# TRIATHLETE PASSPORT

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**Triathlon Québec** is the Ouébec sports federation mandated by the Gouvernement du Ouébec to promote and develop triathlon and its variations.



To develop, promote and govern the practice of triathlon and multi-sport in Quebec





Be the leader and reference for the sport. VALUES

Safety, Integrity, Surpassing Oneself, Innovation, Collaboration, Excellence, Fun, Health.

#### 1-2-TRI-GO PROGRAM!

In 2020, Triathlon Québec proudly implemented the 1-2-TRI-GO program!

Delivered as a kit, it includes an athlete's passport, tools for Coach Evaluators (CE) and a repertoire of various educational activities.



#### GOALS

- · Develop the athlete's basic skills in each of the triathlon disciplines.
- · Promote long-term healthy and active lifestyles in athletes.
- Standardize the essential skills to be acquired by young triathletes in order to optimize their long-term development.
- · Offer a progress tracking tool for athletes and participants. .

#### STARTING LEVEL

Athletes are expected to be able to swim (move in the water without touching the bottom) and to cycle on two wheels. An athlete can start the program as soon as they reach this level

# TRIATHLETE Identification

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

CLUB:

DATE OF BIRTH:

# WELCOME,

With this passport, you'll develop several swimming, cycling, running and transition skills. You'll be able to track your progress through seven levels. You'll also learn to become a responsible and independent triathlete. You can also use your passport as a resource guide for anything related to techniques, gear, nutrition, road safety, and much more. You'll also earn several rewards along the way!

#### LET'S START!

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# WHAT AWAITS THE Athlete on their Journey

# SEVEN LEVELS OF PHYSICAL ABILITY

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
LEVEL 7	

Let us consider "Transition" as a discipline here. To complete a physical skill level, the athlete must successfully complete all skills for all four disciplines.

The skills are divided into three fundamental areas:

TECHNICAL	TACTICAL/	PHYSIOLOGICAL
(T)	SAFETY (T/S)	(P)

The athlete can have different levels in each discipline, but their title level always remains the last fully completed level (four disciplines completed for each level). The athlete is expected to reach **Level 7** to complete the program.

**Reward:** A sticker will be awarded for completing each discipline level. A wristband will be awarded for each completed level.

#### THREE LEVELS OF PRE-RACE PREP

#### **BRONZE TRIATHLETE**

SILVER TRIATHLETE

#### **GOLD TRIATHLETE**

To complete a pre-race prep level, the athlete must demonstrate gradual independence during prep throughout the course of the program. The athlete is expected to reach the GOLD Triathlete Level to complete the program

**Reward:** A sticker will be awarded for each completed level.

#### RESPONSIBLE TRIATHLETE TITLE

#### **RESPONSIBLE TRIATHLETE**

To obtain the title of Responsible Triathlete, the athlete must develop accountability as a triathlete throughout their journey in the program. The athlete is expected to become a Responsible Triathlete to complete the program.

**Reward:** A sticker will be awarded when the athlete receives the Responsible Triathlete mention.

Towards to end of their journey, and depending on their age, the athlete will have the opportunity to participate in regional camps, Québec Cup events and identification days. Once the program is completed, they will receive a "promising athlete" mention, which will allow them to enroll in a sports-study program or to participate in Québec Games, among other advantages.

# TRIATHLETE'S TRACKING SHEET

#### NAME:

#### START DATE:

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		PHYSIC	AL ABILITIES			
	Swimming	Cycling	Running	Transition		
1 🗆	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological	Technical Tactical/Safety Physiological		
	Swimming 1	Cycling 1	Running 1	Transition 1		
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	Swimming 2	Cycling 2	Running 2	Transition 2		
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	Swimming 3	Cycling 3	Running 3	Transition 3		
4 🗆	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological					
	Swimming 4	Cycling 4	Running 4	Transition 4		
5 🗆	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological					
	Swimming 5	Cycling 5	Running 5	Transition 5		
6 🗆	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological					
	Swimming 6	Cycling 6	Running 6	Transition 6		
7 🗆	☐ Technical ☐ Tactical/Safety ☐ Physiological					
	Swimming 7	Cycling 7	Running 7	Transition 7		
		PRE-RACE PRE				
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BRONZE 1	TRIATHLETE 🕨	SILVER TRIATHL	ETE 🕨 🗖	GOLD TRIATHLETE		
RESPC	RESPONSIBLE TRIATHLETE					

SWIM	S.1.1	<ul> <li>POOL: With your hands on the wall and your face in the water, kick your legs high enough to splash around for 5 breathing cycles</li> <li>Left • Right.</li> </ul>	т	
	S.1.2	Swim forward while keeping your head out of the water (10 m).	T/S	
	S.1.3	<ul> <li>With a buoyant object (board), kick your legs while moving (25 m) forward without stopping.</li> </ul>		
	S.1.4	<ul> <li>POOL: Push off the wall (underwater) and swim forward for 25 m at top speed without stopping.</li> </ul>	Р	
	S.1.5	Jump in the water and swim forward 25 m at top speed without stopping.		
	S.1.6	Swim forward 50 m without stopping.		
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CYCLE	C.1.1	• Ride and control your bicycle on a simple, set course.		
	C.1.2	Master cycling straight on a bicycle.	T.	
	C.1.3	Break and plant foot on the ground • Front brake • Back brake.		
	C.1.4	Learn standard hand signals • Stop • Right turn • Left turn.		
	C.1.5	<ul> <li>Recognize potential obstacles and danger on a course (potholes, gravel/sand/dust, sidewalk, train tracks, sewer grates, posts, sun/heat, water, etc.).</li> </ul>	T/S	
	C.1.6	Learn the main bicycle components.		
	C.1.7	Cycle 10 minutes on a simple, set course.	D	
	C.1.8	• Cycle at a steady pace for 1.5 km.	P	
	Date:			



RUN	R.1.1	Learn to distinguish and progressively perform: Walking, power walking, running     and sprinting.	т	
	R.1.2	• Learn the importance of wearing good shoes that are securely tied • To reduce the risk of injury • For performance.	T/S	
	R.1.3	• Recognize potential obstacles and danger on a course (potholes, gravel/sand/dust, sidewalk, sewer grates, poles, sun/heat, etc.).	1/3	
	R.1.4	Run/Walk for 10 minutes on a flat surface.	P	
	R.1.5	• Run 500 m at a steady pace.	P	
	Date:			

TRANSITION	T.1.1	Easily mount/dismount bicycle.	-	
	T.1.2	Easily run alongside your bicycle.		
	T.1.3	• Put on and clip helmet/Unclip and take off helmet on your own.	T/S	
	T.1.4	Properly, quickly and independently put on/tie shoes (ideally with elastic ties).	1/3	
	T.1.5	• Run 50 m to bicycle, put on helmet, move bicycle 25 m, mount bicycle, ride 100 m (respecting the mount/dismount lines).	Р	
	Date:			



SWIM	S.2.1	Rotate your arms forward (crawl) while doing effective kicks, breathing on either side.		
	S.2.2	Rotate your arms backwards (backstroke crawl) while doing effective kicks.	т	
	S.2.3	Perform a forward tumble underwater.		
	S.2.4	Crawl (25 m) with your head out of the water and eyes forward.	T/S	
	S.2.5	Knowing and applying overtaking rules in a fair and effective way.	1/3	
	S.2.6	Using a buoyant object (board), kick to move forward (50 m) without stopping.		
	S.2.7	Perform a 100 m-crawl without stopping.	Р	
	S.2.8	Perform a 50 m-backcrawl without stopping.		
	Date:			

CYCLE	C.2.1	Proficiently cycle on a course that includes wide 0° to 90° corners (tilting the bicycle, minimal handlebar rotation).		
	C.2.2	Master cycling straight with only one hand:      Right      Left.		
	C.2.3	Master cycling straight while looking over your • Left • Right shoulder.	Т	
	C.2.4	<ul> <li>After gathering speed, stand on the pedals and cycle for 5 seconds without pedalling.</li> <li>One pedal at 12 o'clock (up), one pedal at 6 o'clock (down)</li> <li>One pedal at 3 o'clock (front or back), one pedal at 9 o'clock (front or back).</li> </ul>		
	C.2.5	Learn the Highway Safety Coat • Rules & Regulations • Bicycle lanes • Road Signs.		
	C.2.6	Use adequate standard hand signals • Stop • Right turn • Left turn.		
	C.2.7	Perform an emergency brake (using the back brake).	T/S	
	C.2.8	Perform a basic check-up of the bicycle before use • Tire pressure • Chain • Brakes     Visibility equipment.	.,	
	C.2.9	Shift gears on a flat terrain.		
	C.2.10	Cycle 20 minutes on a simple, set course.	Р	
	C.2.11	Cycle at a steady pace for 3 km.	P	
	Date:			

RUN	R.2.1	Demonstrate efficiency, fluidity and coordination between upper and lower body movements.		
	R.2.2	• Keep elbows at 70°-90° when running.	Т	
	R.2.3	Adopt proper running form.		
	R.2.4	• Run/Walk for 12 minutes 30 seconds on a flat surface.	P	
	R.2.5	• Run 1 km at a steady pace.	r	
	Date:			

TRANSITION	T.2.1	Easily run alongside bicycle, partially or fully steering it straight, from the saddle.	-	
	T.2.2	Quickly and adequately store bicycle on/take bicycle out of rack.		
	T.2.3	• Properly, quickly and independently put on and tie shoes (ideally with elastic ties) with wet feet.	T/S	
	T.2.4	Run barefoot with wet feet both quickly and carefully      Short strides.		
	T.2.5	• Run 100 m to bicycle, put on helmet, move bicycle 25 m, mount bicycle, ride 200 m (respecting the mount/dismount lines).	P	
	Date:			



SWIM	S.3.1	Rotate your arms forward (crawl) while doing effective kicks, breathing on both sides • Right • Left.		
	S.3.2	Performing effective pulls during crawl (hand positioning).	т	
	S.3.3	Perform correct breaststroke technique.		
	S.3.4	Perform a tumble turn underwater followed by a wall push-off.		
	S.3.5	• Know and use your (short) sprinting speed, (medium) average speed, and (long) comfortable speed.	T/S	
	S.3.6	Crawl with forward breathing and eyes forward.		
	S.3.7	Swim breaststroke 50 m without stopping.	D	
	S.3.8	Crawl 200 m without stopping.	r	
	Date:			

CYCLE	C.3.1	Keep soft elbows & wrists to absorb road shocks.		
	C.3.2	<ul> <li>Know and use all hand positions on a road bicycle handlebar</li> <li>1 "Narrow flat bar"</li> <li>2 "Hoods"</li> <li>3 "Drops".</li> </ul>	т	
	C.3.3	Use the right technique to cycle off the saddle.		
	C.3.4	<ul> <li>Learn and use hand signals for riding in groups • Pothole/Bump • Gravel/Sand</li> <li>Train tracks • Speedbumps • Take pulls • Drink • Narrowing lane</li> <li>Follow/Continue.</li> </ul>		
	C.3.5	Check blind spots before changing lanes or overtaking      Right      Left.	T/S	
	C.3.6	<ul> <li>On a flat course, shift gears progressively in ascending/descending order</li> <li>Smallest to biggest gear</li> <li>Biggest to smallest gear.</li> </ul>		
	C.3.7	Adjust resistance according to the terrain.		
	C.3.8	Cycle 30 minutes on a simple, set course.	D	
	C.3.9	• Cycle at a steady pace for 5 km.	P	
	Date:			

RUN	R.3.1	Practice safe and efficient strides      Cushioning      Support      Push-off      Suspension.		
	R.3.2	• Move the arms fluidly and coordinately from front to back from the shoulder (pendulum motion), maintaining appropriate elbow angle.	т	
	R.3.3	Identify and follow a "rabbit".	T/S	
	R.3.4	• Run/Walk for 15 minutes on a flat terrain.	P	
	R.3.5	• Run 1.5 km at a steady pace.	r	
	Date:			

TRANSITION	T.3.1	Quickly and easily mount/dismount bicycle.		
	T.3.2	• Easily run alongside bicycle, partially or fully steering it from the saddle around corners.	т	
	T.3.3	Perform T1+T2 without personal or equipment mistakes.	T/S	
	T.3.4	Understand and apply equipment rules when not using a transition bin.	1/3	
	Date:			

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SWIM	S.4.1	<ul> <li>POOL: Perform an effective wall push-off followed by a 5 m-minimum underwater dolphin kick (flags).</li> </ul>		
	S.4.2	Breathes with ease on both sides during crawl      Right      Left.	T	
	S.4.3	Perform a dive start and swim a minimum of 5 m underwater (flags).		
	S.4.4	<ul> <li>Going around a buoy while performing a 90° outward turn efficiently, with the right technique and with minimal speed loss.</li> </ul>	T/S	
	S.4.5	• Perform a mass start in the water in a calm and efficient manner.		
	S.4.6	Crawl 300 m without stopping.	Р	
	Date:			

CYCLE	C.4.1	• Build an efficient pedal stroke using quadriceps, hip flexors, glutes, and hamstrings (cleats or toe-clips) • High transition • Push • Low transition • Traction.		
	C.4.2	• Execute a figure-8 around 2 objects 2 m apart.	т	
	C.4.3	• Execute a one-wheel jump; Lift the front wheel of the bicycle.		
	C.4.4	Grab, drink from and put back water bottle while cycling.		
	C.4.5	Understand drafting and non-drafting zones.	T/S	
	C.4.6	Efficiently and safely tuck in close (draft) behind a teammate.	1/3	
	C.4.7	Cycle 45 minutes on a complex set course (uphill, downhill, corners).	D	
	C.4.8	Cycle at a steady and rapid pace for 8 km.	r	
	Date:			



RUN	R.4.1	Adopt a pace approaching 180 strides per minute.		
	R.4.2	Minimize stride height in favour of stride length.	т	
	R.4.3	Perform ABC Skips while walking.		
	R.4.4	• Adjust running pace and technique to fit surface • Slippery surface: shorter strides • Gripping surface: longer strides.	T/S	
	R.4.5	<ul> <li>Use different paces depending on the distance to run • Fast for short distances •</li> <li>Moderate to fast for medium distances • Slow to moderate for long distances.</li> </ul>	1/3	
	R.4.6	• Run/Walk for 20 minutes on a course that includes some hills.		
	R.4.7	• Run/Walk 15 minutes, increasing and holding speed for the last minute of the race.	Р	
	R.4.8	Run 2 km at a steady and fast pace.		
	Date:			

TRANSITION	T.4.1	Put on bib and other accessories (goggles, sunglasses) while running.		
	T.4.2	Mount bicycle (sliding/jumping on saddle) and anticipate optimal resistance.	т	
	T.4.3	Dismount moving bicycle.		
	T.4.4	Perform T1+T2 without personal or equipment mistakes as fast as possible (timed from bicycle rack arrival to departure).	T/S	
	T.4.5	Understand and apply equipment rules when using a transition bin.		
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SWIM	S.5.1	<ul> <li>POOL: Perform a standard and effective wall-turn while swimming a minimum of 5 m underwater (flags).</li> </ul>	-	
	S.5.2	<ul> <li>Swim in a straight line without visual markings on the bottom of the pool (open-water swimming simulation or open-water swimming).</li> </ul>		
	S.5.3	<ul> <li>POOL: Getting out of the deep/shallow end quickly and efficiently (with the water up or near the top of the wall).</li> </ul>	T/C	
	S.5.4	<ul> <li>Going around a buoy while performing a 180° outward-turn efficiently, with the right technique and minimal loss of speed.</li> </ul>	T/S	
	S.5.5	Crawl 375 m without stopping.	D	
	S.5.6	Crawl 50 m in 60 seconds or less.	ľ	
	Date:			

CYCLE	C.5.1	<ul> <li>Cycle on a course that includes sharp 90° to 180° corners (tilting the bicycle, minimal handlebar rotation).</li> </ul>		
	C.5.2	Assume the most aerodynamic position for the course • Straight line • Corners.	Т	
	C.5.3	Execute a two-wheel jump.		
	C.5.4	<ul> <li>Safely cycle in a small group</li> <li>Stay on track</li> <li>Use hand signals for group riding</li> <li>Take pulls.</li> </ul>		
	C.5.5	Shift gears to match the speed of other cyclists from the group.	T/S	
	C.5.6	Learn the steps to repair/replace a bicycle tube.		
	C.5.7	Cycle 60 minutes on a complex set course (uphill, downhill, corners).	D	
	C.5.8	Cycle at a steady and rapid pace for 10 km.	r	
	Date:			



RUN	R.5.1	Match running technique to running pace.		
	R.5.2	Match running technique to course characteristics • Uphill/Downhill: smaller strides, same pace.	т	
	R.5.3	Match running pace to other runners or increase pace.		
	R.5.4	<ul> <li>Find comfortable pace (slight shortness of breath that can be maintained for a long period).</li> </ul>	T/S	
	R.5.5	• Run/Walk for 25 minutes on a course that includes some hills.		
	R.5.6	<ul> <li>Progressively increase running speed over 1 km (using a 400 m track is recommended).</li> </ul>	Р	
	R.5.7	Run 2.5 km at a steady and fast pace.		
	Date:			

T.5.1	Remove wetsuit on your own, quickly and efficiently, after swimming event.	т	
T.5.2	<ul> <li>Quickly perform T1+T2 without personal or equipment mistakes and with other participants in the zone.</li> </ul>	T/S	
T.5.3	Keep station orderly and respect max width of 75 cm for all transitions.		
T.5.4	Cycle 10 km after swimming 375 m.	D	
T.5.5	• Run 2.5 km after cycling 10 km.	r	
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SWIM	S.6.1	<ul> <li>POOL: Perform standard and effective wall-turns while swimming a minimum of 5 m underwater (flags).</li> </ul>	-	
	S.6.2	<ul> <li>Identify visual markings to adequately and calmy find your bearings in open (calm) water with or without directional buoys.</li> </ul>		
	S.6.3	Master aquatic drafting.		
	S.6.4	<ul> <li>Get out of open water (beach exit) in a fast and efficient manner. Run forward and avoid water resistance (by lifting your feet).</li> </ul>	T/S	
	S.6.5	Crawl 500 m without stopping.	D	
	S.6.6	Crawl 50 m in 50 seconds or less.	r	
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CYCLE	C.6.1	Master cycling with one hand as you negotiate a corner • Right • Left.	-	
	C.6.2	Climb a steep hill, cycling off the saddle.		
	C.6.3	Quickly avoid obstacles (potholes, bumps, cracks) while cycling • Right • Left.		
	C.6.4	Quickly avoid obstacles (potholes, bumps, cracks) while cycling in a group, signaling your intentions to others.	T/S	
	C.6.5	Overtake and take pulls (paceline) in a small group while riding straight.		
	C.6.6	Cycle 75 minutes on a complex set course (uphill, downhill, corners).	D	
	C.6.7	Cycle at a steady and rapid pace for 15 km.	P	
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RUN	R.6.1	Drink water/electrolyte drink while maintaining running pace.	-	
	R.6.2	Perform ABC Skips while skipping.		
	R.6.3	• Change pace according to participants coming up the rear • Increase speed to stay in the lead.	T/S	
	R.6.4	• Run/Walk for 35 minutes on a course that includes several hills.		
	R.6.5	<ul> <li>Progressively increase running speed over 2 km (using a 400 m track is recommended).</li> </ul>	Р	
	R.6.6	• Run 3 km at a steady and fast pace.		
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T.6.1	Mount moving bicycle in a group and anticipate optimal resistance.		
T.6.2	Dismount moving bicycle in a group and anticipate optimal resistance.		
T.6.3	Toe clips/Clipless: Put on shoes while cycling.	-	
T.6.4	Toe clips/Clipless: Remove shoes while cycling.		
T.6.5	• Remove wetsuit on your own, quickly and efficiently, after intense swimming event (with shortness of breath).		
T.6.6	• Elastic laces: Put on and tie shoes properly, quickly and independently with wet feet.	T/S	
T.6.7	• Transition between 375 m-swim, 10 km-cycle, 2.5 km-run.	Р	
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SWIM	S.7.1	<ul> <li>Identify visual markings to adequately and calmy find your bearings in open water with or without directional buoys (in harsher conditions: current, waves, seaweed, etc.).</li> </ul>	т	
	S.7.2	• Crawl 500-750 m in open-water, on a course that includes a water entrance, various buoy turns and a water exit.		
	S.7.3	Understand swimming performance metrics • Stroke • Time • Respecting intervals.	T/S	
	S.7.4	<ul> <li>Perform dolphin dives when entering and exiting the water (in a competition, only do so when dolphining is allowed).</li> </ul>		
	S.7.5	Crawl 750 m without stopping.		
	S.7.6	Crawl 200 m in 3 minutes 20 seconds or less.	Р	
	S.7.7	Crawl 50 m in 40 seconds or less.		
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CYCLE	C.7.1	Learn to • Accelerate • Reaccelerate • Sprint.		
	C.7.2	Pick something up (the size of a water bottle) off the ground while cycling.		
	C.7.3	<ul> <li>Cycle on a course that includes sharp 180° to 360° corners (tilting the bicycle, minimal handlebar rotation).</li> </ul>	т	
	C.7.4	Manage your supplies (hydration, nutrition) on your own, without under/overdoing it.		
	C.7.5	Repair/Replace a bicycle tube on your own.		
	C.7.6	Put your chain back while cycling.		
	C.7.7	Safely cycle down a steep hill while keeping your speed in check.	T/S	
	C.7.8	Take pulls (paceline) in a small group on a course that includes corners.		
	C.7.9	Corner sharp turns with minimal loss of speed      Right      Left.		
	C.7.10	Cycle 90 minutes on a complex set course (uphill, downhill, corners).	D	
	C.7.11	Cycle at a steady and rapid pace for 20 km.	F	
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RUN	R.7.1	Manage your supplies (hydration, nutrition) on your own, without under/overdoing it.	-	
	R.7.2	Perform ABC Skips while doing unilateral skips.	1	
	R.7.3	<ul> <li>Manage your intensity to maintain a constant or progressively ascending pace for the whole interval/run, following given instructions (on appropriate competition distance).</li> </ul>	T/S	
	R.7.4	Run/Walk for 45 minutes on a course that includes several hills.		
	R.7.5	• Run 1500 m in 6 minutes 15 seconds (boys)/6 minutes 30 seconds (girls) or less.	Р	
	R.7.6	• Run 5 km at a steady and fast pace.		
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TRANSITION	T.7.1	• Toe clips/Clipless: Put on shoes while cycling in a group.	-	
	T.7.2	Toe clips/Clipless: Remove shoes while cycling in a group.		
	T.7.3	Participate in a "Regional Final" or "Québec Cup" event.	Р	
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# PRE-RACE

TRIATHLETE	PR.TB.1	Prepare and bring your own gear with the help of a responsible adult.		
BRONZE	PR.TB.2	<ul> <li>Follow time-management instructions given by coach or responsible adult and leave for pre-race briefing on time.</li> </ul>	т	
	PR.TB.3	Watch a responsible adult inflate tire.		
	PR.TB.4	Organize spot efficiently in transition zone with your coach's help.		
	PR.TB.5	<ul> <li>Find your bearings in the transition zone and analyse upcoming moves with the help of your coach.</li> </ul>	T/S	
	PR.TB.6	• Perform a dynamic warm-up routine tailored to the event with the help of your coach.	Р	
Coach-Evaluator:		Club: Date:		
TRIATHLETE	PR.TS.1	Independently prepare and bring own gear (checked by a responsible adult).		
SILVER	PR.TS.2	<ul> <li>Manage time and arrive at pre-race briefing on time under the supervision of coach/ responsible adult.</li> </ul>	т	
	PR.TS.3	Watch a responsible adult inflate tire OR partly inflate tire on your own.		
( )	PR.TS.4	Organize transition-zone spot efficiently, checking with your coach.		
	PR.TS.5	• Find your bearings in the transition zone and analyse upcoming moves, checking with your coach.	T/S	
	PR.TS.6	<ul> <li>Perform a dynamic warm-up routine tailored to the event own your own, under the supervision of your coach.</li> </ul>	P	
Coach-Evaluator:		Club: Date:		
TRIATHLETE	PR.TG.1	Independently prepare and bring own gear.		
GOLD	PR.TG.2	<ul> <li>Independently manage time and arrive at pre-race briefing on time.</li> </ul>	т	
	PR.TG.3	Partly or fully inflate tire on your own when possible.		
	PR.TG.4	Organize transition-zone spot efficiently and independently.	T/S	
	PR.TG.5	• Find your bearings in the transition zone and analyse upcoming moves on your own.	1/3	
	PR.TG.6	Perform a dynamic warm-up routine tailored to the event own your own.	Р	
Coach-Evaluator:		Club: Date:		

# RESPONSIBLE Triathlete

RESPONSIBLE	RT.1	• The athlete attends all scheduled training sessions and is early or on time.	
TRIATHLÈTE	RT.2	<ul> <li>The athlete follows instructions given by coach and/or qualified staff and group guidelines.</li> <li>They respect their peers and take proper care of the equipment at their disposal.</li> </ul>	
	RT.3	<ul> <li>The athlete is respectful towards officials and volunteers during competitions and demonstrates good sportsmanship with competitors.</li> </ul>	
	RT.4	<ul> <li>Regardless of personal athleticism, the athlete participates during training and activities, and shows positivity and motivation.</li> </ul>	
	RT.5	<ul> <li>The athlete shows effort, commitment and perseverance in the process of becoming a better athlete.</li> </ul>	
	RT.6	<ul> <li>The athlete knows safety rules for both training sessions and races (ex: road and running safety regulations).</li> </ul>	
	RT.7	• The athlete knows the importance of equipment maintenance (tune-ups, cleanings).	
	RT.8	• The athlete knows the importance of appropriate clothing and gear for all weather conditions.	
	RT.9	<ul> <li>The athlete applies basic principles learned on different subjects (nutrition: before/during/ after training sessions &amp; competitions, doping, etc.)</li> </ul>	
	RT.10	• The athlete is able to fix some equipment failures (ex: flat) or, at the very least, always has a repair kit with them.	
	RT.11	<ul> <li>The athlete understands the importance of pre-race mental training (focus, visualization, positivity, stress management, etc.).</li> </ul>	
oach-Evaluator:		Club: Date:	
omments:			

**Coach-Evaluator:** 

Level completion date:

# YOUTH Regulations

Participants and volunteers must exercise sportsmanship and courtesy at all times.



 Swimming can occur in open water, indoor or outdoor pools.

SWIMMING

- Participants may use a buoyant object (PFD, arm floats, pool noodles or board) for school events for Youth levels 1-2-3.
- Propulsion aids, such as swimfins, are prohibited.
- Aids can be in the water (person to hold on to, kickboards, boats) as long as the participant doesn't use them as propulsion aids.

#### • Clothing:

- Wearing a swimsuit, tri-suit or other regulation aquatic garment is mandatory.
- Wearing the provided swim cap is mandatory, unless stated otherwise by the organizing committee.
- Wearing goggles is not mandatory, but highly recommended.
- To learn more about wetsuit regulations, visit Triathlon Québec's website.



For non-drafting races, all types of human-powered bicycles are allowed. The bicycle must be safe and in working order.

Tires must be inflated to recommended pressure.

The bicycle must have working brakes for each wheel.

- Disc brakes are allowed.
- Clip-on aerobars (or tri-bars) are prohibited.

#### • Pedals:

Platform pedals are allowed for all.

- Cage pedals with straps are prohibited. Strapless cage pedals are allowed.
- All types of (road and mountain) clips are allowed for U13 and U15 categories.
- For athletes level U11 and lower:
   Only pedals with clips/cleats attached to the shoe are allowed. Shoe soles/ Sole adapters must always be in direct contact with the ground.

#### • Clothing:

- Wearing a certified biking helmet is mandatory. Helmet must be in good condition and should not be broken or cracked. Helmet must be clipped before touching bicycle.
- All type of clothing is allowed as long as it covers the torso (t-shirt, tank top, etc.)
- Properly tied biking shoes/sports footwear that provide good foot support (athletic, non-flattened soles).

#### Other:

- For safety reasons, it is highly recommended to remove bicycle stands.
- Drafting is prohibited during races, except for the Youth Québec Cup that allows U13-U15 categories to draft. Detailed drafting rules are available on Triathlon Québec's website.

#### RUNNING

- For the running event, bibs must be worn on the front of the body. For the Youth Québec Cup only: Running bibs are not mandatory for athletes who have their name printed on the front and back of their shirt.
- Headphones are prohibited on the course.
- Clothing:
- All type of clothing is allowed as long as it covers the torso (t-shirt, tank top, etc.)
- Properly tied biking shoes/sports footwear that provide good foot support (athletic, non-flattened soles).



#### TRANSITION Zone

- Only participants are allowed in the zone. Participants must check-in and retrieve their bib to gain access and set up their gear. A parent can be authorized to enter the zone for athletes participating in school events or for those in the Youth 1-2-3 categories, unless stated otherwise by the organizing committee.
- Cycling is prohibited in the zone. Bicycles can only be mounted after the mount line and dismounted after the dismount line. Bicycles must be pushed the rest of the time.
- Helmets must be clipped on at all times when moving the bicycle. Helmets can only be unclipped and removed after bicycles have been stored in the participant's assigned spot.
- Only the equipment used during the race can be left in the transition zone.

#### PENALTIES

 There are NO PENALTIES for athletes participating in school and Youth 1-2-3-4 events. The goal is to teach young athletes

the rules so they can enjoy a positive experience, have fun, and want to move!

 For categories U13 and U15: 1-minute penalties for drafting and 10-second penalties for other infractions can be given. Unless stated otherwise, this penalty time will be added to the athlete's total time.

## OUTSIDE HELP

- Outside help is authorized by the organizing committee's volunteers and designated officials for athletes participating in school events or for those in the Youth 1-2-3 categories.
- For athletes participating in the Youth 4-U13-U15 categories, outside help may lead to disqualification.





#### PRIZES AND MEDALS

 In order to encourage participation and to create a sense of achievement, no podiums are allowed for the Youth



1-2-3-4 races. However, a participation prize may be awarded to all (ex.: a ribbon, medal, etc.)



Headphones are prohibited at all times on the race course

For more details, visit Triathlon Québec's Youth Regulations page.

YOUTH	SWIMMING	CYCLING	RUNNING
Youth 1 (U5 & U7 – 4 to 7 Y/O)	25 m	1 km	250 m
Youth 2 (U7 & U9 - 6 to 9 Y/O)	50 m	1.5 km	500 m
Youth 3 (U9 & U11 – 8 to 11 Y/O)	100 m	3 km	1 km
Youth 4 (U11 & U13 – 10 to 13 Y/O)	200 m	5 km	1.5 km
U13 (12-13 Y/O)	375 m	10 km	2.5 km
U15 (14-15 Y/O)	375 m	10 km	2.5 km

#### DISTANCES







GOGGLES











BIB



RUNNING Shoes

DON'T FORGET TO BRINGTHE FOLLOWING GEAR FOR YOUR BIKE TRAINING SESSIONS:

TIRE

CHANGER





INNER TUBE OR CO<sub>2</sub> Cartridge



# SWIMMING BETTER

#### HEAD:

Look down. Only one eye looks to the side when breathing.

#### ARMS:

Use hand and forearm as support, bend elbow 90°. During recovery, stay relaxed and let yourself slide for a short period. Maintain constant and fluid stokes (without stopping).

#### **BODY:**

Stay horizontal and lengthen your body as much as possible. Let the shoulders and hips roll from side to side for strokes and breathing.

To see an example of the proper crawl technique, watch: Animated Freestyle Swimming Visualisation - Mr Smooth https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=IvR7IYIIk9U

#### IEGS:

Keep flexible ankles and relaxed legs. Kick from the hips. Maintain constant and fluid propulsion (without stopping).

#### COORDINATION, RHYTHM & SPEED:

Coordinate breathing with body rotation. Breathe every 2-3 strokes.





# CYCLING SAFETY

#### BEFORE SETTING OUT

- A Check the tire pressure to make sure it corresponds to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Check that the chain does not slip (chain too stretched out, worn teeth on a gear sprocket).
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Check the brakes (adjustment, rusty cables, broken wires).

Check the mandatory visibility equipment (see image above).

#### HERE ARE OTHER MAINTENANCE Procedures to perform:

#### **BICYCLE:**

- Clean components as needed.
- Adjust to height (to be performed regularly during growth years).

#### WHEELS:

• Make sure the quick-release wheel is secured.

#### **DERAILLEURS AND CHAIN:**

- Clean and oil chain as needed.
- Make sure there is no friction.

# STANDARD SIGNALS CODE

#### (SHOWN FROM BEHIND)



# SIGNALS FOR GROUP RIDES

Pothole/Bump/Other	Point out the obstacle with the index finger.
Gravel/Sand/Other	Point out the obstacle, palm down; slightly wave your hand.
Train tracks	Place one hand behind back; make a V shape with index and middle fingers.
Speedbumps	Extend arm to the side and trace the shape of the speedbump with the hand.
Take pulls	Elbow at 90°, use index finger to point to the sky; draw small circles with the hand.
Drink	Take the bottle; extend arm to the side to show the bottle.
Narrowing lanes	Place one hand behind back; make sweeping motion with hand.
Follow/Continue. Stop-less intersection or road division	Draw large circles forward with the arm.



IN ADDITION TO HAND SIGNALS, **VOICE SIGNALS** ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO ANNOUNCE MANEUVRES AND OBSTACLES.



The helmet is part of your bicycle gear. If you fall, it will absorb the shock and the force of the impact will be spread over a larger surface. To be well protected, helmets must be worn and clipped at all times, even for short distances.

#### AJUSTEMENTS

- Forehead: one finger between the eyebrows and helmet.
- Ears: straps should meet in a V shape just below the ears.
- **Chin:** one finger between the strap and chin.







Image: OTM – Young Cyclist's Guide

4 It should remain in position and not slide forward or back.

When adjusted, it should be comfortable and not too tight.



Image and content: SAAQ - Safe Cycling Guide 9th Edition

Helmets that meet performance and safety standards must be certified by one of the following organizations:

#### CSA, CPSC, ASTM, CEN or SNELL

A sticker/label should appear on the inside of the helmet or on the packaging. An expiration date should appear on the sticker/label.

# RUNNING BETTER

SHOULDERS:

Relaxed and down.

#### ARMS:

The rhythm of the arms dictates that of the legs. Elbows bent at 90°.

#### COMMON ERROR:

The arms cross the center line of the body.

#### SOLUTION Roll shoulders back.

#### COMMON ERROR:

Running in a sitting position.

SOLUTION Raise knees higher.

Raised knees and heels

#### HEAD:

Stable, eyes forward. Head, neck and spine should be aligned.

#### HANDS:

Slightly toned. Thumbs up. No tension in the wrists.

#### FEET:

Fluid motion that resembles "scratching the ground under the body". High step frequency. Quietly set foot down under the hips.

#### COMMON ERROR:

The heel hits the ground (braking position).

SOLUTION Lengthen posture when running

# THE 4<sup>th</sup> discipline of triathlon: Nutrition

#### FUEL

#### CARBOHYDRATES (SUGAR)

To fuel your body. We prefer natural sources (fruits, cereals, dairy). Watch out for ultraprocessed foods (cakes, cookies, chocolate, candy).

#### PROTEINS

Are used to repair muscle fibres, especially after training. They are naturally found in meat and alternatives, nuts, seeds, and dairy. To be eaten at every meal, especially after exercising, with carbohydrates. For example: Greek yogurt with fruit.

#### LIPIDS (FATS)

Play a key role in transporting essential vitamins and minerals, help modulate your body's temperature and immune system, and synthesize hormones. They can also help you keep your energy up, especially for long events. They should be eaten during meals and after training. Being slower to digest, fat should be avoided right before exercise.

#### THE BASICS

#### EVERY MEAL SHOULD BE HEALTHY (VEGETABLES – SOURCE OF CEREAL PRODUCTS – SOURCE OF PROTEIN)



Carrot, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, bell pepper, zucchini, tomato, raw vegetables, etc., rice, pita bread, sliced bread, pasta, potato, couscous, quinoa, egg, tuna, tofu, legumes, cheese, meat.

#### BEFORE TRAINING

- Regular meal. Variety of foods. Source of protein
- + CARBOHYDRATES

# 3 HOURS BEFORE

- Drink lots of water.
- · Avoid hearty deserts and large servings.

#### HOURS BEFORE

- Opt for easy-to-digest carbs.
- Small serving.
- Few lipids, less fibre.

## HOURS BEFORE

- Drink lots of water.
- Mostly known, almost liquid carbohydrates.
- · Avoid fatty and protein-rich foods.
- Drink every 15 minutes until start of physical effort.
- Small servings.

#### UPGRADE PERFORMANCE



there is heavy heat

#### EXEMPLES:

30G CARBOHYDRATES:

1 BANANA 1 GEL 500ML GATORADE 4 DRIED APRICOTS 1 RICE CAKE 1 FRUIT2 BAR

#### RECOVER WITH FOOD

#### 3 SERVINGS OF CARBOHYDRATES 1 Serving of Protein

**EXEMPLES:** 

1 cup of chocolate milk

Small egg wrap + fruit

Greek yogurt + granola + fruit

Silky tofu and frozen fruit smoothie

Homemade chocolate muffin

+125 ml of soy milk

1 cup of macaroni salad with vegetables + cheese

# AFTER EXERCISE

to better recover.

YES Fruit juices, gels, energy balls, dried fruit, energy chews, applesauce.

Nuts, chocolate bars, high-protein bars, pastries, fried foods.

#### HYDRATING

Don't wait to be thirsty to drink.

A few sips every 15 minutes.

At least 1 jug per hour.

**TRUC ?** The colour of your urine should be very pale.

Add electrolytes during heatwaves.

#### AVOID DIGESTIVE Discomfort

**DID YOU KNOW?** When you exercise, stored energy is used to feed your muscles. In other words, our blood mainly flows to our muscles instead of our intestines. Digestion is a process that also requires energy. When exercising, the body pauses digestion to save energy. The more hard-to-digest foods (fat, fibres, protein) you eat before exercising, the more you risk having digestive discomfort (bloating, gas, cramps).

## TIP

Always test products during training sessions to make sure you digest them well.

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