

2026 ATHLETE RACE GUIDE

Welcome to the **WASA LAKE TRIATHLON & EVENTS**.

Our goal is to provide you with the most enjoyable time at the event at Wasa Lake Provincial Park. Plan to arrive early to pick up your Race Bag Saturday 3-6:30 pm at Just Liquid Sports in Cranbrook. There is no race day or late race bag pick-up (this includes the TriKids). Just Liquid will be open for any of your swim or water adventure needs and we will have a few local Sponsors set up there as well. We hope you enjoy your time in the Kootenays!

The event needs VOLUNTEERS! The best view as a spectator or supporting family member is through volunteering. Family and friends can go to [Volunteer – RM Events](#) for the TriKids and Adult sign-up links or send us an email (wasavolunteer301@gmail.com). Volunteers will receive drinks, snacks and included in draw prize, a bonus of lots of smiles and THANK YOUs from us and the participants!

Athlete PRE-RACE Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:30pm. This is **mandatory for ALL PARTICIPANTS**. This is where last minute updates and important race day information will be shared and questions taken.

Weekend Schedule (Mountain Daylight Time UTC-6)

Free Pre-Race Clinic – Saturday, June 13 at 1pm at Wasa Lake Horseshoe Bay. Come and take advantage of specific race day details, tips and advice for your best race day! Meet on the grass just above the beach. Clinic is being offered by a course specialist and a Triathlon Coach and Competitor – Holger.

Race Package pick-up: Saturday (June 13) 3-6:30 pm at Just Liquid Sports in Cranbrook.

Race Day: Sunday June 14 Horseshoe Bay, Wasa, BC

6:00 am – 1:15 pm VOLUNTEER check-in open (see volunteer guide on website)
6:30 am: Transition Zone is open
6:30 am: CHECK-IN open for Super Sprint/Sprint Triathlon/Teams/Aquabike/Standard Triathlon
7:40 am: CHECK-IN closes
7:45 am: Super Sprint START
8:00 am: Sprint Triathlon START
8:15 am: (+/- 10 mins) Standard Tri Solos & Relay Teams/Aquabike Waves START
10:00 am -12:45 pm Medals available at medal tent near finish-line (formal awards presentation for BC Sprint Championship only) ALL other event medals available for pick up after event.

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11:45 am to 1:00 pm: TriKids Volunteers check-in at Volunteer tent in transition
12:20 – 12:55 pm: TriKids Check-in/ No race day registration.
12:30 pm: Transition open for TriKids to set up
1:00 pm: TriKids Pre-Race Meeting (will be color coded as per POD group)
1:15 pm: TriKids POD waves START

Race Bag Pick up (Saturday June 13):

- PLEASE come early. We cannot process everyone within the last hour, thank you.
- Everyone **MUST bring PHOTO-ID** for verification and **proof of your 2026 annual TriBC or ATA or SASKTRI** membership card if you're a member. Avoid paying the extra Race-Day TriBC membership insurance coverage. No photo ID = No Bag = No Race ☹️
- At least one member of each **relay team** must be present to pick up the team's race package. **Remaining team members MUST bring photo ID to be verified at the Racer Check-in on Sunday morning.**
- Participants are **not allowed** to have another pick-up race bag on their behalf, unless you send a request to race director and must have a very valid reason. Photo ID for racer will be required and verified at Race Day Check-in or unable to race.
- If you owe money – purchased extra items, insurance fee, etc., bring **CASH** or **CHEQUE** only, payment must be made before getting race bag.
- We will not have credit card or interact processing at the bag pick up.

Race Morning (Sunday June 14):

- Arrive via the NORTH entrance to Wasa Park, park in designated lots (Main beach/Grey Change). There will be parking guides helping everyone get parked. See parking map below.
- **No vehicle unloading in front of the Transition Area.**
- All vehicles MUST enter the NORTH park entrance and go until directed by the **volunteer** parking marshal. There is ABSOLUTELY no parking anywhere on Wasa Lake Park Drive, or on roads used by the run course, or on the residential streets. Do not park on grass at the entrances of the parking lots. We have space, but we need your co-operation to make parking work. BC Parks will be on hand to issue tickets and have authority to call a tow truck if necessary. Campers Beach lot is being left for Park visitors and Volunteers. We will be utilizing 2 lots at the North end of the lake.
- **BEFORE ANYONE ENTERS THE RACE VENUE OR TRANSITION you MUST CHECK-IN.** To enter transition, you are required to wear a specific wristband you receive at check-in. Go to Check-in to sign in, receive a wristband, bike number, body marking and timing chip.
- Anxious/nervous swimmers may request a different-colored swim cap to make personnel aware of you on the water.
- Timing chip: to be secured onto your ankle for the entire triathlon using the strap provided.
- In Transition, all racers must rack their bike & set up (except Super Sprint) on the north wing on Sunday (TriKids will be setting up behind the finish line side). Refer to signage in transition. This will help with flow during & after the races. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this set-up.
- Each athlete is responsible for and is the only person who can handle their gear, no sharing gear/equipment. Be mindful and keep your gear/items in your space.
- Be as self-sufficient as you can, volunteers will be around if need. There is an aid/water station in transition and up to 3 on the run course.
- Do your best to listen for your chips 'beep' signal as you step on each timing mat.
- Warm-up: bike warm-up must be completed with bikes racked by 7:40 am, run warm-up on the Wasa Lions Trail north of transition or on roads until 7:45 am, and you may do a swim warm-up, away from swim start/finish area.
- It's highly recommended to get wet prior to your swim start, this will benefit your swim start.

Course details:

Swim Course:

Swim caps provided must be worn during the swim. Timing chips must be worn and securely attached. Swim warm-up will take place at the swim start area 10 min prior to your triathlon start. Swimmers will be asked to exit the lake at the end of their warm-up for final instructions on the beach. Swimmers are expected to seed themselves. Slower swimmers please take positions at the back. Swimmers must stay to the outside of the buoys, or will be disqualified. At the end of the swim, look for the beach-arch that will indicate the end of the swim course. If you encounter difficulties, raise and wave one arm and a paddle boat will assist. Resting on the canoe, kayak or board is allowed, but any forward progress results in disqualification.

Swimmers will run up the beach back into transition (little pools on grass will have water in to run through to clean sand off your feet) and follow the flow (arrows on ground) towards the crossover on the median just before the bike mount line, then run down to your racked bike. Reminder to keep your swim gear in your space not in the way or in the space of others. Thank you in helping others feel safe and being respectful.

Wet Suit Stripping Zone:

We are hoping to have this in place again for 2026. During your beach run to transition area, raise your goggles on top of swim cap, lower your wetsuit below your waist and at the stripping zone (carpet) drop on your back and point feet to the sky and your wetsuit will be pulled off!

Transition:

The transition area is a large “**round-about**” where you will always travel in a counter-clockwise direction, this includes after the swim when travelling bare feet to the bike rack, pushing the bike to the mount line, after the dismount line on the way to bike rack, and with shoes on to the start of the run course. Essentially, all athletes will complete 2 transition laps as part of the racecourse. This flow will help minimize collisions, create an exciting atmosphere, and allow the race announcer to call your name more often! See the Transition Map at the end of the document for reference.

Relay Teams:

During the race, the timing chip is transferred from the swimmer to the cyclist, then from the cyclist to the runner in the transition area where bike is racked. Find an appropriate spot in transition at the cyclist’s racking spot to do the exchange.

Bike Course:

Your bib number provided can be worn on your front or back. The helmet chin strap must be secured for the entire time that you’re touching your bike. Bike must **not** be ridden until bike is across the mount line and dismounted **before** the

dismount line. Support vehicles or other assistance is strictly forbidden. Headsets, headphones, **ear buds or anything that could restrict normal hearing or creating a distraction is strictly forbidden** (= disqualification). The course is not closed to traffic. Avoid riding too close to the white line, watch for signage. You need to be aware of traffic if you plan to pass. Pass slower riders on the left and advise them verbally of your intention to pass. Each athlete is individually responsible for the repair and maintenance of their bike. Be well prepared. A cyclist may walk a bike if necessary. Please cycle on the shoulders of the highway and AVOID the vehicle-travelled portion of the highway. Upon entering the transition zone, cyclists must dismount at or before the dismount line and push bike to their rack (**helmet stays on and strap clipped in until bike is racked!**).

Blocking: A cyclist may not intentionally "block" another cyclist and impede their forward progress.

Centre line violation: Cyclists may not, at any time, cross the centre line of the road. An automatic disqualification of the cyclist will be issued.

Drafting:

Drafting off another cyclist or motor vehicle is forbidden. The draft zone of a cyclist is 12 meters long (equivalent to approx 7 bike lengths measured from the leading edge of the front wheel of the leading cyclist to the front wheel of the approaching cyclist) by the width of the road (this means no side-by-side riding). An approaching cyclist may enter the draft zone of the leading cyclist but must be seen to progress through that zone. A maximum of 25 seconds will be allowed for an approaching cyclist to pass the front wheel of the leading cyclist. The 25 seconds begins when the approaching cyclist is within the 12m to the leading cyclist. If a cyclist is unable to pass within the allotted time, they must immediately move out of the draft zone. They may then attempt another pass if they wish. Draft zones may not overlap. The vehicle draft zone is 35 meters long.

Escorting: No cyclist shall have an "escort" vehicle beside, in front or behind the cyclist, for which the vehicle is not making forward progress away from the cyclist and is within 35 m of a cyclist for more than 15 sec. Officials will instruct the vehicle to clear the race course, as it creates a safety hazard.

Your bike: Make sure that your bike will not let you down on race day. Pack 1-2 spare tubes, a pump or CO₂ cartridge inflator and tire levers. Practice changing a flat tire, have your bike serviced prior to race day to ensure brakes, chain etc. are all in good working order. Before racking your bike, check your gearing, tire pressure and brakes!

Aquabike athletes: The bike dismount line is your 'Finish-line'

Run Course:

Bib numbers MUST be worn on the **front** during the run. The course uses the Wasa Lions Trail and other trails in the Wasa Provincial Park. The surface varies from

asphalt, grass and sand. Outside assistance with an escort or pacer is not permitted and will result in automatic disqualification. Stay on the run course at all times. The trail will be shared by 2-way traffic. Stay on the right side of the trail while encouraging other racers. 2 water stations for the Sprint and 3 water stations for the Standard will be available in both directions on the course. Water and F2C nutrition will be available. Stay hydrated!

Rules and Regulations:

This event is sanctioned by Triathlon BC and follows these **rules and guidelines**.

[2026 World Triathlon Competition Rules](#)

[2026 Provincial Competition Rules Appendix](#)

***New to 2026-Gender Categories:** as per Triathlon regulations - Gender categories have changed to reflect the new World Triathlon Competition regulations. As a sanctioned event we are required to update to the new genders Female (F) and Open (N). The registration platform is not set up to manage this change so we had to get creative, you will need to click on the appropriate gender option for the event you are registering for. Otherwise, you will still note other areas such as shirts still listed as F/M. Please be patient with us as we navigate this new requirement, it's new for us too! Please refer to the following document for further details.

[Tri Gender Eligibility Regulations - Appendix 2](#)

Cut off times: It will be expected as a participant you ensure you can complete the cut off times to avoid being taken off the course if unable to complete within the time frame. These are in place to ensure the schedule of the day is maintained.

SWIM CUT OFF = 1 hour from start time

BIKE CUT OFF = 3 hours from start time

FINISH EVENT CUT OFF = 4.5 hours from start time

Post Race:

Finish line food: Athletes can enjoy fruit and snacks located at the recovery table at the Finish line. This is "racers only food".

Awards Presentations: Medal and award presentations will be less formal for 2026 to accommodate TriKids start time after adult events. Race results will be posted in transition, there will be a table near Finish-line and podium where you can pick up your medal and take a photo on the podium. There will be a basic award ceremony for the BC Sprint Championship after that event, listen for announcements.

BC Parks:

BC Parks provide us with this opportunity to recreate and celebrate in a very beautiful area of BC. Thank you in advance for respecting the following guidelines as we are imposing on the Park's open season and need to respect the Park Visitors and reduce our event impact!



Please leave your dog at home, or keep it away from the race, beaches and Day-Use Areas.

Late campground check-out: you **MUST** notify staff if you plan on vacating your site late.

Noise: thanks for respecting the quiet hours in the park. Park your vehicle only in the designated parking areas and not on the residential streets or on the grass (these are tow zones), stay on pavement!

No littering please: It's a privilege to race at such a beautiful location!

Be mindful of others as we are sharing the park and happy to be able to have a live event!

BC Health Requirements

We are required to have a Communicable Disease Plan and operate the event with safety protocols. ANYONE feeling ill or has symptoms of fever, fatigue, cough, headache will not be permitted to remain at or participate in any form at the event. Please notify First Aid of your symptoms, give your race # and name to report you are leaving the event/venue. Make sure your timing chip is turned in.

- Please be mindful as not everyone may be vaccinated, especially children.
- Social Distancing of participants is appreciated, reduce gathering in groups unless with family or regular associated with.
- ALL participants/volunteers/services/staff **must CHECK-IN EACH DAY** you are present.
- NO spectators to be in VENUE or create congestion on event courses within the venue/event for safety concerns. Best to volunteer to spectate to get the best viewpoints! Be respectful and keep SAFE.
- Sanitizing stations will be located in Transition and at AID/WATER stations.
- No one is to share gear or handle other's gear or equipment. Bike check will be in

TRANSITION ZONE MAP

Horseshoe Bay

