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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.

The Triathlete of the Year Award winners, or State Series Champions, 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 2024.

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 This policy overrides and supersedes information provided on event websites which may be incorrect or out of date.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, which will be presented at the Triathlon WA Annual Awards.

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 (the Thursday prior to race), and they must race the correct distance for their State Series Age Category at the nominated State Series races.

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.

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.

2024/25 State Series Points Allocation			
Finish Position	Points Allocation	Finish Position	Points Allocation
1 st	21	6 th	8
2 nd	15	7 th	7
3 rd	12	8 th	6
4 th	10	9 th	5
5 th	9	10 th	4

Age Groups/Categories

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	Paratriathlon		

* Junior State Series

An athlete's racing age, and therefore age group, is determined by date of birth and age as at 31 December 2024, 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 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 expense).

Events with State Series status but not State Championship status will not have medals presented for the Series (medals not provided by TWA).

STAND-ALONE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Multisport events (duathlon, aquathlon, x-tri) will no longer be part of the State Series point scores, and instead will be standalone State Championship events.

This means multisport does not contribute to Triathlete of the Year Awards, but still offers athletes the chance to be crowned State Champion of that discipline for the season.

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
EXSS Sprint Duathlon	13 October 2024	Sprint – Open & 16+	Duathlon
		Bolt – 12-13, 14-15	
EXSS Off Road Triathlon	9 November 2024	Long – Open & 20+	X-Tri
Joondalup Autumn Classic	3 March 2025	Long – Open & 16+	Aquathlon
		Junior Bolt – 12-13, 14-15	

TOTY AWARDS

Triathlete of the Year Awards (Junior, 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 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. Seven to 11-year-old members are not eligible for these awards (age as at 31 December 2024).

Eligible events/distances for athletes in the 12-13, 14-15 and 15-19 year age groups 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.

12-13	14-15	16-19
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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

Event	Date	Eligible Distance by Age			State Championship
		12-13	14-15	16-19	
City of Joondalup Coastal Quest	08/12/2024	Bolt	TBC	TBC	-
LGM Bunbury Classic Triathlon	16/02/2025	Enticer	Sprint	Sprint	-

Coogee Beach Triathlon	30/03/2025	Fun	Fun	Sprint	-
City of Joondalup Mullaloo Triathlon	06/04/2025	Bolt	Sprint	Sprint	-
Busselton Foreshore Triathlon	03/05/2025	Short Course	Short Course	Short Course	TBC

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

Age Group State Series Rules and Events

AGE GROUPS

Senior State Series events must have the below age groups available to enter.

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+	Para

For each Senior State Series event, points will be awarded to the top ten (10) eligible TWA members in each Senior age group. An athlete's **best three (3)** 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)** 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.

Paratriathletes will accrue Triathlete of the Year points in State Series races in the Paratriathlon category.

SENIOR STATE SERIES EVENTS

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
City of Joondalup Coastal Quest	08/12/2024	Sprint	Sprint
LGM Bunbury Classic Triathlon	16/02/2025	Standard	Standard
Coogee Beach Triathlon	30/03/2025	Sprint	-
City of Joondalup Mullaloo Triathlon	06/04/2025	Standard	-
Busselton 100	04/05/2025	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 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 2024) 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 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. These awards are presented to the **three (3)** highest point-scoring male and female athletes in the Open category.

An athlete's **best three (3)** results from the 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)** State Series races.

OPEN STATE SERIES EVENTS

Event	Date	Eligible Distance	State Championship
City of Joondalup Coastal Quest	08/12/2024	Sprint	Sprint
LGM Bunbury Classic Triathlon	16/02/2025	Standard	Standard
Coogee Beach Triathlon	30/03/2025	Sprint	-
City of Joondalup Mullaloo Triathlon	06/04/2025	Standard	-
Busselton 100	04/05/2025	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.

STAND ALONE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – OPEN ATHLETES

Due to the separation of Multisport State Championships and the State Series ranking races / Triathlete of the Year points, an Age Group athlete is allowed to compete in the Open category at the Duathlon, Aquathlon and X-Tri State Championships. By doing so, they can compete for incentives without affecting their standing on the State Series Leaderboard. However, they are still eligible to race in their Age Group for other State Series events and accumulate points.

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. 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 Series 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,

1st, 1st, 3rd
1st, 2nd, 2nd
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd

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 admin@wa.triathlon.org.au.

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 2024, 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 but may still be eligible to count toward your overall participation in the series (no points though).

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 30 minutes 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 admin@wa.triathlon.org.au.

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 the 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 admin@wa.triathlon.org.au.

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 2024	M. Farley	Updated stand alone State Championship events