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Age Group and Paratriathlon World Champions Crowned on Gold Coast

3049 athletes from across the globe raced at the ITU Triathlon World Championships

3049 athletes from across the world descended on Australia's Gold Coast for the 2009 ITU Triathlon World Championships as the top age group competitors went head to head over both the sprint and standard distances alongside their paratriathlon counterparts.

The host nation submitted the largest team with 989 triathletes taking to the course, with Great Britain in second, fielding a massive squad of 408 who made the journey to the other side of the world. The USA took the bronze medal in the participant number, just 16 athletes less than Great Britain with 392. 378 triathletes from neighbouring New Zealand also made the trip.

Some athletes made their way from as far afield as Venezuela, Oman, Norway, Morocco, Liechtenstein, Guatemala, Mauritius and Kazakhstan, ensuring that the strong turnouts from the larger countries were matched with passion and enthusiasm from the smaller triathlon nations.

Australia were the big winners in the standard distance competition taking ten gold medals, ahead of the USA on eight. There were also gold medals heading back to Great Britain, Canada, France and Spain.

2009 ITU Triathlon Standard Distance Age Group World Champions:

- 18-19 Women - Ella Holmes, Australia
- 18-19 Men - Ryan Bailie, Australia
- 20-24 Women - Courtney Gilfillan, Australia
- 20-24 Men - Arnaud Chivot, France
- 25-29 Women - Carrie Lester, Australia
- 25-29 Men - Nick Dunn, Great Britain
- 30-34 Women - Tamsin Lewis, Great Britain
- 30-34 Men - Troy Drinan, Australia
- 35-39 Women - Suzanne Chandler, Canada
- 35-39 Men - JJ Bailey, USA
- 40-44 Women - Stephanie Kieffer, Canada
- 40-44 Men - Gregory Cox, Australia



45-49 Women - Loretta Wesley, Australia
45-49 Men - John Meagher, Australia
50-54 Women - Margaret Ritchie, Canada
50-54 Men - Kevin Ferguson, Australia
55-59 Women - Margarita Riera, Spain
55-59 Men - Dean Harper, USA
60-64 Women - Lauren Binder, USA
60-64 Men - Brian Barr, Australia
65-69 Women - Elizabeth Brackett, USA
65-69 Men - David Roadhouse, USA
70-74 Women - Susan Bradley-Cox, USA
70-74 Men - Keith Pearce, Australia
75-79 Women - Madonna Buder, USA
75-79 Men - Roger Brockenbrough, USA

The paratriathletes also enjoyed a successful day of competition as they swam, rode and ran through the packed spectator lined course, inspiring others as well as racing flat out for the hotly contested podium positions.

The USA headed the medal table with a haul of ten, including a magnificent six golds, two silvers and two bronze, with gold medals also flying back to New Zealand, Germany, Great Britain and Hungary, as well as Australia. A total of thirteen different nationalities all stood on the podium making the 2009 ITU Triathlon World Championships the most competitive and far reaching paratriathlon competition in the history of the sport.

2009 ITU Triathlon Paratriathlon World Champions:

Para TRI 1 Men - Bill Chaffey, Australia
Para TRI 2 Women - Sarah Reinersten, USA
Para TRI 2 Men - Matt Perkins, USA
Para TRI 3 Women - Miriam Jenkins, New Zealand
Para TRI 3 Men - Sebastien Averagesch, Germany
Para TRI 4 Women - Clare Cunningham, Great Britain
Para TRI 4 Men - Peter Boronkay, Hungary
Para TRI 5 Women - Megan Fisher, USA
Para TRI 5 Men - JP Theberg, USA
Para TRI 6 Women - Ivonne Mosquera, USA
Para TRI 6 Men - Aaron Scheidies, USA

Classification System:

TRI 1 - Handcycle: Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Polio, Double Leg Amputee. Must use handcycle on bike course and racing wheelchair on run.

TRI 2 - Severe leg impairment including above knee amputees. Athlete must ride bicycle and run with above knee prosthesis (or similar prosthesis) or run using crutches.

TRI 3 - Les Autre: This category includes athletes with Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular



Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, double leg amputee runners or paralysis in multiple limbs. Athlete will ride a bicycle and run. Athlete may use braces or prosthesis if required.

TRI 4 - Arm impairment including paralysis, above-elbow amputees and below-elbow amputees, or impairment

in both upper limbs. Athlete may use prosthesis, brace or sling on the bike and/or run.

TRI 5 - Moderate leg impairment including below-knee amputees. Athlete rides bicycle and runs with prosthesis.

TRI 6 - Visual Impairment, legally Blind (20/200 vision with best corrective vision). A handler of the same sex is mandatory throughout the race. Athlete is tethered during the swim. Athlete uses a tandem bicycle and may be tethered during the run.

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