

General Event Information

What is the Ripon Triathlon Festival?

The Ripon Triathlon Festival is a multi-day event offering races for all ages and abilities, from children's races to Sprint, Standard, and Middle-Distance triathlons. It's held at Ripon Racecourse, featuring open water swims, scenic bike routes, and grass-run courses, plus entertainment, live music, and food.

When and where is the festival?

The 2025 festival runs from Friday, 11th July to Sunday, 13th July, at Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road, Ripon, HG4 1UG.

Who organises the event?

The event is organised by TBF Events in partnership with The Brownlee Foundation, with profits supporting their mission to inspire young people to lead active lifestyles.

Registration and Fees

How do I register?

Registration is online via the official event website. Choose your race and complete the form.

What are the entry fees?

Entry fees vary depending on the race category. Discounts are available for early registrations.

Can I get a refund if I withdraw?

Refunds are available if requested at least 30 days before the event:

- 100% before 12th February 2025
- 50% before 12th April 2025
- 25% before 12th June 2025

No refunds are offered after 12th June 2025 unless Refund Protection was purchased at registration.

Can I transfer my entry or defer to another year?

You can transfer your entry to another TBF event in the same calendar year if requested by 12th June 2025. Deferrals are available only for pregnancy-related reasons with proof.



Event Features

What races are available?

- Sprint and Standard Triathlons
- Middle-Distance Triathlon
- Open Water Swims
- Aquabike (Swim and Bike only)
- Relay options
- Junior races.

What is included in my race pack?

Race packs include:

- Race number (for bike and run)
- Swim cap
- Timing chip
- Bike and helmet stickers
- Security wristband for transition area access.

Do I need a triathlon licence?

Yes, participants must hold a valid British Triathlon licence or purchase a Race Pass during registration.

Race Day Logistics

Where do I park?

Parking is available from 06:30 at the main entrance to Ripon Racecourse. Saturday parking costs £5, while Sunday parking is free. All proceeds go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

What facilities are available on-site?

- Toilets and complimentary showers (for campers)
- Food vendors
- Expo area with merchandise and massage services.

When is registration open?

- Saturday: 08:00–12:45
- Sunday: 08:00–11:45
- Bring photo ID and your British Triathlon membership card or Race Pass receipt.



Race Details

Swim

What are the swim rules?

Wetsuit use is based on water temperature:

- Mandatory below 14°C
- Optional between 14°C and 22°C
- Prohibited above 22°C.

Are there safety measures in place?

Yes, safety boats and kayaks will monitor the swim. Participants should notify a kayak if they need assistance.

Bike

What are the bike course rules?

- Helmets are mandatory.
- Drafting is not allowed; maintain 10m distance unless overtaking.
- Follow the Highway Code as roads remain open to traffic.

Are aid stations available?

No, participants must carry their own hydration and nutrition.

Run

What is the run course like?

The course is flat, mostly on grass and towpaths, with designated turnaround points. Headphones are strictly prohibited.

Are there aid stations on the run?

Yes, aid stations on the Standard run route offer water and OTE energy drinks.

Special Categories

How does the relay work?

Each team member completes one segment of the race. Timing chips act as batons and are handed over at transition points.

What is the Aquabike event?

Aquabike participants complete the swim and bike legs, finishing at the transition point.

Spectators

Are spectators allowed?

Yes, spectators are welcome and can watch from designated areas near the transition zone and finish line.

What are the guidelines for spectators?

Spectators must not enter the racecourse or transition areas. Crossing barriers is strictly prohibited.

Post-Race Information

What do finishers receive?

Finishers receive a medal, a goodie bag, and prizes for top positions in each category.

Where can I find race results?

Results will be uploaded to the event website after each race.

Can I purchase race photos?

Yes, professional photos will be available online via Two26 Photography.

Camping and Accommodation

Can I camp at the festival?

Yes, camping is available from Friday to Sunday. Pitches include toilets and showers but no electric hookups. Dogs are allowed on leads.

How do I book a camping pitch?

Book via the website during registration or through the camping page. Confirmation emails will include further instructions.

Contact and Policies

How can I contact the organisers?

For any queries, email info@tbfevents.co.uk. Use “Ripon Triathlon” in the subject line for clarity.

What happens if the event is cancelled?

Refunds due to cancellations are at the organiser’s discretion. Please review the terms and conditions.

