



## Maritime De Luna Du Youth Duathlon School-Based Team Competition

The 2016 Maritime De Luna Du Youth Duathlon will for the first time offer awards for school-based teams. School awards will recognize school teams for the aggregate performance of athletes registered as part of the team, while each athlete also completes the full event and is eligible for individual age group awards. The top three scoring schools will receive a school trophy.

The goals of team based awards are to (a) encourage participation in the events, (b) encourage team-spirit among classmates as they compete in the event, and (c) encourage team training for those who choose to prepare for the event.

### **Team Registration**

Athletes can register to be a member of their school team in one of two ways:

Option A. Register for the event as an individual. During registration you will be asked if you are part of a school-based team. Select “yes” and then choose your school from the drop down list below. If your school is not in the list, contact us at [yms@trigulfcoast.org](mailto:yms@trigulfcoast.org) and request that we add your school.

Option B. Pre-register your team as a group prior to February 20, 2017 using our pre-registration form (attached). You will receive a code to use during online registration. This is a good option if the school, or an individual, would like to pay for the entire team in advance. A discount is provided to pre-registered teams.

\*Coaches or other school leaders may contact us in advance to provide a contact person for their school, whether or not the team pre-registers.

## **Homeschool Teams**

Many of our athletes are homeschool students. Homeschool teams are welcome to compete. Please e-mail us ([yms@triogulfcoast.org](mailto:yms@triogulfcoast.org)) team leader's name and we will enter your school as "Homeschool (Last Name)." Homeschool teams are encouraged to pre-register.

## **Team Scoring Method**

Team awards will be determined based on a formula, as follows:

- (1) A "par time" will be determined for each age (i.e., 6, 7, 8, ... 15) and gender as the median time from the 2016 duathlon.
- (2) Each athlete's score will be computed as  $100 \times (\text{par time}) / (\text{finish time})$
- (3) The top 6 scores will be summed for each school.
- (4) If less than 6 scores are available, missing scores will be filled with the lowest score achieved on race day, but not a zero.

Notes (a) Although it may be possible to discover, we will not publish which athlete's scores comprised the top 6 from each team, (b) we will not publish the par times for each age/gender division, (c) although age-group awards will span 2-years (i.e., 6-7, 8-9, 10-11), par times will be computed by single-year groupings.

## **Properties of our Scoring Approach**

- (1) There should be no advantage for simply registering a large number of athletes (although that would be great!), as long as at least 6 athletes are registered for the team.
- (2) There is no incentive for any athlete to not participate or not be included on a school's team (i.e., slow athletes won't pull down your average)
- (3) The age distribution of athletes on the team does not matter.
- (4) The gender distribution of athletes on the team does not matter.
- (5) Differences between race conditions in 2016 and 2017 do not matter.

We're pretty smart, but we're not perfect. If you see a big flaw in our approach, let us know ASAP at [yms@trigulfcoast.org](mailto:yms@trigulfcoast.org).



### School Based Team Registration Form

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members (recommended, but do not have to be specified in advance)

Athlete 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete 7 \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes 1-6 \$150

Athlete 7 Free

Additional Athletes ( ) x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Upon receipt, we will provide a CODE via e-mail to the team leader. Athletes may then register for free using the code.

Note: All athletes must become USAT Youth Annual Members prior to registration (<http://usatriathlon.org>) or during registration. Cost is \$10.

Mail completed form with check payable to "TriGulfCoast" to James Hagy, 175 Camelia Street, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561