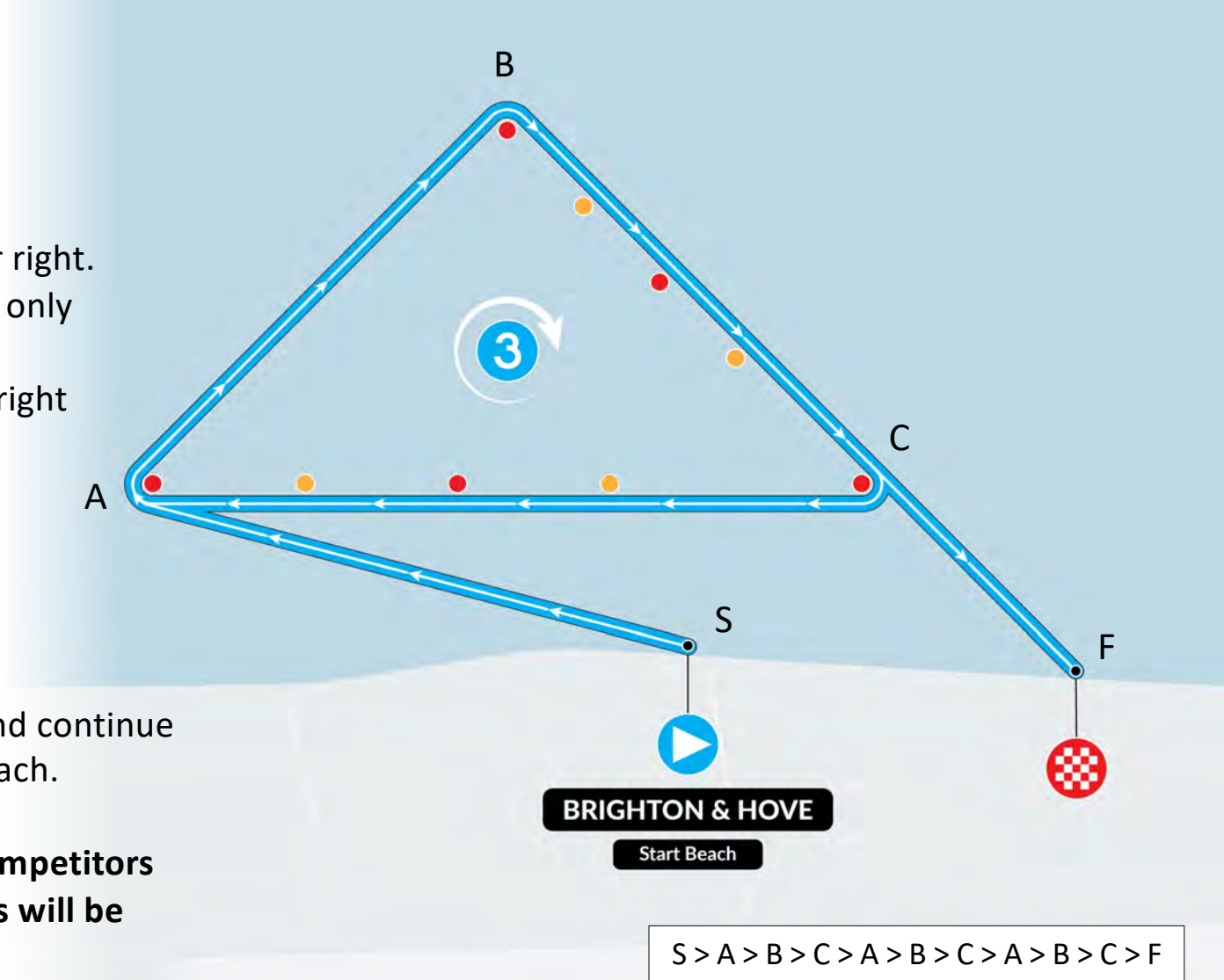
When the current is extra strong you could consider sheltering between groynes. *

* Take care as groynes extend out below the surface.

SWIM SAFETY: If you get into difficulty, lie on your back and raise your arm. Don't use backstroke as this can be confused with a swimmer indicating they are in difficulty.

Standard Swim Course

- From the start, swim out to your left to the furthest red swim buoy (A) and turn right, keeping it on your right.
- Ignore the red and yellow buoys closer in which are only used for the sprint-distance.
- Head towards the next red buoy (B) and again turn right to head in along the line of yellow and red buoys.
- **This is a three-lap course.** When you reach the last red buoy (C) **turn right to begin your next lap.**
- Swim around the furthest red buoys (A and B) and back to the last red buoy for a second time, turn right again and repeat for a third time.
- On your third lap, swim past the last red buoy (C) and continue straight ahead toward the swim-exit arch on the beach.



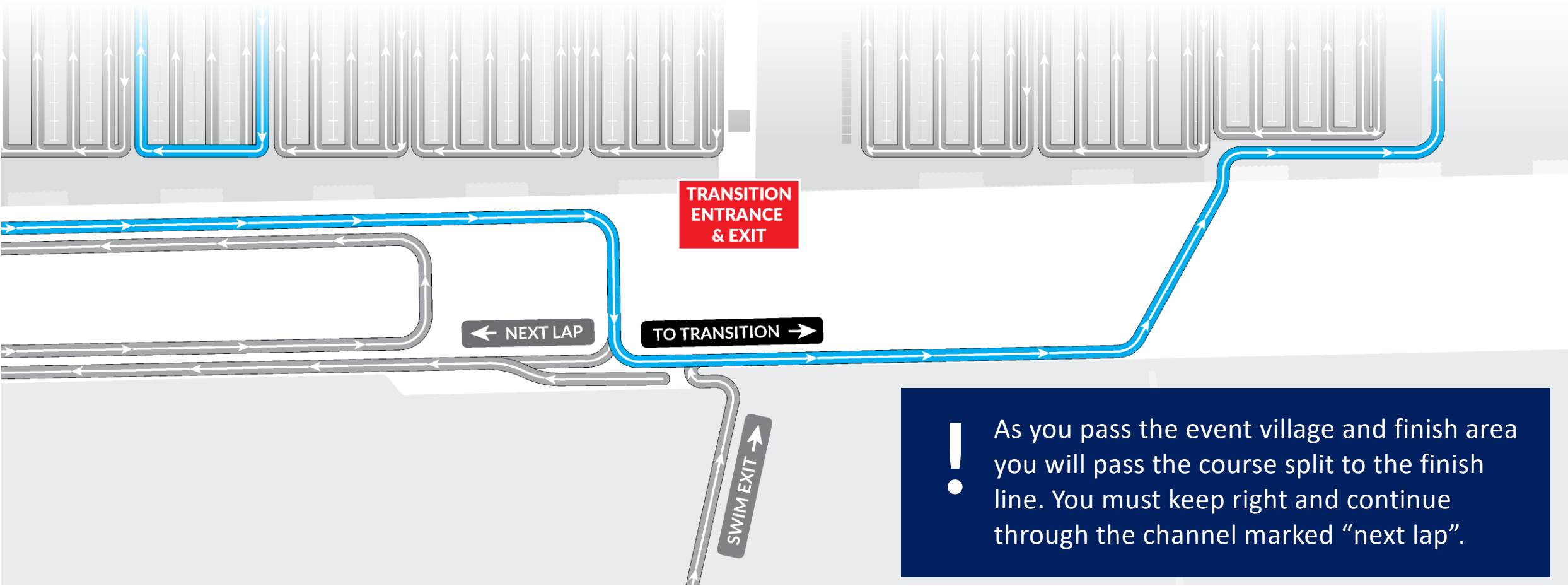
As you pass the last red buoy near the finish, some competitors will be turning right to begin their next lap, and others will be heading in towards the beach to finish their swim.

SWIM SAFETY: If you get into difficulty, lie on your back and raise your arm. Don't use backstroke as this can be confused with a swimmer indicating they are in difficulty.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE
TRIATHLON**
STANDARD SWIM
1,500m - 3 LAPS

Duathlon Run to T1

When you approach the end of the run lap, you will cross the prom back to the point where you started. The run course turns right at this point, and standard distance competitors will start their second lap. Once you reach this point at the end of your first run, **do not follow the main run course to the right**, but instead turn left through a gap in the barriers to join the route taken by swimmers from the swim exit into transition.



! As you pass the event village and finish area you will pass the course split to the finish line. You must keep right and continue through the channel marked “next lap”.

Transition 1 – Swim to Bike

Once you have exited the water you will make your way on foot to the transition area. The beach will be carpeted. You may pull your wetsuit down to your waist as you make your way to transition, however you may not remove your wetsuit completely until you reach your spot in transition.

You will run into transition to where your bike is racked. You must put your helmet on and ensure it is done up before taking your bike. Only after your helmet is securely in place should you then take your bike and push it out of the transition area to the mount point on the road.

IMPORTANT:

- Ensure all items are placed completely in your transition box. Any items left outside your box in transition will result in a time penalty.
- Do not touch your bike until your helmet is on your head and the strap is fastened.
- Do not mount your bike until you have crossed the mount line. Mounting before the mount line could result in a time penalty.



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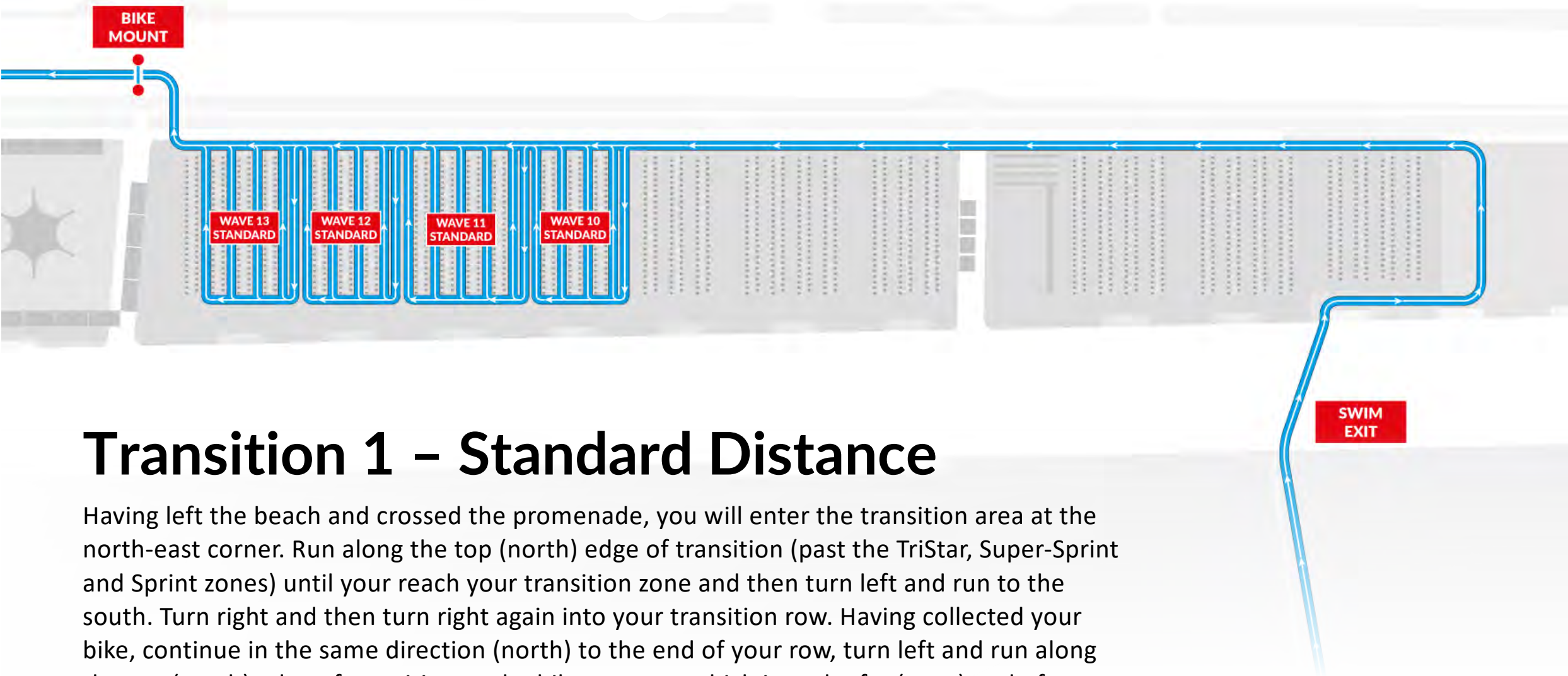
Everything correctly placed entirely within your transition box. Only running shoes are allowed to be placed neatly beside your box.



Time Penalty

If your kit is not all placed completely within your transition box, you will be given a time penalty.





Transition 1 – Standard Distance

Having left the beach and crossed the promenade, you will enter the transition area at the north-east corner. Run along the top (north) edge of transition (past the TriStar, Super-Sprint and Sprint zones) until you reach your transition zone and then turn left and run to the south. Turn right and then turn right again into your transition row. Having collected your bike, continue in the same direction (north) to the end of your row, turn left and run along the top (north) edge of transition to the bike out gate which is at the far (west) end of transition.

The Bike Course

The entire cycle route will be closed to traffic. Please note that whilst the roads are closed to through traffic, we need to maintain escorted access for residents. Whenever a local resident needs to pass through the closed road sections, they will be escorted by a motorcycle official. **Please be aware that you may encounter vehicles within the closed road sections of the course.**

Please remain extremely vigilant for pedestrians crossing the course. Pedestrians will be encouraged to only cross at designated and marshalled crossing points, however, please remain vigilant for the possibility of pedestrians wandering across the road at all times. You do **NOT** need to stop at red traffic lights as the road is closed, but please take extra care at pelican crossings, especially if the lights do turn red.



This is an 'out and back' bike route. This means that competitors will be heading in both directions along the entire route. To avoid any head on collisions, it is critical that you **do not cross the centre line at any point** during the bike route. This includes the hashed central reservation areas.

THE PENALTY FOR CROSSING THE CENTRE LINE WILL BE DISQUALIFICATION

NO BLOCKING: Unless overtaking, please keep to the left to allow other competitors to overtake you without them needing to cross the centre line.

Bike Hire

Bikehire UK will be providing bike hire for the Brighton & Hove Triathlon. Bikes will all be available to pick up and return directly at the event on the Day.

We offer 3 options which include free helmet hire

To book please scan the QR code.

Standard Road bike:

Shimano Claris Spec. Alloy frame with carbon forks. Caliper Brakes. Subject to change but we currently have Merida Scultura and Lapierre Sensium Bikes in Stock. If different, bikes will be of similar quality and specification.

Premium Road bike:

Full carbon frame. Shimano 105 Spec. Disc Brakes. Subject to change but we currently have Lapierre Aircode and Cube Attain bikes in stock. If different, bikes will be of similar quality and specification.

Hybrid Bike:

Lightweight hybrid. Full range of gears. Comfortable riding position. Subject to change but we currently have Raleigh Strada's and Lapierre shaper bikes in stock. If different, bikes will be of similar quality and specification.



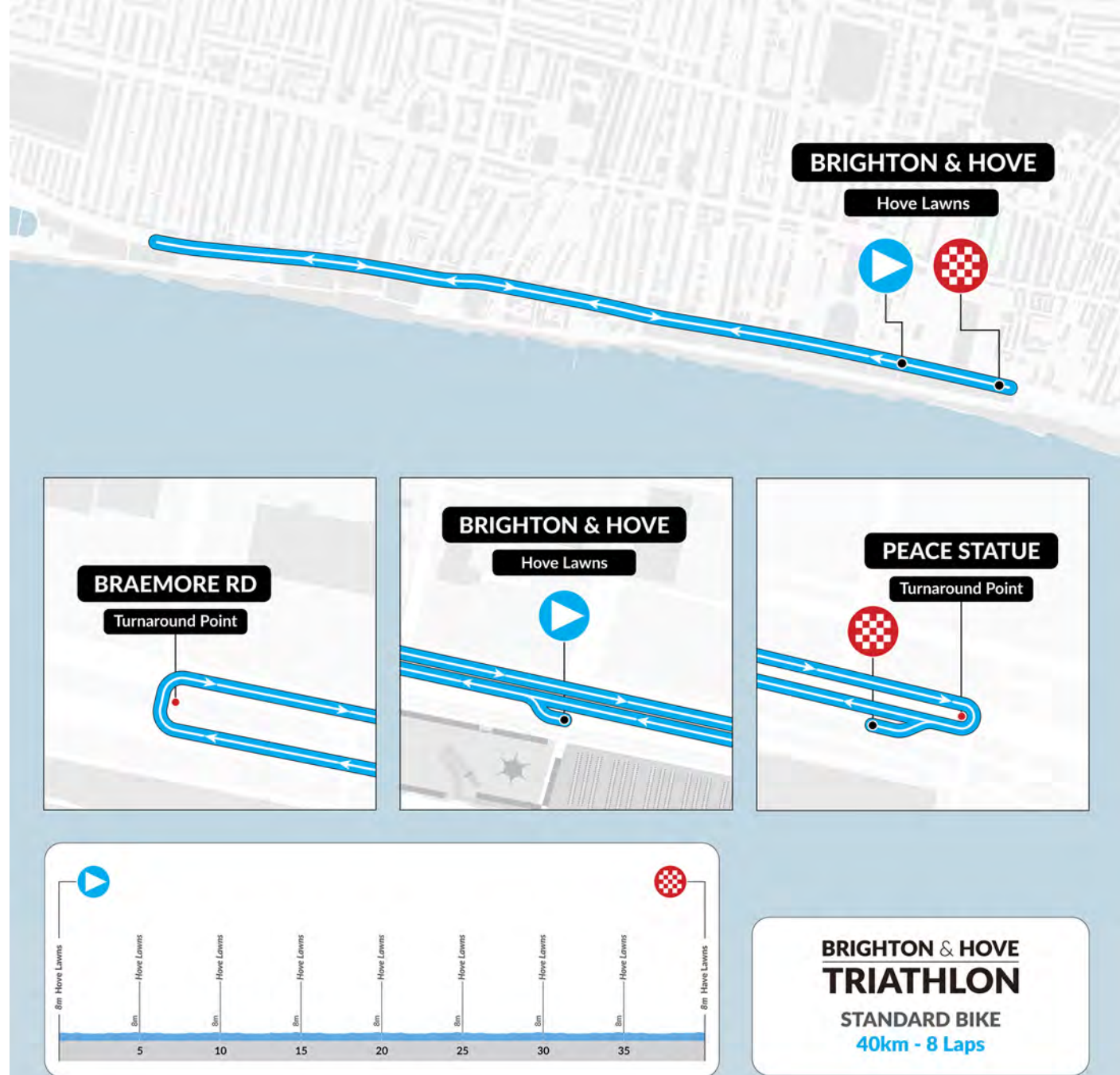
Standard Bike

As you leave transition and reach the road you will turn left and mount your bike after the mount line. You will ride just under 2.5km to the West. You will be directed to make a U-turn at Braemore Road. You will return for 2.5km to the East and make another U-turn at the Peace Statue. Immediately after this U-Turn you will pass the mount/dismount area and begin your next lap. When you reach this point for the eighth time (having completed 8 laps) you will dismount. Dismount your bike before the dismount line.

! THE PENALTY FOR CROSSING THE CENTRE LINE WILL BE DISQUALIFICATION.

Do not cross the centre line at any point.

NO BLOCKING: Unless overtaking, please keep to the left.



Lap Counting

It is your responsibility to count your own laps. We will **not** be able to tell you how many laps you have done during the event. We will have a timing point to count your laps so we will know after the race if you have done too few laps, and failure to complete the course will result in disqualification.

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We suggest using a GPS watch or bike computer to keep track of your total distance. You might want to use the lap button on your watch as you pass the dismount line on each lap to help you keep count.

As you approach the dismount line, if you are continuing onto another lap keep right and be aware of athletes slowing to dismount on your left. If you are at the end of your last lap keep left and slow as you approach the dismount line.

	Lap Length	Laps
TriStart – 1.5km	1.5km	1
TriStar 1 – 4km	4km	1
TriStar 2 – 4km	4km	1
TriStar 3 – 8km	4km	2
Super-Sprint – 10km	5km	2
Sprint – 20km	5km	4
Standard – 40km	5km	8

Drafting

Drafting (taking shelter behind or beside another competitor) during the cycling leg of the race is not allowed. The cycle draft zone will be 12 metres long measured from the leading edge of the front wheel. You may not enter the draft zone of another competitor except for the purpose of overtaking. When overtaking you must be seen to be progressing through that zone. A maximum of 25 seconds is allowed to pass through the draft zone of another competitor. If an overtaking manoeuvre is not completed within 25 seconds, the overtaking cyclist must drop back. When a competitor is passed by other competitors, it is his/her responsibility to drop back to move out of the draft zone of the overtaking competitor. Failure to do so may result in an official caution or time penalty. A competitor is passed when another competitor's front wheel is ahead of his/her front wheel. Motorcycle and static BTF referees will patrol the course to enforce the no drafting rule. Competitors must keep to the left-hand side of the course and not create a blocking incident. Blocking is where a competitor who is behind cannot pass due to the leading competitor being poorly placed on the course.

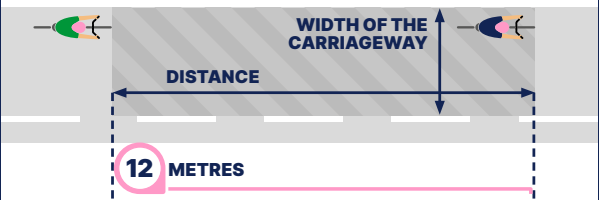
Always cycle on the left-hand side and beware of competitors overtaking you on the right.

WHAT IS DRAFTING?

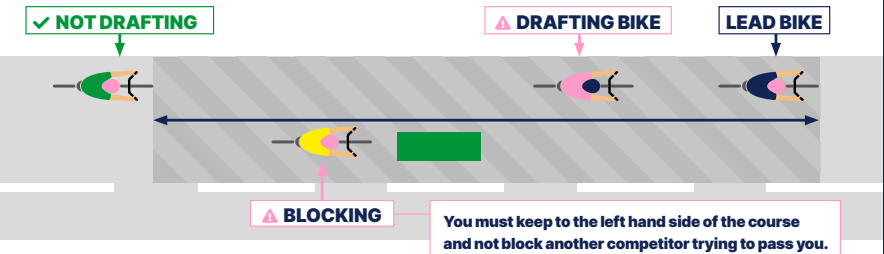
IT'S AGAINST THE RULES

Taking shelter behind another competitor or motor vehicle during the bike phase to gain a competitive advantage.

THE DRAFTING ZONE



DRAFTING & NOT DRAFTING



MAKING A PASS

You may enter the draft zone to make a pass within the time allowed.

**25
SECONDS**

If the pass cannot be made you must drop back. Any overtaken cyclist must drop back once passed.



OTHER VEHICLES

You must remain **15 metres** behind motorcycles and **35 metres** behind other vehicles to prevent drafting.

PENALTIES

	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
SPRINT (OR SHORTER)	30 SECS PENALTY	DISQUALIFICATION	N/A
STANDARD	1 MIN PENALTY	DISQUALIFICATION	N/A
MIDDLE / LONG	3 MINS PENALTY	3 MINS PENALTY	DISQUALIFICATION



Motorcycle Officials do not have to provide a warning about drafting for safety reasons.

Race Stop Procedure

In the event of a significant incident on the bike course, the following procedures will be implemented:

YELLOW FLAG means **CAUTION**. Please slow down.

AMBER hazard lights on motorcycles means **NO OVERTAKING**. Do not pass the motorbike, this will likely be part of a rolling roadblock procedure.

RED FLAG means **STOP**. Stop and wait for further instructions. You may be asked to return to transition or a designated evacuation point depending on the incident.

GREEN FLAG means **GO**. Racing can recommence; this will likely be preceded by a 1-minute verbal warning that racing is about to recommence.

Intentional failure to observe these warnings will result in immediate disqualification.

! NO LITTERING

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful location for triathlon.

- **Dropping litter at any point of the course will result in disqualification.**

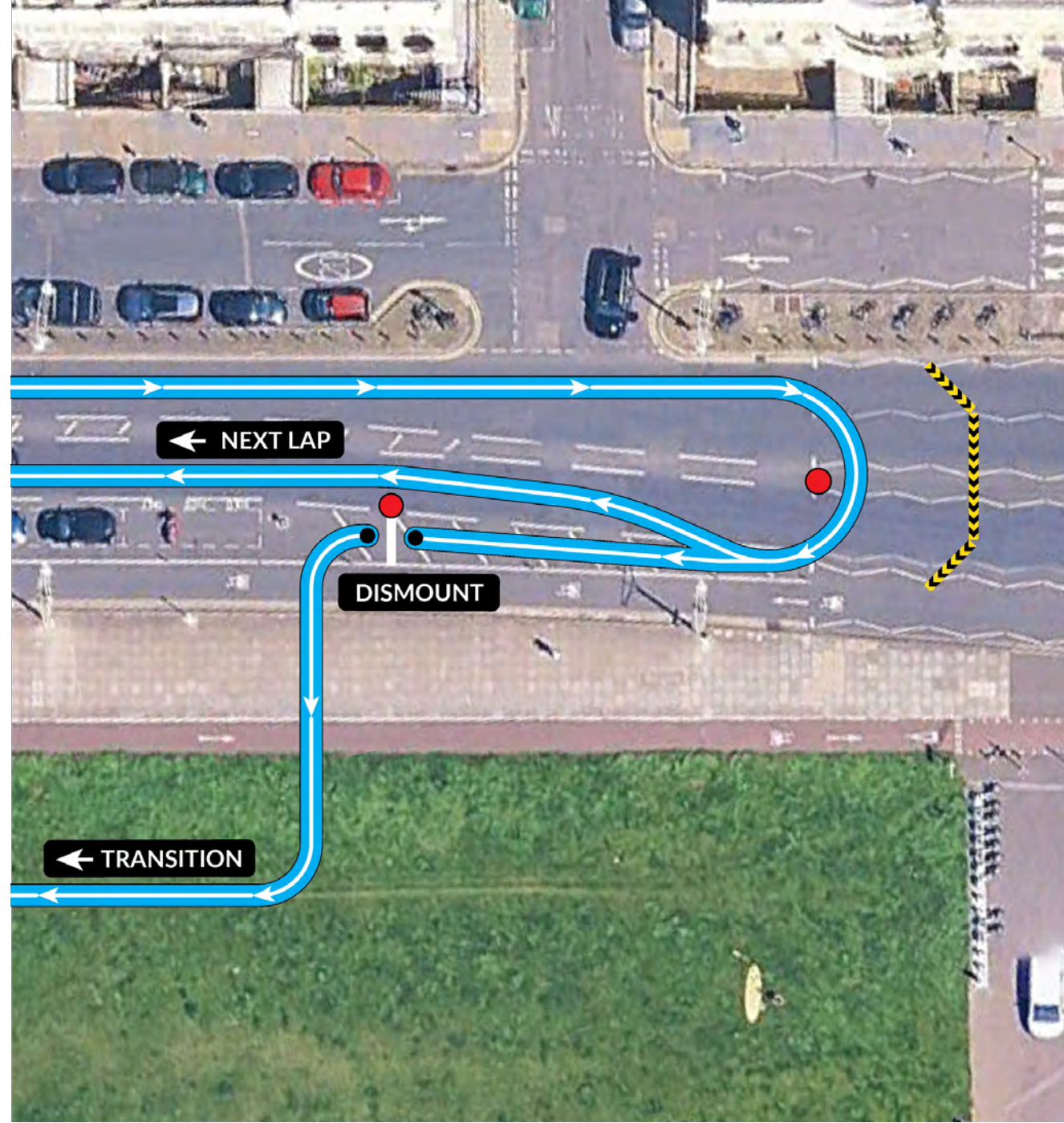
Bike Dismount

The bike dismount is immediately after the eastern turn point near the Peace Statue.

After you make this U-Turn, you should keep right only if continuing to start another lap.

After your final lap you must keep left immediately after the U-Turn and dismount your bike before the red dismount marker and white line.

You will push your bike across the pavement and two cycle lanes onto the grass lawns and turn right towards transition.



Aquabike Finish

Your time will finish when you cross the timing point at the dismount line. **You must dismount your bike just before crossing the dismount line.**

Once you have dismounted your bike and crossed the dismount line, make your way into transition where you can rack your bike and then make your way to the finish area. You are welcome to run down blue carpet at the finish to have a finish line photo taken and collect your medal.

! Please return your timing chip.

- It is very important that you make your way to the finish line to return your timing chip. There will be a £40 charge if you fail to return your timing chip at the end of the race.

HIGH 5

SAVOUR
EVERY MILE



The Finish

Once you have crossed the finish line, you will be presented with your medal, and a volunteer will take your timing chip. There will be water and HIGH5 Energy Drink available.

Once the last cyclist in your wave has finished the bike leg, you will be allowed to return to transition to retrieve your bike and other kit and belongings. **We want to create an amazing atmosphere for our last finishers so please stay around the finish area after your race.**

Post-race massage is available from Beachside Sports Therapy.

We will once again have a bar and food vendors on site serving alcohol, pizza, fish & chips, ice-cream and more. **Please stay after the race and enjoy a social lunch on the Hove Lawns.**



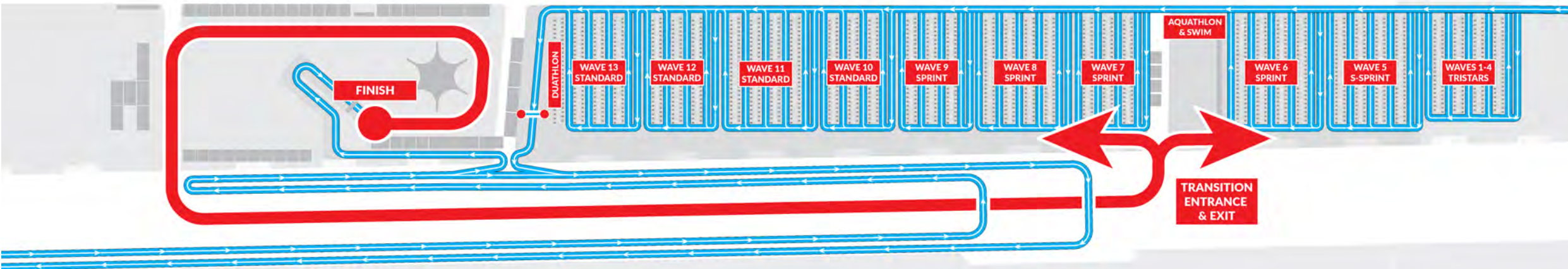
Bike Collection

Only once the last cyclist in your wave has finished the bike leg, will you be allowed to return to transition to retrieve your bike and other kit and belongings. Approximate times for each wave are shown in the table to the right.

Bike collection is accessed from the promenade near the swim start. Please make your way from the finish to the transition entrance following the route shown below. **Please take care when crossing the run route.**

Approximate Transition Opening Times

Waves 1-4 (TriStars)	08:40
Wave 5 (Super-Sprint)	09:25
Wave 6 (Sprint)	10:50
Wave 7 (Sprint)	11:00
Wave 8 (Sprint)	11:10
Wave 9 (Sprint)	11:20
Wave 10 (Standard)	12:25
Wave 11 (Standard)	12:55
Wave 12 (Standard)	13:25
Wave 13 (Standard)	13:55



Awards Schedule

As you cross the finish line, your name and finishing time will be displayed on the finish gantry. **Please note that any data shown on the finish gantry is provisional and will be subject to change.**

Awards will be presented according to the schedule shown to the right. Where possible, you should check your finishing position via the live results from our website. If you believe you have finished in the top 3 in your age group, please return to the podium at 3pm for our age-group awards ceremony.

If you are unable to wait for the awards presentation, you will be given the opportunity to cover the cost of postage so we can post your award to you later.

Penalties

Any penalties and DQ's will be posted on the notice board located in the event village. **Any live results published during the event are provisional only.**

Sunday 6th September

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| 09:15 | TriStar Awards
Top 3 in each age group |
| 09:45 | Super-Sprint Triathlon Awards
Top 3 overall |
| 10:00 | Sprint Distance Elite Awards
Top 3 overall. Sprint Aquathlon, Aquabike, Duathlon & Relay |
| 13:00 | Standard Distance Elite Awards
Top 3 overall. Standard Aquathlon, Aquabike, Duathlon, Relay and 1,500m swim. |
| 15:00 | Sprint & Standard Distance Age Group Awards
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Key Rules

The race is governed by BTF rules and regulations and BTF Technical Officials will be in attendance on race day so please ensure you read and are familiar with them. You can find them on the British Triathlon website.

Some key rules to note are:

- Your race numbers must be correctly fixed to your bike, helmet and race belt.
- Your handlebars must not have open ends so please obtain bar-end stoppers.
- Appropriate racing attire must be worn for the duration of the race.
- No cycling is allowed in the transition area at any time.
- You must secure your helmet strap before removing your bike from the rack and it must not be undone until your bike is back on the rack after the cycle.
- Athletes must not use any devices which could cause a distraction such as headphones, mobile phones, cameras, etc. Mobile phones can be brought into transition but may not be used whilst the transition area is live.
- Nudity is not permitted, including within the transition area. If you want to change, please bring a changing robe.
- A bike helmet is compulsory and must be worn during bike check-in.
- Fixed wheel bikes and e-bikes are not permitted in the race.
- Littering during the event is both against the law and unacceptable. **Anyone seen littering during the event will be disqualified.**
- No outside assistance is allowed.
- Cycles and equipment must be placed in the same position at the start and finish of the cycle leg.

RULE 2.1 Littering



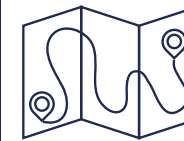
All litter must be placed in bins or elsewhere specified by the Event Organiser – keep hold of it until you can dispose properly.

RULE 2.1 Racing Conduct

Everyone involved in your race is there to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable experience, so we ask that you respect your fellow competitors and treat all Technical Officials, Event Organisers, volunteers and spectators with courtesy. Any abuse towards these people will not be tolerated.



RULE 2.1 Know the Course



Make sure you know which route to take – check out course maps and if it's unclear, ask the Event Organiser before race day. Marshals are there to ensure the safety of the event, not just to point you in the right direction!

RULE 2.9 Race Numbers

During the cycle stage, race numbers must be visible from the back; during the run stage, race numbers must be visible from the front. Race numbers do not need to be worn during the swim segment. Take care not to fold or damage your number!



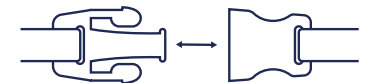
RULES 4.1|5.2|6.4 Illegal Equipment

Certain items are banned during the race – this includes headphones or earphones (including bone conduction), mobile phones and personal video recording devices. Leave these outside transition.



RULE 5.2 Helmets

Helmets must be clipped before the bike is touched, and remain done up until the bike is racked after the cycle stage.



RULE 5.4 Drafting

Competitors must keep their distance from the cyclist in front of them, so as not to gain an advantage.



In all races, the gap between the front wheel of the leading bike, to the front wheel of the following bike should be 12 metres – if overtaking a competitor, you have 25 seconds to pass through their draft zone.

RULE 7.1 Transition

Competitors should only bring into transition what is needed – a small bag can remain but large, bulky boxes are to be taken out of transition whilst the race is live.



Our Commitment to Meeting the Needs of Women

- **Female-Only Facilities** – We provide female-only toilets equipped with free sanitary products to ensure comfort and convenience for all participants.
- **Private Changing Facilities** – Available upon request.
- **Larger Swim Caps** – If you require a larger-sized swim cap, please contact us before the event.
- **Equitable Awards** – We pledge to award trophies and prizes equally, with exactly half designated for female athletes, recognizing and celebrating their achievements.
- **Equal Celebration** – We guarantee that women's races receive equal prominence in our celebrations, social media, interviews, and other communications, highlighting the contributions and successes of female athletes.
- **Pregnancy Flexibility** – Women who become pregnant before the race may transfer their entry to a future event within two years, ensuring they can participate at a time that works for them.
- **Zero Tolerance for Harassment** – We uphold a zero-tolerance policy for harassment of any kind, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for everyone. Please report any concerns to British Triathlon Technical Officials, who will be in attendance at all our events.
- **Participant Feedback** – We actively seek and act on participant feedback after each race, making meaningful changes to enhance the experience for all athletes, particularly women.
- **Diverse Marketing** – We commit to showcasing a diverse range of athletes in our marketing materials, celebrating the breadth of talent, body types, ethnicities, and ages in triathlon.
- **Clear and Inclusive Event Guides** – Our award-winning event guides provide comprehensive and accessible information, including start times, parking, public transport options, aid stations, toilets, mechanical assistance, and recovery support.
- **Flexible Swim Waves** – Athletes can choose their preferred swim wave, ensuring they start in an environment that feels comfortable and safe.
- **Supportive Racking Options** – She Races, Fund Her Tri and Her Tri Spirit athletes may rack their bikes together if they wish, fostering camaraderie and support.
- **Flexible T-Shirt Policy** – We offer a no-quibble T-shirt exchange policy to ensure every athlete receives the correct size.
- **No Cut-Off Times for Swim or Run** – In all events except full-distance triathlons, there are no cut-off times for the swim or run, allowing all participants to enjoy and complete their race.
- **Generous Bike Cut-Off Times** – At Eastbourne Triathlon and Brighton & Hove Triathlon, we provide closed-road bike courses with generous cut-off times. In the unlikely event that a participant exceeds the time limit and roads must reopen, we encourage all athletes to continue onto the run and cross the finish line if they are able.

Medical Considerations

Our event medical team, Event Ambulance Services will be on standby for any first aid or medical treatment. Their main treatment facility will be located near the finish line and medical teams will be stationed or mobile at various places on the course.

Medical Advice

You should discuss any medical problems with your GP before competing in the triathlon. This advice is in addition to anything he or she says. If you have a medical condition, put a cross on the front of your race number. If you have told us in advance about a medical condition, you may be given a different coloured swim cap to help identify you to the swim safety team.

Cardiac Assessment and Screening

Sometimes an individual may have a cardiac abnormality without any symptoms. Screening with an electrocardiogram (ECG) is aimed at identifying people with conditions such as heart muscles disorders or electrical faults of the heart. Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) believe all young people aged 14-35 should have the opportunity to be screened. Scan the QR code to find out about a free screening in your area.



On the Day

Do not compete if you feel unwell or have recently been unwell. This advice applies even if you are raising money for charity. If you feel feverish, have had diarrhoea or been vomiting or had any chest pains DO NOT RACE! Many medical emergencies occur because people who have been unwell but do not want to miss the event.

Hydration

Drinking a sensible fluid intake is necessary for a triathlon. Your thirst is the best and safest guide to how much to drink during the event. You should start the race adequately hydrated and then drink small amounts as your thirst dictates. Avoid drinking too much fluid before, during or after the race, as it is possible to get ill from drinking too much fluid (this applies to water or sports drinks).

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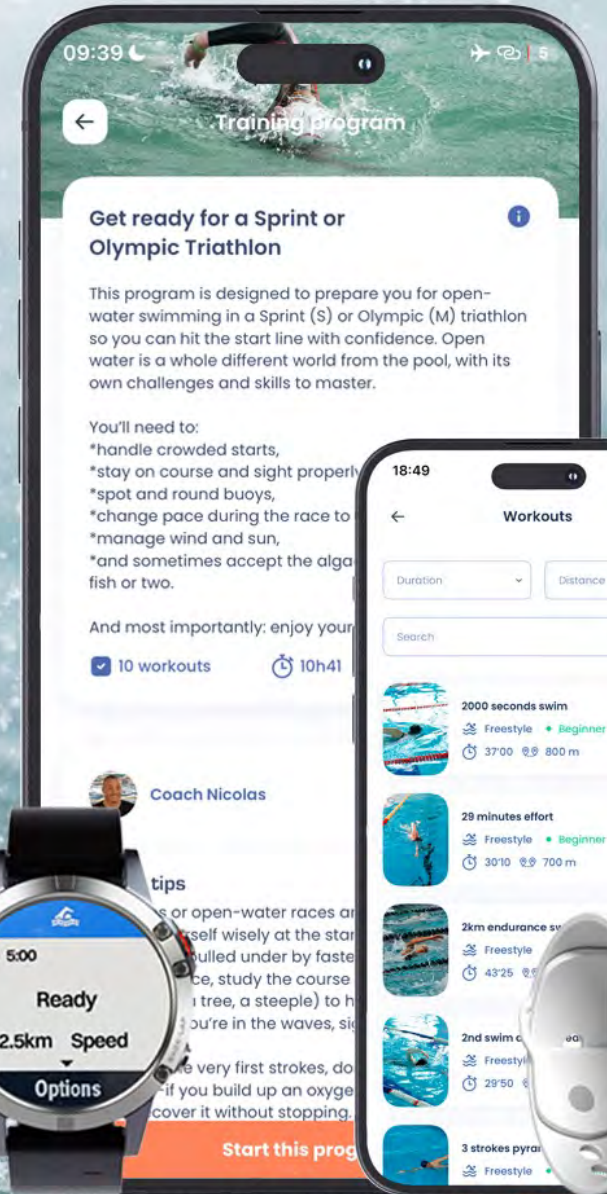
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