

# THE COLLINS CUP™

## How it Works

The Collins Cup: A first of its kind global annual competition in which teams of professional triathletes from the USA, Europe and the rest of the World (the “Internationals”) will compete to determine which region dominates the sport of Triathlon.



USA

vs



Europe

vs



Internationals

Modelled after golf's Ryder Cup, The Collins Cup will be held annually with a rotating location. Team USA, Europe and the Internationals will each consist of 12 professional triathletes, six men and six women.

Team Selection: Eight athletes will earn a place on their respective teams by way of a PTO World Ranking System, and the remaining four athletes will be selected by each team's captains.

Eligibility: Qualification and captain's selections for The Collins Cup are open to any professional triathlete licensed by a recognised racing authority or governing body, such as USAT, ETU, ITU, WTC, Challenge or REV3. There is no requirement for any person to be a member of the PTO to qualify for or participate in The Collins Cup, nor is there any requirement for an athlete to compete in any particular race or series of races.

PTO World Ranking: The PTO World Ranking system will be an objective system to determine which triathletes are the finest in the world and best qualified to represent their team in The Collins Cup. It will consider race results from all recognised racing authorities and all distances from Olympic to full IRONMAN races. Since the competitors in The Collins Cup will be racing a standard long distance course, there will be heavier weightings given to longer distance races.

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Team Captains: Each team will have two co-captains, one man and one woman, who will be former greats in the sport, and will be selected by a committee of regional representatives appointed by the PTO.

Distance: The race length is expected to be long course distances of a 3 km swim, 120 km bike and 25 km run, and the race will be a non-drafting event.

Race Matches: An athlete from each of Team USA, Europe and the Internationals will battle against one another in an individual race of three, so there will be 12 separate race matches, each staggered 10 minutes apart.

## Example Race Matches



### Women's Teams

Race 1	USA #1	vs	Europe #1	vs	Internationals #1
Race 2	USA #2	vs	Europe #2	vs	Internationals #2
Race 3	USA #3	vs	Europe #3	vs	Internationals #3
Race 4	USA #4	vs	Europe #4	vs	Internationals #4
Race 5	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice
Race 6	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice

### Men's Teams

Race 7	USA #1	vs	Europe #1	vs	Internationals #1
Race 8	USA #2	vs	Europe #2	vs	Internationals #2
Race 9	USA #3	vs	Europe #3	vs	Internationals #3
Race 10	USA #4	vs	Europe #4	vs	Internationals #4
Race 11	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice
Race 12	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice	vs	Captain's Choice

Communications: During the bike and run portions of the event, each athlete will be mic'ed and in contact with their respective captains, and their communications will be broadcast to the TV audience. All team captains will have access to various live metrics (pace, power watts, cadence, heart rate, etc.) of all competitors and be permitted to communicate this information to their team members throughout the race.

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Scoring: For each of the 12 race matches, the winner is awarded 3 points, second place is awarded 2 points and third place is awarded 1 point. In addition, athletes will be awarded bonus points of ½ point for every 5-minute margin by which they beat their opponents in their respective race match, with a maximum of 1-1/2 bonus points for a margin of victory in excess of 15 minutes.

## Scoring System for Each Race

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	3 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	2 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	1 Point

## Bonus Points Awarded

Winning by + 5mins	½ Point
Winning by + 10mins	1 Point
Winning by + 15mins	1½ Points

## Scoring For Example Purposes Only

<u>Race Match #7</u>		<u>Finish</u>	<u>Time Diff</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Bonus</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Smith		5:29:47	—	3	1.5	4.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Johanson		5:35:19	+5:32	2	0.5	2.5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jones		5:41:32	+11:45	1	0	1

The Collins Cup: The team with the most overall points from the 12 race matches will claim the spoils of The Collins Cup and bragging rights as the most powerful athletic force in the sport.

The Broken Spokes: The team that finishes last will be presented with The Broken Spoke Trophy. For the next 12 months they will have the ignominious title of being *The Broken Spokes*, determined to relinquish the title to an opposing team in the following year's competition.



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Race Weekend: The inaugural Collins Cup is expected to be staged in June 2018, over a Saturday and a Sunday at a host city to be determined. The weekend will be an all-inclusive festival-like celebration of the sport of triathlon.

Saturday: On the Saturday there will be a number of traditional triathlon events of varying lengths in which fans, amateur athletes and professionals not otherwise on a Collins Cup team will race. There will be a prize purse for professionals in the Saturday races. The Collins Cup team members will be on site during the Saturday races encouraging fans and participants.

Sunday: On the Sunday, the professional teams will take to the course and battle for The Collins Cup. The prize purse for The Collins Cup will be one of the largest in the sport.

PTO: The Professional Triathletes Organisation is a not-for-profit entity of professional triathletes who seek to celebrate and promote the sport of triathlon. As host of The Collins Cup, the PTO will seek to foster the international good will, camaraderie and keen competition that are fundamental to the enjoyment and future growth of the sport of triathlon.

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