

ACCURO JERSEY TRIATHLON UPDATE: COVID-19

Further to the recent Government of Jersey's update on the detailed and phased approach to COVID-19 over the coming months, we have now conceded that it will not be possible to operate a mass participation triathlon event in its current format and comply with the strict physical distancing and travel restrictions that will still be in place on the 19 July and throughout the summer months.

As a result of these ongoing restrictions, we will be adapting the 2020 event into a community led virtual triathlon challenge, which will require a new separate signup. Those competitors who have already entered into this year's event will have their entries carried over to the 2021 event, at no additional cost. The 2021 event is scheduled to take place on Sunday 11 July 2021.

We are very conscious that many of you will have been training hard for this year's event and will have been looking forward to participating, which is why we have decided to adapt the 2020 event into a virtual triathlon challenge, so that the event will remain as a focal point for the triathlon community during these uncertain times.

The Accuro Jersey Triathlon Virtual Challenge will take place over a three-week period commencing on 1st July and finishing on the 19th July. Entry will cost £5 per person and includes a finisher medal, technical t-shirt, all booking fees, digital challenge pack and ongoing support throughout the challenge.

The virtual triathlon challenge will be open to athletes of all abilities and will offer those with no previous triathlon experience the opportunity to participate in their first triathlon in what will be a very approachable format. Participants would be able to complete the three required disciplines (swim, bike and run) in any order, at any time and at any location during the three-week period. The event will also include a relay team option, a duathlon option and a full range of junior triathlon options. Full details on the Accuro Jersey Triathlon – Virtual Challenge and how to register will be available from jersey-triatlon.com in approximately two weeks' time.

Fundraising will be central to the challenge and we hope participants will continue to support our three official charities during a very difficult fundraising environment, by either donating at the point of entry or raising sponsorship funds over the course of the event. To remind you, the official charities in 2020 are; Brightly, Alzheimer's Jersey and Oscar MacLean Foundation.

We would like to thank our title sponsors Accuro for their ongoing excellent support and also acknowledge the continued support of all our event partners.

Thank you for your understanding and support, and we hope to welcome many of you as participants to the Accuro Jersey Triathlon - Virtual Challenge soon. Until then, train hard, take care and stay safe.