



Sunday, June 27, 2021
8:15 am

The Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center
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PRE-RACE INFO

- 1) There's a list of participants registered for the MANASSAS MINI TRI on the race webpage: http://tritnow.com/MMT/MMT_reg.htm (click on the button marked ENTRY LIST, at the bottom of the page). Any **corrections** should be reported to the race director (info@tritnow.com) by 8 pm on Wednesday, 6/23/21. **Please note** that the race is seeded by estimated swim times. [Relay team members are not required to list a swim estimate unless they are doing that leg of the relay. Duathletes need not submit a swim estimate.]
- 2) There will be a **packet pickup** session from 12:45 to 1:45 on **Saturday 6/26/21** at the Freedom Center. Also: at 2:00 on the 26th we will hold a brief **pre-race meeting**. We expect this to last about 45 minutes. The meeting will include review of the course and procedures for the race, including how to do transitions and a rules review. Directions to the Freedom Center are available via a link on the Tri It Now website, www.tritnow.com (go to the Manassas Mini Tri page). **Please honor the Freedom Center's requirement that we maintain social distancing during our race and all related events.**

If you cannot pick up your packet on Saturday, you will be able to get it on **Sunday**. If you do pickup up your race packet on Sunday, be sure to allow PLENTY of time. We recommend arriving no later than 7:25 for that. Packet pickup will be available in the lobby from **7:25 to 7:50 only**.

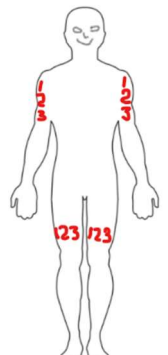
Each athlete MUST pickup their own packet. Everyone must show photo ID. Parents or legal guardians must pick up packets for those under age 18 (the parent who signs for those under 18 must show their ID instead). This is due to insurance requirements, and is part of the procedures for us to hold this race with USA Triathlon sanctioning. Please come prepared!

If you have received/purchased USAT annual membership SINCE registering for this race, please bring along your card or a printout from the USAT website showing your member number so that we can record it for the post-race reports we are required to file.

- 3) Please review the instructions found on the course description page of the race website on how to use our Tri It Now bike racks. It is important that all participants understand how to use our racks properly in order to assure the stability of the bikes. You may use this link to reach the **bike rack instructions** directly: <http://tritnow.com/BikeRacks.htm> .

Note: In the effort to maintain social distancing throughout the event, we will increase the number of bike racks provided, spread them further apart, and request that only 2 bikes are placed on each rack. As at all Tri It Now races, racks are not assigned. Rack selection is first come, first serve.

- 4) Also to aid with social distancing, we are requesting that **ALL ATHLETES DO THEIR OWN BODY MARKING BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE RACE VENUE** on Sunday morning. Use a black permanent felt tip marker (it's not *really* permanent on skin). It is important to use permanent marker so the number stays on during the swim. Bib numbers will be posted on the entry list on Friday, 6/25/21: https://tritnow.com/MMT/MMT_reg.htm (scroll down to bottom of page). The bib # should be applied as shown in this diagram:



THE COURSE **250 yard swim** **4 mi bike** **1.5 mi run** (distances are approximate)

Each leg of the race is described fully on the race webpage: http://trinitnow.com/MMT/MMT_course.htm

The race will begin with a time-trial start in the **pool**. Participants will enter the water one person at a time, every 5 seconds.

Following the swim, athletes will go outside where you'll get your bike from the transition area and follow the **bike** route below. Be SURE to read the complete written description of the route on the COURSE page of the race website: http://trinitnow.com/MMT/MMT_course.htm

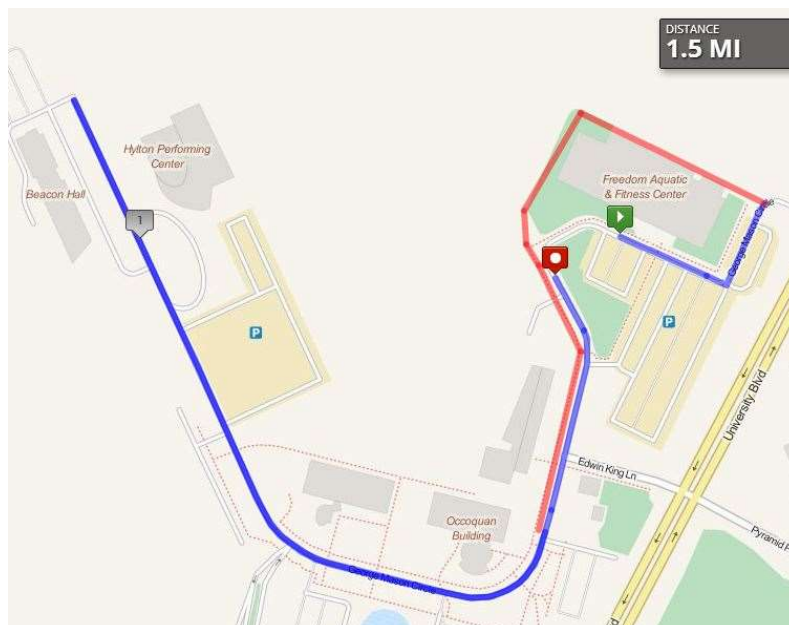
The numbers on this map indicate to that point.



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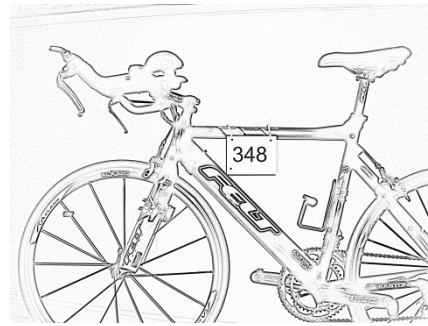
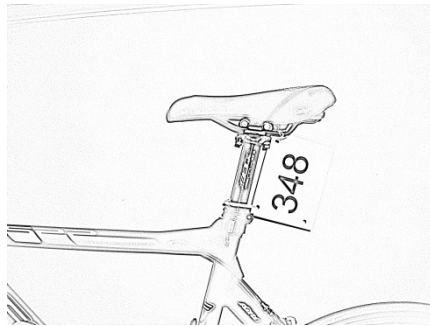
Here is a map of the **RUN**

(both maps are also available on the website so you may see them larger!)

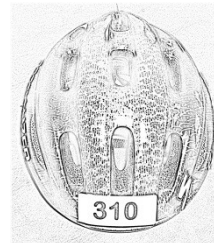


RACE DAY

- 1) The race begins about 8:15, but you should **arrive 45-60 minutes ahead of time** to set up your bike, helmet, shoes, etc. in the transition area. In addition, you will have to collect your race chip **YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING YOUR RACE NUMBER BIB TO CHIP PICKUP!!** Please remember to do your own body marking at home before coming to the race site.
- 2) Please note that a large portion of the parking lot at the Freedom Center will be used for our event (transition area). Therefore, please pay attention to the cones, etc. when choosing a parking space!
- 3) The pool will NOT be open before the race. Please plan to run or bike if you want to warm up. A helmet **MUST** be worn when on your bike, including pre-race and post-race. This is a USAT rule!!
- 4) The transition area will have rows of **bike racks**. You may rack on whichever rack you choose. Though our racks can hold four bikes, we are **limiting them to 2 bikes each** in order to follow the George Mason Campus rules for social distancing. Please rack your bikes on opposite sides of the bike racks. PLEASE look at the race webpage to see pictures and videos of how to rack on these racks ([click here to see them now](http://triiitnow.com/BikeRacks.htm) or paste this URL into your web browser: <http://triiitnow.com/BikeRacks.htm>).
- 5) You must attach the provided **bike number** to your bike (the numbers have a sticky surface for attaching). Follow either of these pictures which show where to attach the bike number:



And you must stick the **helmet number on the FRONT** of the helmet (for id by referees and the photographer).



- 6) **Helmets are required** during the bike portion of the race.... **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR HELMET ON RACE DAY**. And please remember that your helmet must be **ON** and **FASTENED** whenever you are on your bike (even before or after the race)...otherwise, it is a DQ. See a summary of the USAT rules on the [Manassas Mini Tri webpage](#) or on their website, www.USATriathlon.org.
- 7) We will be chip-timing this event. The chips will be handed out on race morning. Be sure to put the chip on your ankle (Velcro & neoprene band will be included) before going to the starting line. And keep track of it during the race; lost chips will incur a replacement fee.
- 8) **AFTER 8:10, ONLY RACE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE TRANSITION AREA UNTIL THE RUN & BIKE PORTIONS OF THE RACE ARE OVER FOR ALL.** There will be a **mandatory pre-race meeting** outside in front of the building just prior to the start of the race (approximately 8:15) to go over race instructions.
- 9) **Duathletes** will begin with a mass start near the transition area at the same time that the swimmers are starting indoors. The first run of the duathlon uses the same route as the final run. At the end of the first run, duathletes will enter the transition area using the same entrance used by swimmers as they come from the pool (near where the du began).

- 10) **Relay Teams**: swimmer will follow swim procedures below, and then hand-off the team timing chip to the biker in the transition area (by the team bike rack). Biker will then bike and return to transition to hand-off chip to the runner (again at the team bike rack).
- 11) **Triathletes, Aquabikers, Aquathlon-ers, and Relay teams** will begin the swim as a time trial start (one swimmer at a time, beginning 5-10 seconds apart). **Swimmers will have a WAVE NUMBER printed on their bib**. All in Wave 1 will go directly to the pool deck at the end with the diving boards. Everyone will be asked to line up according to race numbers. Swimmers in the later waves will be directed to a waiting area outside. As Wave 1 is nearly all in the water, Wave 2 will be called inside to line up in order of race numbers to start their swim. And so on...through all swim waves.

The **first swimmer** will enter the water at about 8:30, with the others following one at a time at 5-10 second intervals. No jumping or diving into the pool. Sit on the edge and slide in as directed by the Starter.
- 12) **Flip turns** are illegal in this race and they will be cause for disqualification. Since every lane is a one-way "street"/lane, it would be dangerous to be flipping head-first into swimmers coming straight at you. *Swimmers must touch the wall, go under the lane line and then push off from the wall in that new lane*. Do not push off from the wall before going under the lane line! You must touch the wall with hand or foot on BOTH sides of the lane line.
- 13) From the swim finish, you should hurry (do not run on the pool deck) to your rack/spot in the transition area. Those in the **Aquathlon** exit at the RUN banner, going directly across from the banner to the sidewalk and turn right. **All others**: Put on your **HELMET** (it must be fastened at all times while you are on your bike), shoes, etc. WALK/RUN your bike to the bike start at the end of the transition area. The **mount line** will be clearly marked. There will be people directing traffic for you, but please be aware of traffic conditions for your own safety). Always stay to the right while biking—but be sure to pass only on the left.
- 14) The **BIKE COURSE** is marked with **signs, volunteer course marshals, and police officers** at critical points on the course. PLEASE NOTE: it is the athlete's responsibility to know the course. **Maps are posted on the website.**
- 15) At the end of the bike portion of the race, dismount your bike when told (**dismount line** will be clearly marked) and WALK/RUN it into the transition area. You must replace your bike in the same spot where it was before the bike ride.
- 16) **Aquabikers** are finished with their race after re-entering the transition area. Please re-rack bikes and then exit the transition area so others may continue racing unimpeded. Turn in your chip to the timers and collect your finisher award at the finish line arch.
- 17) **Triathletes and Duathletes** continue: Be sure your **race number** is on for the run. It may be pinned to your shirt or shorts or on a race belt, but it **MUST** be displayed on the FRONT of you—especially as you approach the finish line. We do use these to help with recording your finish time for the race, for announcements, and for photographs.
- 18) Please read over the list of **USA Triathlon rules** provided on the race website (http://triiitnow.com/MMT/MMT_instr.htm).

We would like to point out several serious infractions **that may lead to disqualification** from the triathlon:

- 1) Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 2) Being on the bike without a fastened helmet (even before/after the race).
 - 3) Not completing the entire course as described on the maps provided on the website. Please note that, while every effort has been made to mark the course clearly, it is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with course as shown on the maps.
- 19) Please note: USAT rules prohibit the use of earphone music devices during the race.
 - 20) Throughout the race, please remember: **SAFETY FIRST!** This race is for FUN and it is not fun to get hurt!
 - 21) If you are unable to finish the race, please let the finish line crew know (and give them your timing chip). Until you show up, we'll be waiting for you!
 - 22) Please stay and cheer for the others, and plan to attend the **awards ceremony**. We do not mail awards. We also have some great **door prizes** to give out. Post-race festivities will be held in the grassy area beside the tent/picnic area near the finish line.

23) **Results** will be provided by Arsenal Timing, and will be posted on our race webpage as soon as possible after the race is over: <http://triiitnow.com/RESULTS.htm> .

Please be sure to hydrate well (drink plenty of water, juice, or sport drink) before the race (during the day Saturday and on Sunday morning)!

GOOD LUCK! Have a safe, fast, and fun race!



*Be sure to show your appreciation to our **volunteers**
and to our **supporters**:*

