Junior Series Coordinator’s Report 2022

Well, it was good to be back to some sort of normality regarding events this year, but we are still nowhere near where we were before the pandemic. Clubs and event organisers are still struggling to come to terms with the costs required to host an event plus the continuation of low numbers for race entries has not helped the situation.

This year we had a total of 6 races on the calendar for the series but unfortunately, we lost one race not long after the season started. Our races were made up of the following:

* Two Aquathlons
* One Open Water Triathlon
* Two Duathlons

The series was completed, and I hope all junior athletes had fun and enjoyed competing in the junior series.

After losing the Race Rapids location at Mallory Park this summer, 2023 will be a definite challenge to pick up another replacement open water venue to add to the already long-standing Sandwell Tri.

As we look forward into 2023, I would like to ask that all clubs continue their development of our juniors but also try to encourage more to “have a go” at one if not all the races. We need to bring more juniors into our sport as they are the future for Triathlon England. We need to encourage more juniors to compete, but none more so than our Tri Starts and Tri Starts -1, both male and female which were surprisingly very low.

On a positive end to the season, I am encouraged by some clubs already planning on hosting an event for 2023 and a couple new ones too.

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