



WESTERN CANADA
DEVELOPMENT SERIES



2026 WESTERN CANADA DEVELOPMENT SERIES – TECHNICAL PACKAGE

The 2026 Western Canada Development Series (WCDS) provides opportunities for Junior and U23 athletes to compete and earn points in five draft-legal events in three western provinces culminating in series awards for athletes and provinces. Note, Youth athletes can participate in Series events if available upon the recommendation of the Provincial Coach though they will be ineligible for series awards.

Purpose of the Series

The goal of the WCDS is to provide high-level draft-legal racing events and development experiences for high performance athletes in Western Canada. To this end, the race series has the following objectives:

- To provide opportunities for Western Canadian Junior and U23 triathletes to compete in draft legal racing events closer to home.
- To provide development opportunities for Youth aged 14-15 who are interested in draft legal racing to participate in events in their community and province.
- To increase the quality of events and support of local organizing committees (LOCs) in the hosting of draft legal events in Western Canada.
- To encourage the long-term growth and development of participating athletes, coaches, officials, and provincial programs in Western Canada.
- To promote and celebrate the performance of athletes and programs in Western Canada.
- To prepare athletes for the National Development Series and teams in Canada.
- To foster a culture of high-performance amongst athletes, coaches, officials, and communities within Western Canada.

Series Schedule

The event schedule will be coordinated by the WCDS Committee. The host race directors/clubs will decide on the courses for each race event, ensuring that the course is technically challenging and achieves the minimal standards of a safe draft-legal event.

Series Points

Junior and U23 participants will earn points in two categories, based on official results as follows:

Individual Points:

- Points are awarded for each Junior and U23 category athlete on the basis of 1 point for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, 3 points for 3rd place. This pattern of points will continue down to 10th place for both male and female gender categories.
- All athletes who place 10th or below will receive 10 points for that event. The leader in the series is determined by the lowest score. Put simply, the lower the points earned, the higher the athlete's placing.
- Athletes will be ranked by their cumulative total in each gender category (Junior Male, Junior Female, U23 Male, U23 Female).
- A tie for any position in a particular race will result in equal points being awarded.

Provincial Points

- Points are awarded for the top 5 males and the top 5 females from each province at each event. This is done for all provinces within the series. If there are not 5 racers from a province at an event, they will receive 6 points per unfilled spot per gender.
- Junior and U23 categories are combined for the Provincial Point Series.

Series Awards

- Series Awards will be separate from event awards, which will be provided by local race directors/clubs/organizing committees.
- Series Awards will be determined from points of Junior and U23 participants only as follows:
 - Male/Female Series Champions will be awarded based upon their accumulated point total (lowest score) from their best 3 completed series performances with an official time/ranking received, i.e. DNS, DNF and DSQ will not count as a completed race.
 - The Series Provincial Champion Cup will be awarded to the Provincial Sport Organization based upon a province's score from the top 5 males and top 5 females at each event of the three events factoring into the final score. If there are not 5 racers from a province at an event, they will receive 6 points per unfilled spot.

Series Rules

The approach taken to the implementation of Series Rules comes from the guidance issued by World Triathlon for Triathlon and Multisport events for athletes under 19. Specifically, not rigid enforcement of competition rules but one of "building awareness and experience in a truly competitive environment and preparing those who wish to race at older age groups and potentially elite level". To this end, the emphasis is on enjoyment, participation, safety, and athlete education as an introduction to World Triathlon Competition Rules (see [U19_Digital_v11.pdf](https://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/competition_rules) for guidelines; 2026 https://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/competition_rules)

2026 Western Canada Series Races

- June 6: Lott Creek Triathlon, Calgary, AB
 - Draft Legal Sprint
- July 4/5: Echo Lake Triathlon Regina, SK
 - Mixed Team Relay, July 4
 - Draft Legal Sprint, July 5
- August 9: Kelowna, BC
 - Draft Legal Super Sprint

Western Canada Development Series Committee

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- AB – Alexander Patton
- BC – Allan Prazsky
- BC – Kelly Guest
- SK – Dan Toogood

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