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GOLD COAST TO HOST 2009 ITU TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

*6000 athletes from all over the world to descend on the Gold Coast for
the five day ITU World Championships from
9th – 13th of September*

- **Biggest triathlon event to take place in Australia**
- **Over 6000 athletes participating with 60,000 spectators from 42 countries worldwide**
- **Australia's biggest ever team - 1000 triathletes to take part**

The eyes of the world will be fixed on the Gold Coast this September when the 21st ITU Triathlon World Championships take place at the Southport Broadwater Parklands from the 9th–13th of September. Unlike other sporting world championships reserved for the super elite anyone can take part, from novice to athlete, business professionals and lifestyle enthusiasts.

The event will feature 6,000 athletes from 42 countries including elite athletes, junior athletes (16-19), under 23 athletes, para-triathlon and age group athletes, along with some 60,000 spectators. Australian businesses can also get involved by entering a team in the ITU Corporate Teams and Teams Relay Triathlon World Championships.

Elite athletes from around the globe will gather on the Gold Coast after gaining selection into their respective countries teams to compete in either the Olympic Distance or Sprint Distance championships in the hope of securing a prized gold, silver or bronze medal.

Additionally 2009 will see Australia field its biggest ever team of 1000 athletes to contest both the Olympic and Sprint distance championships. While the elite squad is yet to be finalised by Triathlon Australia, it is expected to be spearheaded by Olympic champion Emma Snowsill and Olympic bronze medallist Emma Moffatt, joining them should be Olympic male representatives Brad Kahlefeldt and Courtney Atkinson.

TAKING PART

Entry is now open for the 2009 Gold Coast ITU Triathlon World Championships for the following events:

- **ITU Corporate Teams Triathlon World Championships**
- **ITU Teams Relay Triathlon**



- **ITU Aquathlon Triathlon World Championships (you must be a member of your National Federation to enter)**
- **SprintMan* – Enticer & Sprint Distances**

Interested participants can enter online by visiting:
www.worldtriathlongoldcoast.com/event_guide_athleteguide.html

*Sprint Distance Triathlon	0.75km Swim, 20km Cycle, 5km Run
Olympic Distance Triathlon	1.5km Swim, 40km Cycle, 10km Run

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

In addition to the ITU Triathlon World Championships races, there are mass participation Olympic and Sprint distance triathlons attracting a further 2,000 general public competitors nationally (7,000 competitors in total), competing on the same World Championship course. Participants will arrive from all over the world for a minimum of 7 days. The festival includes community activities, concerts, networking events and entertainment programs accommodating the athletes and spectators alike.

THE LOCATION

The 2009 ITU Triathlon World Championships is staged on the 32 million dollar redeveloped Gold Coast's Southport Broadwater Parklands. The purpose built Olympic standard course will include a 165,000sqm precinct including grandstand seating, corporate marquees, festival village and one of the largest sport and lifestyle expos in the southern hemisphere.

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