

Salt Springs Triathlon 2008 Transfer and Refund Policy

Salt Springs Triathlon 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, August 30, 2008. This event is being organized by the Friends of Salt Springs Park, which is a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All proceeds from the triathlon will be used to maintain and improve Salt Springs State Park and Friends of Salt Springs Park lands.* These lands are open to public use for outdoor recreational and educational purposes.

Salt Springs Triathlon 2008 will consist of an intermediate (Olympic) distance event and a sprint distance event, both sanctioned by USA Triathlon (USAT), which is the national triathlon governing body in the United States.

2008 is the third annual staging of the Salt Springs Triathlon. If this triathlon is to continue as an enjoyable and productive community event, it is imperative that it be completed safely and without incident. For this reason, the event organizers have adopted an extremely conservative approach to safety. This conservative approach is reflected in the below Transfer and Refund policy, in that administrative distractions have been eliminated, logistics simplified, and weather/environmental factors considered.

All athletes are reminded that the number of participants will be limited to ensure safety. Registration and payment must be RECEIVED by Wednesday, August 27, 2008. No walk-up participants will be permitted in order that preparations can be meticulously organized for the registrants. Registration can be submitted via US mail using the form found at www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org (Events Calendar), or by emailing the information required by the form to WKostyk@epix.net. Payment by check or money order must be RECEIVED via U.S. Mail by Wednesday, August 27, 2008, regardless of the registration method used.

Transfer Policy: Transfer of a successful registration from one athlete to another is not permitted.

Refund Policy (No-Shows and Late Arrivals): Athletes who have successfully registered and paid in accordance with the above policy may cancel their registration in writing by 11:59 PM Thursday, August 28, 2008. Written cancellation may be submitted via US Mail or via email to WKostyk@epix.net. Athletes canceling in accordance with these requirements will receive a full refund of their registration fee. **No refunds will be provided to athletes canceling after the aforementioned deadline.**

Refund Policy (Disqualification During Event): Athletes disqualified during the event for violation of USAT or International Triathlon Union requirements will not receive any refund of their registration fee.

Refund Policy (Denial of Participation at Check-In): Athletes must present a current and valid original driver's license or original state-issued photo ID at check-in, or participation in the triathlon will be denied. Athletes denied participation at check-in will not receive a refund of their registration fee. Athletes who are not annual members of USAT must sign the USAT waiver during check-in or they will be denied participation. USAT annual members do not need to sign the USAT waiver, but they will need to: (1) Have cited their USAT annual membership number on their Salt Springs Triathlon 2008 registration form, and (2) Present their current and original USAT annual membership credentials during check-in. If both of these requirements are not satisfied, the USAT waiver must be signed, and the athlete must pay the \$10 fee for a one-day USAT membership. No attempts to fax, email, verify via Internet, or otherwise verify an athlete's identity or USAT current annual membership status during the check-in process will be permitted.

Refund Policy (Inclement Weather): A decision as to whether the triathlon will be canceled due to inclement weather will be made by 8:00 PM Friday, August 29, 2008. The cancellation decision will be posted on the www.friendsofsaltspringpark.org website, and will be emailed to all registrants.

The cancellation decision will also be available by dialing (570) 967-7275. Athletes will be mailed a full refund of their registration fee in the event of a weather cancellation.

Refund Policy (Administrative Cancellation): Athletes will be mailed a full refund of their registration fee in the unlikely event of an administrative cancellation relating to permitting, liability, sanctioning, and the like. If the triathlon is canceled for administrative reasons, this decision will be emailed to all registrants immediately, and the decision will be posted on the www.friendsofsaltsprings.org website. The refunds will be mailed within seven calendar days of an administrative cancellation decision.

One-day USAT Membership Fee: The \$10 fee for a USAT one-day membership (for race day) is embedded in the registration fee for athletes who are not USAT current annual members. Accordingly, no money will be exchanged on race day, except for athletes who cannot verify their USAT current annual membership status, and wish to participate in the triathlon by paying the \$10 fee for a USAT one-day membership.

* *Please note that triathlon registration fees are **not** tax-deductible charitable contributions.*