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## Take the next step and become an affiliated school

At Triathlon Victoria we believe that triathlon is a unique offering for students. It provides the unique opportunity to accept a physical challenge, commit to a program of preparation and celebrate the finish line no matter what. Whether as an individual, or part of a team, the bonds created through group training sessions and the shared experience of the finish line stay forever.

School-based and youth triathlon is a growing market with more teenagers participating each year. What was once seen as extreme, is now mainstream, and with events such as the inaugural [Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships](#) attracting over 815 participants from 65 schools in 2018, the future looks bright.

We have significant partnerships with the School Sport Association of Victoria (and all the respective school sport associations), The Victorian State Government, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and race organisers. With our partners support we have clear objectives to improve the health and well-being of Victoria's youth. This is a long-term commitment and a clear strategy in our 2018-2021 strategic plan (attached).

To support the growth and development of school/youth triathlon we announce a special offer to **become affiliated with Triathlon Victoria and enjoy benefits** such as:

- Direct access to Triathlon Victoria resources – human and programs including TRISTOPME and TRI2GETHER.
- Specific training program support (targeting youth aged participants at participation and 'performance' levels) to make triathlon fun!
- A complimentary 'Foundation Coaching Course' for one person covering the principles of triathlon coaching and skills of swim/bike/run.
- Direct communication from TV for the latest news regarding upcoming events, training tips, Schools Championships, etc.
- Invitations to coaching professional development courses and conferences.
- Priority tent positioning at the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championships.
- Legislation/regulation support and advocacy – e.g. Open Water swim guidelines and access to funding support.
- The opportunity to engage in shaping the direction of school and youth triathlon in Victoria.



In addition, each **individual member (student/teacher)** of an affiliated school (upon payment of an annual membership fee) receives benefits such as:

- Lower entry fees (no more one day membership fees)
- Eligibility for Triathlon Victoria State Series Athlete of the Year Awards or selection into the Development Pathway or Australian team for the World Championships (eligibility starting at 16 years of age).
- Access to discount offers through Triathlon Australia
- Insurance cover when participating in triathlon training and racing (whether at school or as an individual training from home) with most importantly public liability cover for damage/injury occurring to a third party.

Schools wishing to affiliate should read and consider the attached affiliation policy.

Whilst we provide newly affiliated organisation, whether school, squad or traditional club two full seasons to meet all aspects of affiliation such as number of members, contribution to the officiating program, etc, we do expect that affiliates join all students in the 'triathlon program' as members of Triathlon Victoria/Australia upon joining.

For the **first ten schools** Triathlon Victoria will

- **waive the annual affiliation fee,**
- include a **complimentary 'Foundation Coaching Course'** per school, and
- provide a first-year **discounted** student membership (**\$10.00 off**)

If you would like to be one of **our first 'official' school partners** and take advantage of the **savings (over \$600.00)** or find out more, please call myself or Rob Ward. T: 9598 8686 or E: [rob.ward@vic.triathlon.org.au](mailto:rob.ward@vic.triathlon.org.au)

Kind Regards



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#### Annual Affiliation fee structure

Type	2018-19	2019-20
Annual Affiliation (school)	\$0.00	\$250.00
Individual membership 'Junior' 12 -19 years	\$61.00	\$71.00
Coach membership Volunteer (non-competing)	\$5.00	\$5.00

Note: Competitors who are not members pay an extra \$3.50 (mini/enticer) or \$10.00 (sprint) on top of their entry fee per event.