

# London Region Junior Coordinator Update

The Junior Series League re-started after a couple of years out due to covid. A full programme of eight events was completed and it was nice to see the kids back racing. Numbers seemed to be a bit down on previous years and it might take a few more to build back up after the effects the virus had.

- All the events were the same as previous years - Crystal Palace, Trinity and the Bridge for triathlons, Thames Turbo, Greenwich, London Fields and Windrush for aquathlons and Hillingdon for a duathlon. The kids seemed to enjoy all the races although a few minor logistical/marshalling arose (particularly at Hillingdon, London Fields, Windrush) which I'm sure will be ironed out next year. These events have been around for a number of years now and there is a feeling that it might be nice for some new events to be created, especially an open water aquathlon (and possibly triathlon). However, the cost and unwillingness from some venues to support this idea might not allow this to be feasible.
- The 2021 Inter Regional Duathlon (IRD) took place at Medway between London, the South East and East region. For the first time in five years, London won the event which was excellent to see. London is hosting the event in November 2022.

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- London also came a very credible 7th (out of 12) in the national IRC event for T2 and T3 athletes. Natasha Jodrell took over from Michelle Treadwell and managed the team very well.
- London were instrumental in helping implement kids waves at the Super League Triathlon Series. It was an amazing opportunity for T1, T2 and T3 athletes to be able to compete on the same course as the professionals and watch them up close straight afterwards. The feedback received was phenomenal and it is hoped this will be repeated again in 2023.
- It must be noted that more support from HQ would be appreciated next year. There still hasn't been any website training given despite numerous requests and no assistance/support given with the results page, hence why this section remains empty on the website. Numerous personal hours were spent compiling them all myself instead.
- Partly as a consequence of this and the amount of work required in the role, extra support is being considered. The exact structure is still TBD but hopefully the extra support will enable everything to do with youth triathlon run more efficiently.