

# FutureChampionZ

15th - 17th December, 2017, Taupo.



## Welcome

We're just 3 months away from this years Future ChampionZ. It'll be another 3 days of fun, fast racing, based in and around Taupo at NZ's premiere Junior and Youth Tri Festival!

Entry numbers are well ahead of previous years so if you know somebody who is thinking of racing encourage them to enter as events will be capped for safety reasons. Start lists will begin to go up on the website ([www.futurechampionz.com](http://www.futurechampionz.com)) after October 1st for you to see who you'll be racing against! In the mean time there is some information below which will make your race weekend run smoother. Full rules for each event, and points scoring will be posted on the website soon - the information below does not replace the need to attend ALL race briefings!

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### SCHEDULE

Check the full schedule out below so you know when and where the racing is!

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### LOCATIONS

Familiarise yourself with the locations as we have some new race sites this year.

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### TEAMS RACE

We'll have a teams race, read below and contact your RYC if you want to be part of it!

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#### Field of Play Director

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# Schedule

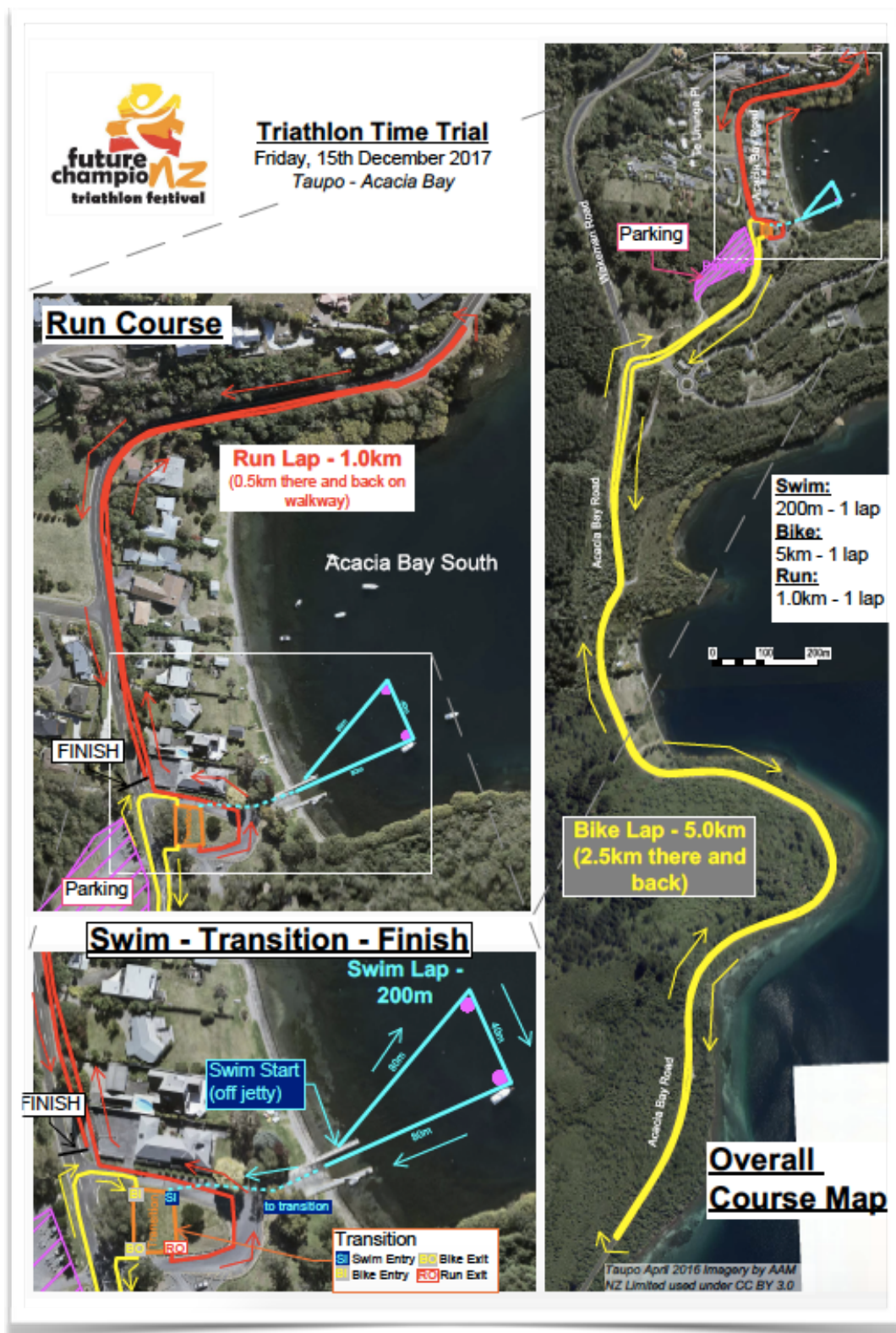
## Friday 15th December

Registration this year will take place at Acacia Bay South from 11am - 1pm, as the very first event of the Festival is based there. You will need to get your bike checked at Huka Cycles, Spa Road, Taupo, prior to this so allow time!

An Individual Time Trial will kick off the Festival this year, the distances will be the same for U21 / Juniors / Youth, they will be 200m swim, followed by a 5km undulating bike, and a 1km run. Each athlete will start at 30 second intervals diving off the pontoon at Acacia Bay. The Individual Time Trial will be run under non-drafting rules - we will look at these in more detail in a later Newsletter. However please note, you MUST use the same bike for the ITT as the rest of the racing, so no TT bikes, Disc Wheels etc. The bike needs to conform to Tri NZ draft legal rules, with no exceptions.

Order of racing will be Youth Girls, Youth Boys, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, U21 Boys, U21 Girls. Time starts will be posted on the website after December 1st.

There will be a race briefing for ALL athletes at the swim start at 1:30pm before the first athlete dives off at 2pm.



Points will be awarded as in previous years, the winner of each division will receive 350 points, down to 5 points for 35th place. These will be posted in a later Newsletter. \*\*Wetsuit compulsory & they need to be dipped at briefing\*\* No bike check sticker from Huka Cycles = NO RACE.

## Friday 15th (Evening)

This year Triathlon NZ & Cycling NZ HP Coaches will be running a skills session up at the Motorsport Park on the Friday evening, this will be really useful for you to practice bike handling on safe, closed roads. This session is open to all and attendance is expected by all. More information will be posted closer to the time around timings, and what you will need to bring.



## Saturday 16th December

### AM

Racing re-commences with an Open Water swim in Lake Taupo Saturday morning. Water safety will be in attendance from 8:30am so we ask you not to enter the water before that time. Race briefings will be immediately before your race - this is compulsory attendance and will take place on the beach by the start. Racing order is as follows:

O/Water Swim	Race Briefing	Start Time	Distance
Youth Female	8:50am	9am	400m
Youth Male	9:20am	9:30am	400m
Junior & U21 Female	9:40am	9:50am	800m
Junior & U21 Male	10:10am	10:20am	800m

Athletes will stand in a 'Holding Area' before their race start and then the first 10 finishers

from Fridays Individual Time Trial will be called down in finishing order to select their spot on the start line, before the rest of the field is invited to take the remaining spots.

The Open Water Swim will be a beach start, Youth will complete 1 lap and then run 50m to the finish, Juniors & U21 will race 2 laps, exiting the lake at the end of the 1st lap and rounding a flag before re-entering the lake for lap 2. Again - points are 350 for 1st place in each division down to 5 points for 35th place. Wetsuit compulsory.



## Regional Youth Academies

This year will be slightly different, there are no athletic races on Saturday PM. With the increased significance of the Mixed Team Relay (MTR) due to Olympic inclusion, Triathlon NZ HP will be running workshops with a focus on the skills and understandings needed for the event. Triathlon NZ are prioritising the MTR and coaching staff will be in attendance. Below is a list of the relevant co-ordinators, if you're not already in contact why not drop yours an email, introduce yourself and ask to be included in any email newsletters. The Mixed Team Relay Workshop will be held at Owen Delany Park, in the function room where we were for athletics in 2015 / 16. Timings to be included in next newsletter.

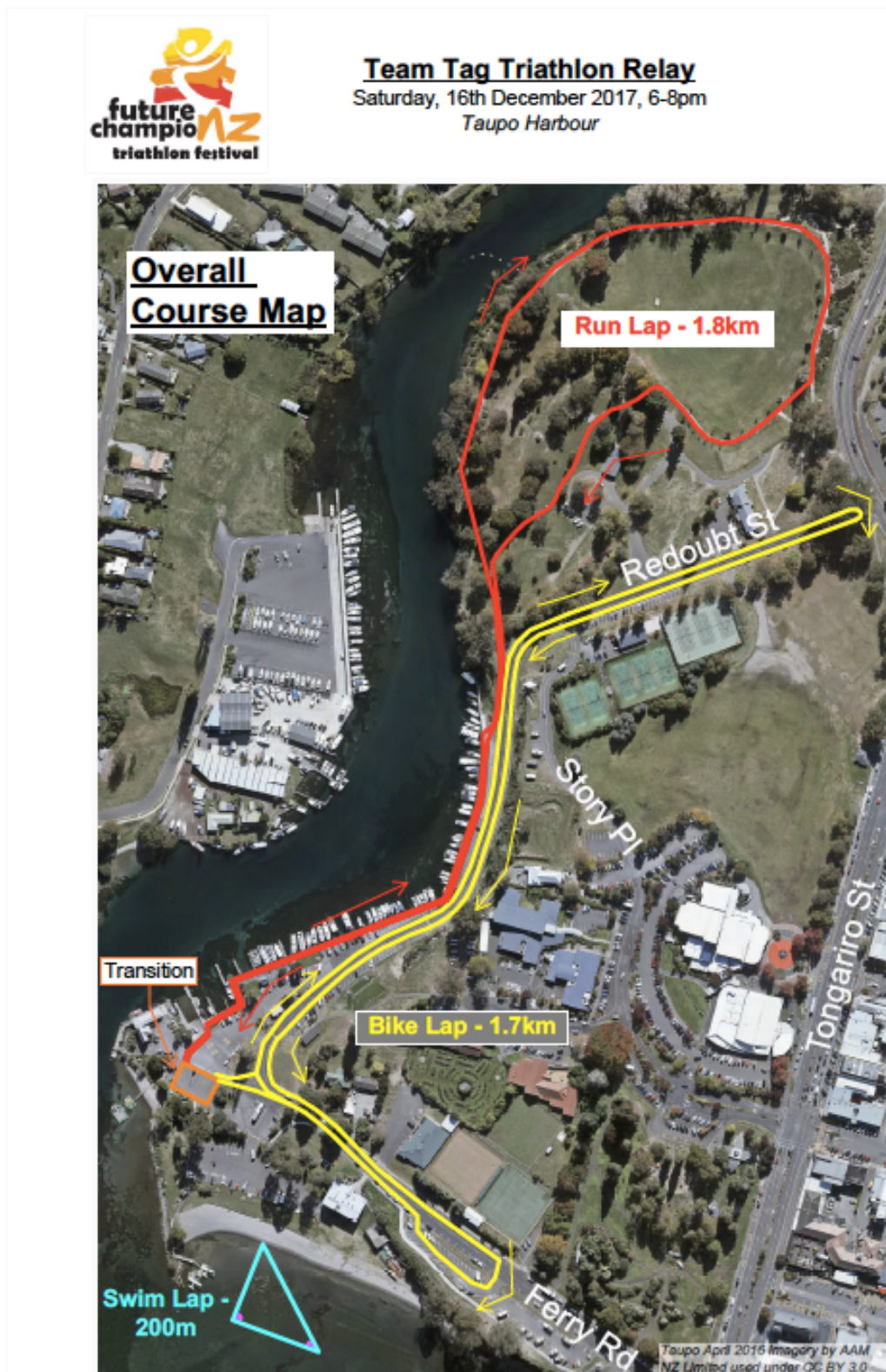


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# Mixed Team Relay

Saturday evening 16th December

This year will be the first time Future ChampionZ Festival holds a triathlon within the Taupo CBD and we're very excited about this! Saturday evening will be all about the Mixed Teams Relay (MTR). After learning all about the technical side of MTR with the Tri NZ team, athletes will compete on a tight technical course down by the Yacht Club. Each Regional Youth Academy will nominate their top 2 teams to race off in the Inter-Regional Cup (200/3.4/1.8 x 4). All other athletes will race in the curtain raiser Regional Youth Coaches will co-ordinate teams so please contact yours and indicate your desire to race. Race briefing is 5:30pm and the curtain raiser starts at 6pm. Inter-Regional Trophy Race expected to begin approx 7.15pm. The MTR does not count toward overall FCNZ positions therefore No points will be awarded. \*\*Wetsuit OPTIONAL.



Sunday 17th December

# Grand Final Triathlon

The Grand Final Triathlon is short, sharp and fast - This event will decide the Festival as it's worth double points!


Parking is Wharewaka Reserve as shown on the map, you will be directed there by signs on race morning after making your way out to Wharewaka.

Transition opens at 7:30am and all bikes must be pre-checked at Huka Cycles (77 Spa Rd) (you'll get a sticker on your bike to say its passed - no sticker....no race). Transition closes for ALL races Sunday at 8:15am, so Juniors and Youth need their bikes in by then. There will be short periods between races you can access but they must be set up by 8:15am. Wetsuits are compulsory for the swim and the bike is draft legal.

There will be a champagne podium ceremony immediately after the A final, but Trophies etc will be awarded at the evening function at The Taupo Bowls Club. Tickets will go on sale soon and info will come via email to all entrants.

	Race Briefing	Start	Distances
Youth Girls	8:20am	8:30am	400/10.3/2.4
Youth Boys	8:20am	9:10am	400/10.3/2.4
Junior & U21 Girls	9:40am	9:50am	600/13.6/4.8
Junior & U21 Boys B Final	10:20am	10:35am	600/13.6/4.8
Junior & U21 Boys A Final	10:20am	11:40am	600/13.6/4.8

**\*\*Times subject to change.**

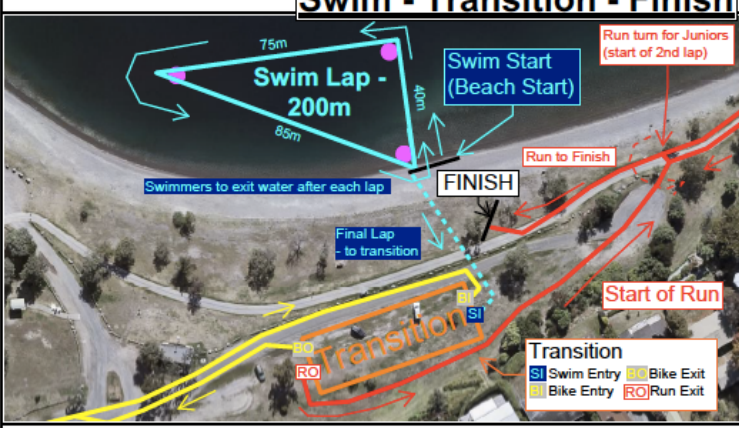


**Race 4: Grand Final Triathlon**  
Sunday, 17th December 2017, 8:00am  
Taupo - Wharewaka

**Swim:**  
Youths (U16): 400m - 2 laps  
Juniors (U19): 600m - 3 laps


**Bike:**  
Youths (U16): 10.2km - 6 laps  
Juniors (U19): 13.5km - 8 laps

**Run:**  
Youths (U16): 2.5km 1 lap  
Juniors (U19): 4.8km - 2 laps




**Swim - Transition - Finish**

Swim Lap - 200m  
Swim Start (Beach Start)  
Transition  
Run Start  
Run to Finish  
Run turn for Juniors (start of 2nd lap)



**Overall Course Map**

Run Lap - 1.2km there and back on walkway  
Bike Lap - 1.65km  
Swim Lap - 200m



**Bike Course**

Bike Lap - 1.65km  
Bike Start  
At last lap - back to transition

Thank you to the following Sponsors and Supports who will make this years Festival possible once again:



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Thanks also to those who kindly donated to this years 'Give-a-little campaign' - And of course you athletes, parents and coaches who are all returning for another year to make the festival such a success.

