



APRIL & MAY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

May 18, 2022

Tri CLE is really making some waves this Spring!

YOUTH DIVISIONS

Youth divisions were officially added on April 27! Opening up our race to the next generation of multisport racers!

We have been inspired by the youth in the Kids That Tri program to create these specific divisions for youth aged 13-15 & 16-19 who are interested in racing Triathlon or Duathlon at our race.

Due to USA Triathlon sanctioning for Tri CLE, youth participants ages 13-19 will be racing the standard Super Sprint, Sprint, and Olympic courses at the same time as the adult participants. There will not be a separate youth course.

Each youth participant should be comfortable racing these distances and also understand road markings, signage, and other race-specific directions.

USA TRIATHLON LEVEL 1 CERTIFIED RACE DIRECTORS

Natalie McManamon (Event Director) and Melanie Prohaska (Marketing & Communications Director) became USA Triathlon Level 1 Certified Race Directors. Our team is now trained to understand the details of what it takes to prepare, set up, and put on a safe race.

Craig Thompson (HFP Racing), who is a USAT Level II Certified Race Director who has extensive experience with putting on multisport races has been giving us great guidance and we will continue to utilize his services to make sure we address the necessary details to put on our race.

Even with Craig's expertise at our fingertips, we felt it was important to have Natalie & Mel each obtain this certification as they are located here in Northeast Ohio and are able to meet in person with local officials, review the race course easily, and are able to connect with the community.

COMMUNITY EVENT

On Saturday, May 7 our small but mighty crew joined in on the Cudell & Detroit Shoreway Clean-up Day. We had the opportunity to pick up trash in the W.91st neighborhood and meet others who want to make sure their neighborhood stays clean!

Why did our team volunteer their time for this event? The theme for this year is **COMMUNITY!** We want to make sure that the surrounding neighborhoods of the race understand that we value making connections with them because part of the success of Tri CLE isn't just about participants, it's also about connecting with the community that surrounds this race.

GETTING CLEVELAND BACK ON THE MAP

We asked for your votes for Mark to be highlighted on the Cover of the July/August Triathlete Magazine, and he won! Check out the May 10, 2022 article The Winner of Our 2022 Reader Cover Contest Is...

This is a great opportunity for Tri CLE to reinforce that Cleveland is a great city to race multisport. Also highlighted will be the Kids That Tri program! As this is a unique program that offers youth in Northeast Ohio the opportunity to learn the sport of triathlon at no cost!

We are thankful for your support and look forward to seeing you at events leading up to race weekend and race weekend!

*Tri CLE Team
Mark, Natalie, & Mel*