

1. Competitor Info

Score: Excellent

Comments: Through the application process and the on-line event information, full details were provided to entrants. The detail within the event information page is impressive. It provides a link to BTF rules, safety advice, course information and timings. Even a photograph on how to rack a bike properly. As a first time triathlete everything was catered for. This is the 4th year of this event and it is clear that the organizers learn from experience and seek to continually improve information quality and race delivery. 3 on site competitor briefings were delivered on the day by the event organiser. This covered safety aspects, Do's and Don'ts, reminders of key BTF requirements, and up to date event information. A talk through of the hilly bike course with a prominent safety message on fast downhill into 30mph zones was well received.

2. Registration Process

Score: Excellent

Comments: Registration was easily identified when arriving at the venue. The Information required by BTF was prominent, and readily identifiable. The registration process was well staffed, and well rehearsed. Tee shirt and race material was quickly issued and questions answered.

3. Swim Organisation and Safety

Score: Excellent

Comments: Swim organisation was well thought out and well organised. The 4 groups of event taking place were, Try a Tri (for newbies) standard sprint, sprint relays and extended sprint. These were separated into their respective time categories allowing competitors to swim to their own level without fear of holding up faster swimmers. Pool safety was prioritized and sufficient life guards were present throughout. The timing of the swims was well spaced out so there was no intensity to get people into the pool. This permitted a more relaxed environment and a better start to the event experience. There was ample lane space throughout and overtaking was never a safety issue. Swim out was on swept hard surface around the building and onto rubber mats to cross a closed service road onto the transition field. No safety issues were apparent.

4. Transition Area

Score: Excellent

Comments: The event site is spacious and transition was well spread out, with more than adequate bike racking. The racking was generously spaced allowing plenty of room for competitors to rack their bikes and set out their kit. All racking was clearly numbered. Security was well catered for with supporters allowed near one side of transition only. Bag security was against an opposite fence and accessible to competitors only. The site was well marshaled by experienced triathletes who allowed access to competitors only. Full bike, helmet and number checks were undertaken upon entry. Access and egress as always under control. The entrance to transition had signage that banned the wearing of MP3 players in the race. A further sign that allowed access to transition to competitors and officials only. All competitors and kit were checked when leaving post race.

5. Design and signage of courses

Score: Excellent

Comments: A very well signed run and bike course. The bike route had a roundabout turn at the beginning that was well marshaled. The course itself was very well signed. The lap' and finish' split in the course was clear and unambiguous. The run course was from large football fields into an urban area that was safe, well signed and well marshaled. Again the lap' and finish' split was well marked. Water stations were well

sited and staffed. No environmental matters were apparent or reported.

6. Drafting

Score: Excellent

Comments: No reports of drafting were received.

7. Marshals

Score: Excellent

Comments: Experienced and well briefed marshals who had benefited from previous events, made this a smoothly run and highly rated event.

8. Overall safety of event

Score: Excellent

Comments: This event group is an experienced team of triathletes who understand what needs to be delivered. There were no safety issues apparent throughout the days activities. Vehicles and parking were kept separate from the event. On site marquees were well spaced out giving spectators good access and viewing to enjoy the event. competitor safety was a high priority and mentioned within the race information and at the briefings. An ambulance crew from the Leicestershire search and rescue were on site. 2 medics remained at the event location one medic was mobile available to respond if needed.

9. Response from competitors

Score: Excellent

Comments: Throughout the event there was a constant stream of complimentary remarks about how helpful the marshals were. The quality of the organisation, and the visibility of the event organizers made this an inclusive event for all. They were available throughout the day. This is a highly rated event from competitors and spectators alike. A free bike station was on site for checks. Free massage and foam roller tents available. The sound system was excellent and didn't deafen anyone.

10. Treatment of officials and marshalls

Score: Excellent

Comments: All event staff had free hot food and drink if they wanted it. Refreshment tickets were available for all. Sufficient rest breaks and rotation of marshals where possible was part of the event set up. The BTF race official was warmly welcomed, fully briefed and given a meal ticked.

Additional comments

This is an excellent introductory event for newbies and a great advert for the triathlon community. It maybe that the midday start added to the more relaxed atmosphere.

Only 1 competitor failed to finish, this was through a mechanical fault on the bilke.

The race was not a laid back casual event. But a well planned and clearly thought out race meeting. It was used by the local club as its championship event. It was also used as an inter club competition so there was lots to fight for. The introduction of the extended sprint distance to bridge the gap with Olympic events was popular and innovative from the organizers. Safety was a high priority but so was enjoying the day.

If the BTF are looking for a blue print on how a local event should be delivered then there is much to

admire on how Raceharborough' put competitor safety and enjoyment first.

Total Number Competitors at Event (including DSQ and DNF): 254

Total Number of Officials in Attendance: 1

Distance Travelled to Officiate at Event: 102 miles

Chief Technical Official: Michael Fishwick
Assistant Officials:

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