



# ***Birmingham Kids Triathlon***

## ***Race Day Information***

***15th July 2017***

***Registration open from 1:00pm***

***First start time from 2:00pm***

*(Please see your individual start time on your competitor race email)*

***Boldmere Gate, Sutton Park***

***For satellite navigation directly to the car park use B73 6LH***

***Charity donation £2 all day Race Parking***

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# Registration

- Please make sure you know your child/children race number and start time **before** you go to registration.
- For your child/children own and other competitors safety, mobile phones, MP3 or any type of personal music system that restricts their hearing are not permitted whilst competing in the event.
- Your child/children must attend the compulsory race safety brief at the start line 10 minutes prior to their start time.
- £2 all day race parking is located at Boldmere gate. Please follow the 'triathlon parking' signs.

## Registration and Set Up

- Registration will be open on Saturday from **1:00pm**.
- Registration is situated in the orange Mornflake marquee, please follow signs from the car park.
- Please do not attempt to change your child/children start time.
- It is recommended you and your child/children arrive at least 60 minutes before their start time or as early as possible to familiarise yourselves with the layout of the event.

## Race Envelope

At registration your child/children will receive their race envelope, it will contain the following items:

Race number x1

Bike sticker x2

Helmet sticker x1

Wrist bands x2 - —One wristband must be worn by your child/children and the other by a parent or guardian (if required). Older competitors need only to wear their wristband. It's fine if you are responsible for several children, just wear all numbered wristbands corresponding to the children.

## Race Numbers

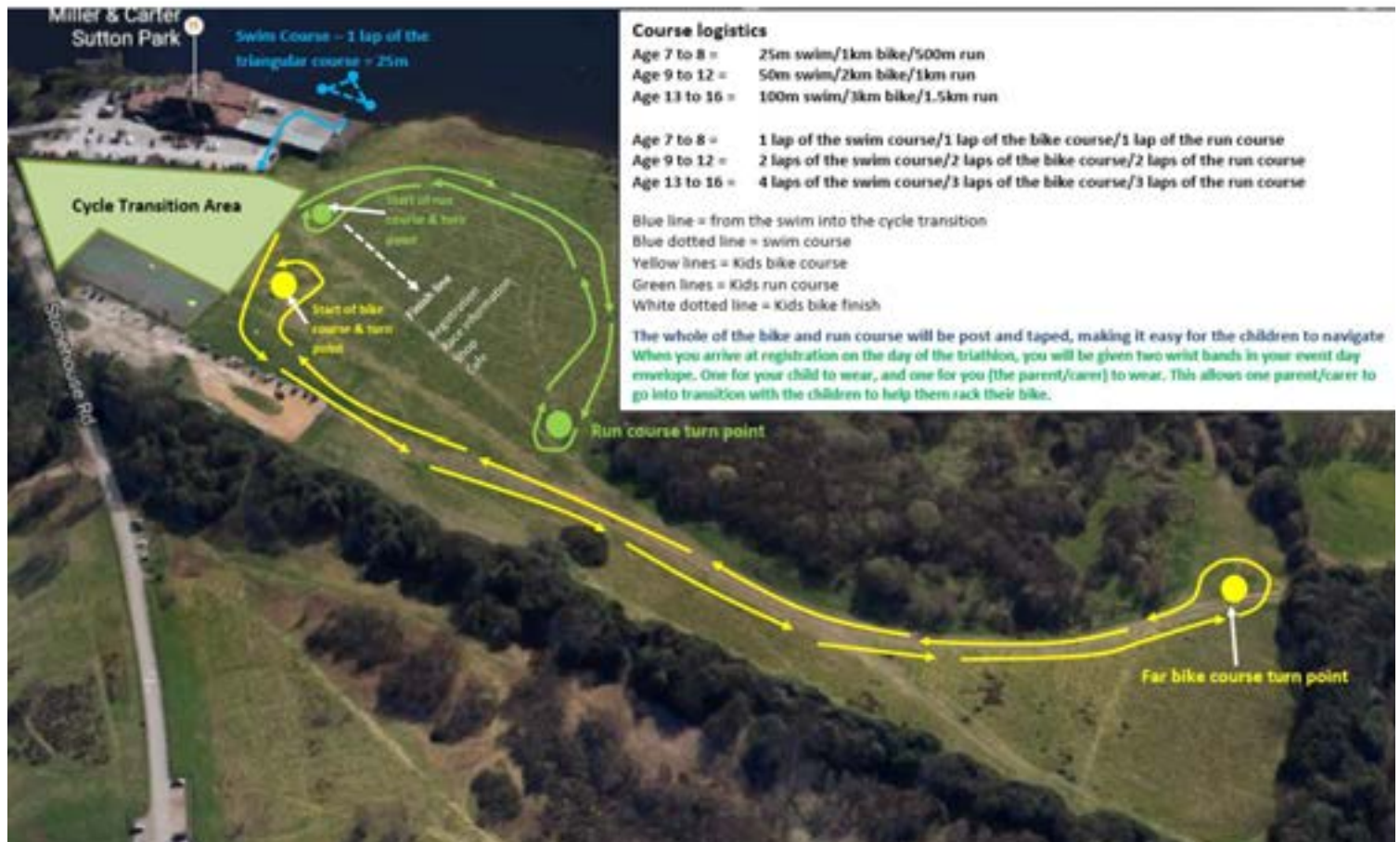
- Your child/children must wear their race number on their front throughout the duration of the bike and run.
- It is good practice to write your child/children name, blood group and any allergies they may have on the back of their race number in the unfortunate case of an accident.
- You may use an elastic number belt to attach the race number to, opposed to pinning the number directly to a T-shirt or tri-suit. Elastic number belts can be purchased next to registration or online at [www.uktriathlonstore.co.uk](http://www.uktriathlonstore.co.uk) (subject to availability).

# Cycle Transition

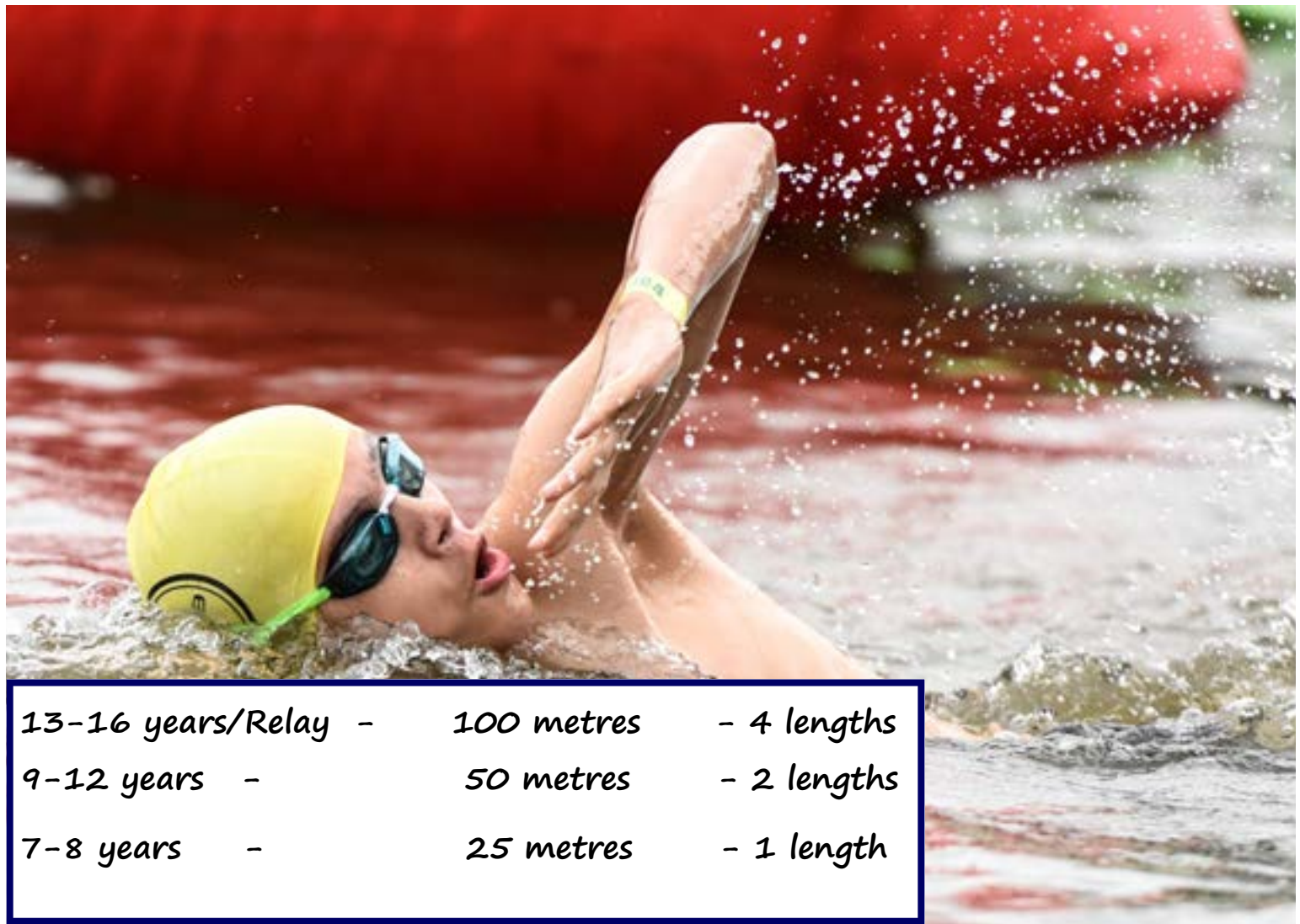


- Once registered, take your child/children cycle and rack it in the Cycle Transition Area along with anything else that they need for the bike or run section.
- Parents and supported are permitted to enter and assist if required in the Cycle Transition Area. Wristbands must be worn to gain entry into the Cycle Transition Area.
- When your child/children have finished their Cycle Transition Area preparation, then make your way to the swim start at the lake at least 10 minutes before their compulsory race safety brief.
- When leaving equipment in the Cycle Transition Area, please note we cannot be responsible for any items lost or stolen, although we are allocating security staff to specifically watch the transition area.

# Event Map







13-16 years/Relay	-	100 metres	-	4 lengths
9-12 years	-	50 metres	-	2 lengths
7-8 years	-	25 metres	-	1 length

- Children will be starting at regular intervals from 2pm.
- Your child must wear their allocated swim cap, which will be given to them at registration. Children are welcome to wear their own swim cap if they prefer to.
- The swim course will be one lane rope 25m in distance.

### Important Safety

- As an added precaution, as soon as your child/children get into water that is deep enough to swim, then it is advisable to swim not walk.
- **Safety in the water:** there will be safety divers, race crew & safety canoeists in the water at all times; they will guide the children around the swim course to make sure they are safe and feel comfortable swimming in open water.
- Wetsuits are permitted but not compulsory
- When the swim course is completed, if necessary please escort your child/children to the Cycle Transition Area. You can help putting on their helmet, shoes, race number, etc. Please take swimming goggles, towel etc with you at that point so you don't have to go back for them later.



13-16 years/Relay	3k	3 laps
9-12 years	2k	2 laps
7-8 years	1k	1 Lap

- Your child/children must fasten their helmet to their head before taking their cycle off the rack.
- Your child/children can walk or run to the cycle mount line where they will commence the cycle section, there is strictly no cycling in the Cycle Transition Area.
- The bike course is within Sutton Park. It is post and taped all the way round the course. Parents and guardians can follow their child for the entire triathlon but they are not allowed on the actual course.
- Due to the cycle course being on slightly uneven grass within Sutton Park, it is recommended racing bike wheels and tyres that are used for tarmac are not suitable for the cycle leg of the Kids Triathlon. Mountain bikes or similar types of bikes would be suitable.
- It is yours or your child/children responsibility to count the correct amount of laps on the bike. Parents/guardians may help them do this.
- **Your child CANNOT compete without a cycle helmet!**
- Cycles must be dismounted at the end of the course, a marshal will instruct this. Cycles and helmets will be taken by the marshals so the children can continue straight onto the run.
- Make sure your child/children bike's are working properly with our pre race service/check. Please see page 14 for more information.





## Run –

13-16 years/relay      - 1.5k      - 3 laps

9-12 years              - 1k              - 2 laps

7-8 years                - 500m      - 1 lap

- The run is within Sutton Park.
- Parents and guardians can follow their child for the entire triathlon but they are not allowed on the actual course.
- It is you or your child/children responsibility to count the correct amount of laps on the run. Parents/guardians may help do this.
- There is a drinks station during the run course that will be serving water.
- When the required number of laps have been completed, your child/children must turn down the finish alley and continue through the inflatable finish line into the enclosure, finishers will then be awarded their medal at the finish line.



# Relay



Swim	100m	4 lengths
Bike	3k	3 laps
Run	1.5k	3 laps

- Each member of the relay team completes one of the three disciplines of the triathlon.
- At registration a wristband is supplied that is relayed to the finish line.
- After completing the swim, the swimmer then passes the wristband to the cyclist inside **Cycle Transition Area** next to where the cycle is racked.
- The cyclist completes the cycle course and passes the band over to the runner at the cycle dismount area. The runner completes the run and hands in the band at the finish line.
- On completion, each member of the relay team will receive a 2017 finishers medal.

# Additional Information



## Timing

This event is intended for all abilities to complete the challenge of the triathlon and therefore we don't publish results in fastest to slowest order instead they are published alphabetically. We believe this is important to encourage all children to have a go without the pressure of coming last, or not doing as well as other children. Every child will be a winner of the Birmingham Kids Fun Triathlon. We will take an overall time for each competitor. You may go to the timing trailer at the finish line and see their results in alphabetical order.

## Tips

- You may assist your child/children in the **Cycle Transition Area**. Please follow any instructions that an official may give you.
- Make sure your child/children are well hydrated before the event (drink plenty of water).
- If it is a sunny day apply sunscreen to protect against sunburn.
- If your child is suffering from any kind of bad chest, cold, sore throat or ear infection we advise they do not take part.
- If you have any health concerns about your child/children fitness or ability to take part in this triathlon you must seek advice from your local GP.
- Check that the bike brakes, gears etc. are working correctly. Please remember to check your child's bike is in good working order before the triathlon. Make sure everything is working properly and well oiled with our pre race service/check see page 16 for more information.

## Medals

- There is a commemorative 2017 medal for all finishers.



## **1. Will I receive my child's race numbers by post?**

No, when you register your child at the event you will receive a race envelope with them in.

## **2. How do we get to the venue and where do we park?**

*For satellite navigation directly to the car park B73 6LH*

When you get close to the venue you will see fluorescent orange "Triathlon Parking" direction signs, please follow them.

## **4. What time should we arrive on race day?**

We suggest at least an hour before your child's start time.

## **5. Does my child need to wear a helmet for the cycle?**

Yes, it is compulsory to wear a helmet.

## **6. Can my child use any type of bike?**

Due to the cycle course being on slightly uneven grass within Sutton Park, it is recommended racing bike wheels and tyres that are used for tarmac are not suitable for the cycle leg of the Kids Triathlon. Mountain bikes or similar types of bikes would be suitable.

## **7. Can my child listen to music during the triathlon?**

Unfortunately no, for their own safety and others around them they are not permitted to use any music system during the triathlon.

## **8. I know someone who would like to volunteer are they able to help out?**

Absolutely! We love extra volunteers to help out during the day. Please call Keith on 07887 780553 or email [keith@uktriathlon.co.uk](mailto:keith@uktriathlon.co.uk).

## **9. Where can I look for accommodation for the triathlon?**

*For B&B and hotel accommodation please visit Tourist Information at [www.visitbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.visitbirmingham.co.uk).*



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