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Thank you for choosing an event by First Knight Racing, home to the Keuka Lake Triathlon, Peasantman Steel Distance Triathlons, and the Knight's Fury Duathlon. Since 2013, First Knight Racing has contributed over \$45,000 to several organizations in the Penn Yan area. Most of these groups are present on race day helping to bring you the event.

Although this athlete's guide covers all three events, each race has its own identity and its own course, so each race has its own chapter in this guide. Pay attention also to the shared information, as well as some info about our history. If this guide does not answer all of your questions, reach out to us from our website at [FirstKnightRacing.com](https://www.FirstKnightRacing.com) and go to our 'Contact' page. Be sure to also follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FirstKnightRacing), and join our [First Knight Racing Round Table](#) group to connect with our racing community, where other questions can be answered.

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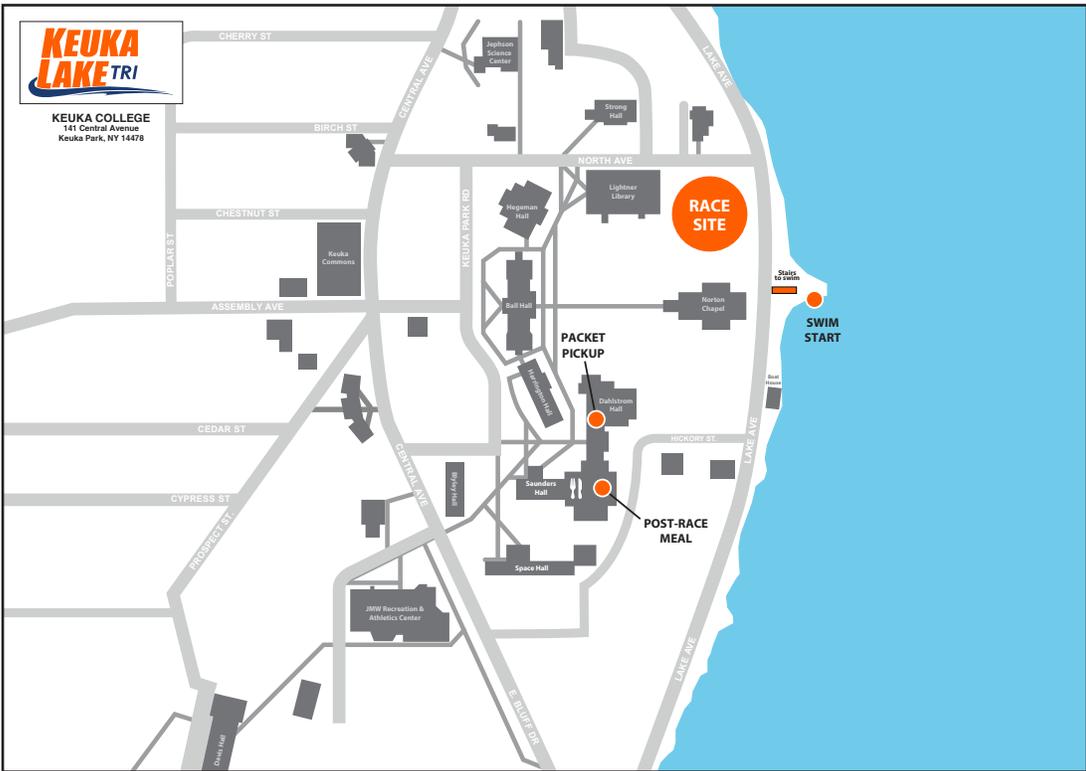
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KEUKA LAKE TRIATHLON

The Keuka Lake Tri takes place on Sunday June 9, 2024 at [Keuka College](#). It consists of Sprint and Intermediate distances, and a scenic bike ride in beautiful wine country with a flat and fast run along the lake. As a bonus, the post race experience goes above and beyond, offering a hot meal, salad bar, made to order options and dessert.

The Keuka College address is 141 Central Avenue, Keuka Park, NY 14478. [Dahlstrom Hall](#) will be the location of packet pickup and the post-race lunch. The race site is between Norton Chapel and Lightman Library. Because the school semester will be over at race time, parking is permitted on campus during event weekend.



EVENTS

INTERMEDIATE TRIATHLON
1500 meter swim / 25 mile bike / 6.2 mile run

SPRINT DUATHLON
3.1 mile run / 13 mile bike / 3.1 mile run

INTERMEDIATE AQUABIKE
1500 meter swim / 25 mile bike

SPRINT AQUABIKE
750 meter swim / 13 mile bike

INTERMEDIATE RELAY (TEAM)
1500 meter swim / 25 mile bike / 6.2 mile run

SPRINT RELAY (TEAM)
750 meter swim / 13 mile bike / 3.1 mile run

SPRINT TRIATHLON
750 meter swim / 13 mile bike / 3.1 mile run

SPRINT DUATHLON RELAY (TEAM)
3.1 mile run / 13 mile bike / 3.1 mile run



PACKET PICKUP

Packet pickup is on Saturday June 8, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at Hawkins Lounge in [Dahlstrom Hall](#).

Race Morning Packet Pickup

Race day packet pickup is Sunday June 9, 5:30 am - 7:00 am, also at Hawkins Lounge in Dahlstrom Hall.

*Please note that packet pickup on race morning can be hectic. Race morning packet pickup closes promptly at 7:00 am with no exceptions or it will delay our race start times. Organizers are not responsible for ensuring you make it to your race on time.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR PACKET PICKUP

- All athletes must show valid ID at packet pickup. No ID = no race. No exceptions.
- You CANNOT pick up any race packet other than your own.
- All relay team members must be present simultaneously to pick up race packets.
- Athletes must be USAT members or pay for a one day license (\$15 during registration process).
- Minors must have a parent or legal guardian present at packet pickup.
- Timing chips will be given out at packet pickup and MUST be worn for the whole race.
- There is no overnight bike racking for the Keuka Lake Tri.

STAY ON CAMPUS

Every year there are a limited number of rooms available on campus for the Keuka Lake Triathlon. You can sign up for a room during the online registration process. Most rooms have two beds, and you can choose with or without air conditioning. Rooms are **non-refundable** and can only be used the night BEFORE the race. The deadline to reserve a room is **June 1**, if rooms are not sold out before then.

- Double room with NO air conditioning = \$57.00
- Double room WITH air conditioning = \$68.00

If you've already registered for the race but still want a room, there will be a link from the registration page if rooms are still available. Please do NOT contact the college directly about room availability.

Room keys and assignments will be available on Saturday June 8 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at packet pickup. You must check out by 12:00 noon on Sunday, and all room keys must be turned in by this time. A Keuka College staff member will be in the dorm entrance hallway starting at 6am to collect keys. If you forget, you can also hand them in at the volunteer tent located at the race site. There is a \$50.00 charge for any key lost or not returned on race day.

BIKE CLINIC

Andy Thomas from [Love and Sprockets](#) will hold a **transition setup clinic** on Saturday June 8 from 4:30pm – 5:30pm at the transition area – great for if you're new to triathlons or if you just want to get some extra advice. Love and Sprockets will serve as bike support for the race, so Andy will be on site to assist with your bike needs on race day as well.





RACE DAY SCHEDULE

- 5:30am - Transition opens / bike racking / body marking begins
- 5:30am - Late packet pickup at Hawkins Lounge of Dahlstrom Hall
- 6:55am - Pre-race meeting in the transition area
- 7:00am - Late packet pickup closes - NO EXCEPTIONS
- 7:15am - Transition area closes / body marking ends
- 7:15am - Intermediate Races announcements at swim staging area
- 7:30am - Intermediate Distance Races start
- 7:50am - Duathlon Race announcements: Duathlon start line
- 8:00am - Duathlon Race start (Lake Ave. by Norton Chapel)
- 8:10am - Sprint Races announcements: swim staging area
- 8:15am - Sprint Distance Races start
- 10:30am - Lunch service begins at Dahlstrom Hall - extra meal tickets can be purchased there for \$15.
- 12:00pm - Awards presented at race site (or at Dahlstrom Hall if there is inclement weather)
- 12:30pm - Race course closes. If any athletes remain on the course they will be escorted to the race site.
- 1:00pm - Lunch service ends



The transition area closes at 7:15 am regardless of your race so the event can start on time. All swimmers would need to be ready for the start of the swim. There will be no transition re-entry until after the race starts. There will be a place in the transition area to pile up your bags, but please do not leave valuables in your bags.

AWARD TAKEAWAYS

Overall individual event winners will receive medals, as will the top 3 age group individual finishers. All finishers will receive emailed certificates after race day.

SWIM COURSE

The course is a rectangular counterclockwise loop – 1 lap for the Sprint and 2 laps for the Intermediate. See the map on the next page, which includes swim wave start times. Swim around the **outside** of the buoys.

After the swim, exit the water, climb the stairs, cross Lake Ave, and head to the transition area on your right. Please be careful on the staircase as the steps may be slippery. **The stairs are a no-touch wetsuit zone**, meaning wetsuits cannot be removed or unzipped until after the top step is reached. Intermediate distance swimmers will exit the water at the arch/docks, cross the beach, and re-enter the water where the swim started.

Please be careful while walking in the water away from the swim start and finish areas, because the zebra mussels in the lake are sharp. If you stay within the designated swim area you should be safe.

Wetsuits are highly recommended as the water temperatures are usually in the low 60's this time of year. Here are some cold water swimming tips:

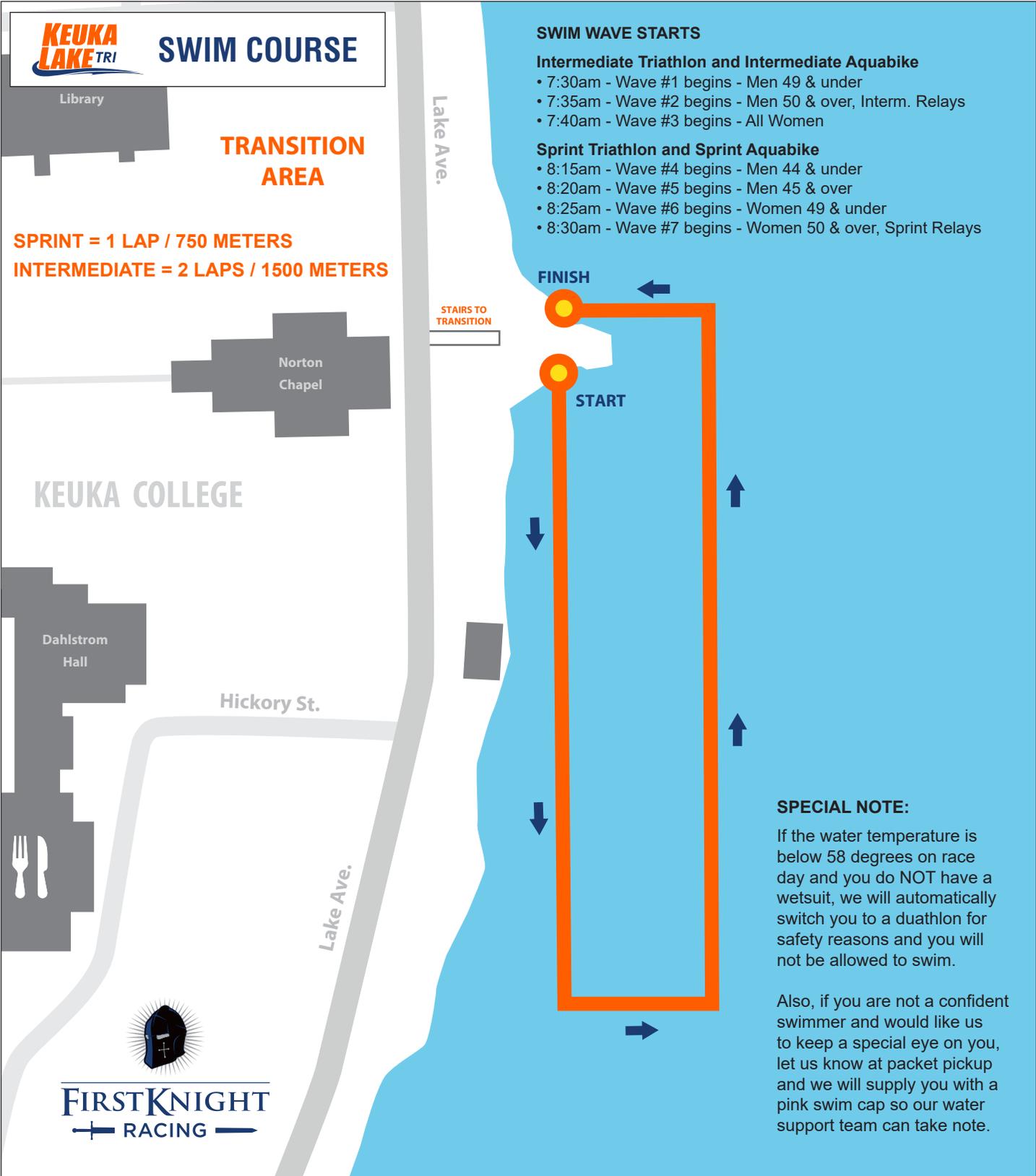
- Wear two swim caps
- Wear neoprene booties or cap
- Use earplugs
- Warm up in the water prior to the swim start. This will minimize the shock and help your breathing rhythm.

Special note: if the water temperature is below 58 degrees on race day and you do NOT have a wetsuit, we will automatically switch you to a duathlon for safety reasons and you will not be allowed to swim.

For wetsuit rules, visit: firstknightracing.com/wetsuit-rules



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SPRINT TRIATHLON BIKE COURSE

TOTAL DISTANCE = 13 MILES
TOTAL ASCENT = 680 feet / 207 meters



MILE	DIRECTION
0	Exit transition area
0.1	Head north on Lake Ave (becomes Oak St)
0.2	Turn right onto Central Ave
0.6	Turn right onto West Lake Rd
2.7	Turn left / cross road onto Route 54A
8.8	Bike turnaround in Branchport at blinking light, head northeast on 54A
13.1	Turn right onto Central Ave
13.5	Turn left onto North Ave / cross road – NO PEDAL ZONE Transition area will be ahead on the right

SPRINT BIKE COURSE

This Sprint bike course is one loop and takes place on fairly smooth roads. The course is mainly flat with a mix of some rolling hills. There are no aid stations on this course, so athletes will need to make sure that they carry the appropriate amount of nutrition for climbing and heat.

This is NOT a closed course and there will be vehicle traffic so you must obey all traffic laws. Please wait for officer guidance at any intersection they are assisting at. And be aware that in an emergency they may get called away.

Do NOT ride your bike in the transition area. Please walk it. Also, your helmet must be buckled before you mount the bike at the bike mount line.





KEUKA LAKE TRIATHLON

JUNE 9, 2024



INTERMEDIATE TRIATHLON BIKE COURSE

TOTAL DISTANCE = 25 MILES
TOTAL ASCENT = 1,171 feet / 357 meters



MILE	DIRECTION
0	Exit transition area
0.1	Head north on Lake Ave (becomes Oak St)
0.2	Turn right onto Central Ave
0.6	Turn right onto West Lake Road
2.7	Turn left / cross road onto Route 54A
8.8	Bike turnaround in Branchport at blinking light, head northeast on 54A
10.2	Turn right onto Pepper Rd
12.1	Turn right onto Skyline Dr
16.0	Bike turnaround - head back north on Skyline Dr
23.1	Turn left / cross road onto onto Assembly Ave
23.2	Turn right onto Route 54A
24	Turn right onto Central Ave
24.7	Turn left onto North Ave / cross road – NO PEDAL ZONE Transition area will be ahead on the right



INTERMEDIATE BIKE COURSE

The Intermediate bike course is one loop and shares some portions with the sprint course, but there are some major differences too - most notably a significant climb. There are no aid stations on this course so athletes will need to make sure that they carry the appropriate amount of nutrition for climbing and heat.

This is NOT a closed course and there will be vehicle traffic so you must obey all traffic laws. Please wait for officer guidance at any intersection they are assisting at. And be aware that in an emergency they may get called away.

Do NOT ride your bike in the transition area. Please walk it. Also, your helmet must be buckled before you mount the bike at the bike mount line.





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RUN COURSE

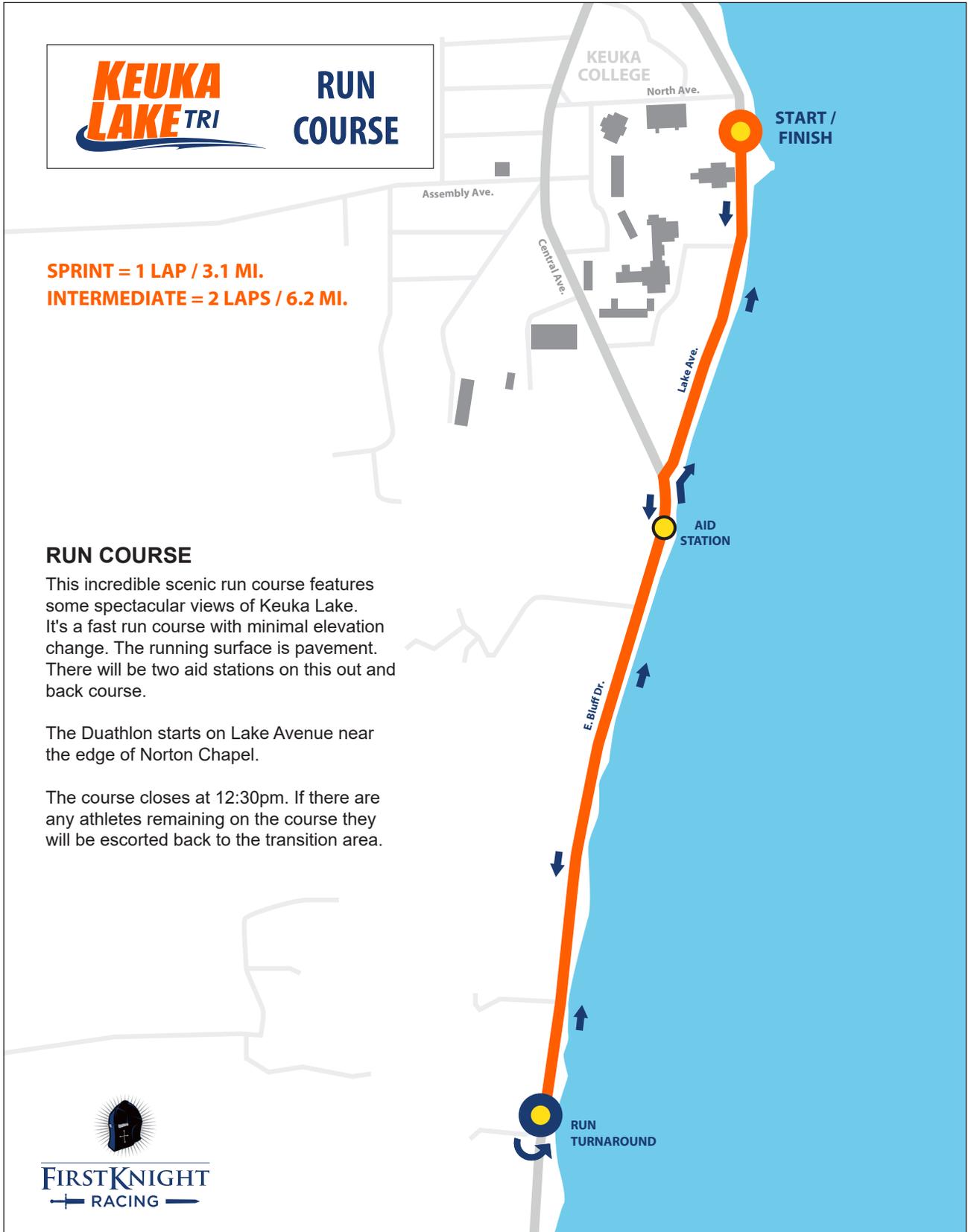
SPRINT = 1 LAP / 3.1 MI.
INTERMEDIATE = 2 LAPS / 6.2 MI.

RUN COURSE

This incredible scenic run course features some spectacular views of Keuka Lake. It's a fast run course with minimal elevation change. The running surface is pavement. There will be two aid stations on this out and back course.

The Duathlon starts on Lake Avenue near the edge of Norton Chapel.

The course closes at 12:30pm. If there are any athletes remaining on the course they will be escorted back to the transition area.





PEASANTMAN STEEL DISTANCE TRIATHLONS

The twelfth annual Peasantman Steel Distance Triathlon Series takes place on Sunday August 18, 2024 at [Indian Pines Park](#) in Penn Yan, NY, with eleven races to choose from – from Sprints right on up through Fulls. Our own ‘Steel Distances’ are just slightly longer than traditional triathlon distances, due to a longer bike course. Packet pickup, bike racking, and the Athlete’s Meeting will also take place here. Park address: [69 Old Pines Trail, Penn Yan, NY 14527](#).



EVENTS

FULL STEEL DISTANCE TRIATHLON
2.4 m swim / 116 m bike / 26.2 m run = 144.6

FULL STEEL DISTANCE RELAY (TEAM)
2.4 m swim / 116 m bike / 26.2 m run = 144.6

FULL STEEL DISTANCE AQUABIKE
2.4 m swim / 116 m bike = 118.4

HALF STEEL DISTANCE TRIATHLON
1.2 m swim / 58 m bike / 13.1 m run = 72.3

HALF STEEL DISTANCE RELAY (TEAM)
1.2 m swim / 58 m bike / 13.1 m run = 72.3

HALF STEEL DISTANCE AQUABIKE
1.2 m swim / 58 m bike = 59.2

HALF STEEL DUATHLON
6.55 m run / 58 m bike / 6.55 m run = 71.1

INTERMEDIATE STEEL TRIATHLON
1 m swim / 29 m bike / 6.55 m run = 36.55

INTERMEDIATE STEEL RELAY (TEAM)
1 m swim / 29 m bike / 6.55 m run = 36.55

INTERMEDIATE STEEL DUATHLON
3.1 m run / 29 m bike / 3.1 m run = 35.2

SPRINT TRIATHLON
.5 m swim / 14 m bike / 3.1 m run = 17.6



PACKET PICKUP, BIKE RACKING, ATHLETE'S MEETING

The Peasantman Expo takes place the day before the event at the race site at Indian Pines Park. This is when you'd pick up your packet, rack your bike in the transition area, and come to the all-important athlete's meeting. Only athletes and race staff are allowed in the transition area. We will have overnight bike security on site, but we advise not to leave valuables in your bags in the transition area.

Saturday August 17

- 12:00pm – 5:30pm: packet pickup and bike racking
- 4:30pm: Athlete's Meeting
- 6:00pm: Kids' Fun Run

Race morning packet pickup and bike racking is allowed, but it is not recommended, and is at your own risk if you have no other options. If you must do this, be sure to arrive extremely early. The more people who do this on race morning, the less chance you'll be on time. Organizers are not responsible for helping ensure you make your race in time. You'll also be missing any possible last minute changes covered at the athlete's meeting the day before. Race morning packet pickup closes promptly at 6:45am and absolutely cannot be extended beyond that time or it will delay the race start.



The Athlete's Meeting the day before the race is very important. Race founder Joe McMahon will explain all of the course details and answer any questions you may have. Last minute course changes are always possible due to weather issues or construction.

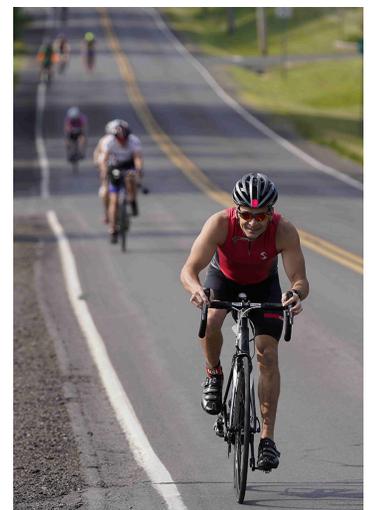
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- You CANNOT pick up any race packet other than your own.
- All relay team members must be present simultaneously to pick up race packets.
- Athletes must be USAT members or pay for a one day license (\$15 during registration process).
- Minors must have a parent or legal guardian present at packet pickup.
- Timing chips will be given out at packet pickup and MUST be worn for the whole race.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

- 5:00am - Transition area opens, body marking starts, late packet pickup starts
- 6:45am - Race day packet pickup closes – NO EXCEPTIONS
- 7:00am - Start of Full Steel Distance Triathlon, Full Aquabike, Full Relay
- 7:30am - Start of Half Steel Distance Triathlon, Half Aquabike, Half Relay
- 8:00am - Start of Intermediate Steel Triathlon, Intermediate Relay
- 8:15am - Start of Duathlons
- 8:30am - Start of Sprint
- 9:30 am - Swim cutoff – course closes
- 11:00am - Award presentation for Sprint Distance Race
- 12:30pm - Award presentation for Intermediate Races
- 2:30pm - Award presentation for Half Distance Races
- 5:45pm - Bike cutoff – course closes (Full distance athletes must be done with 2nd lap by 1:45pm).
- 12:30am - Run cutoff – course closes
- Note: Full Distance Race awards are presented / announced as finished

The Transition area closes 30 minutes before the start of YOUR race.





SWIM COURSE

The swim course has a 1.2 mile outer loop, meaning it's two laps for the Full, one lap for the Half, a slightly smaller lap for the Intermediate, and a much smaller lap for the Sprint. The transition area closes 30 minutes before the start of your race, so make your way to the water and be sure to enter the course through the designated chute on the shore in order to be counted into the swim start. Note the designation of your swim cap color as it relates to the buoy color on the map below. You will be swimming clockwise around the outside of the buoys – do not swim between them. The swim course closes at 9:30 am sharp. Any swimmers remaining in the water will be assisted to shore and will not be able to continue racing.

USAT Wetsuit Rules: Wetsuits are allowed up to and including 78 degrees Fahrenheit. When the water temperature is greater than 78 degrees but less than 84 degrees Fahrenheit, wetsuits can be worn, however you will not be eligible for prizes or awards. Above 84 degrees, wetsuits are entirely prohibited. The official water temperature will be announced on race morning.

*If you are not a confident swimmer and would like us to keep a special eye on you, let us know at packet pickup and we will supply you with a pink swim cap so our water support team can take note.





BIKE COURSE

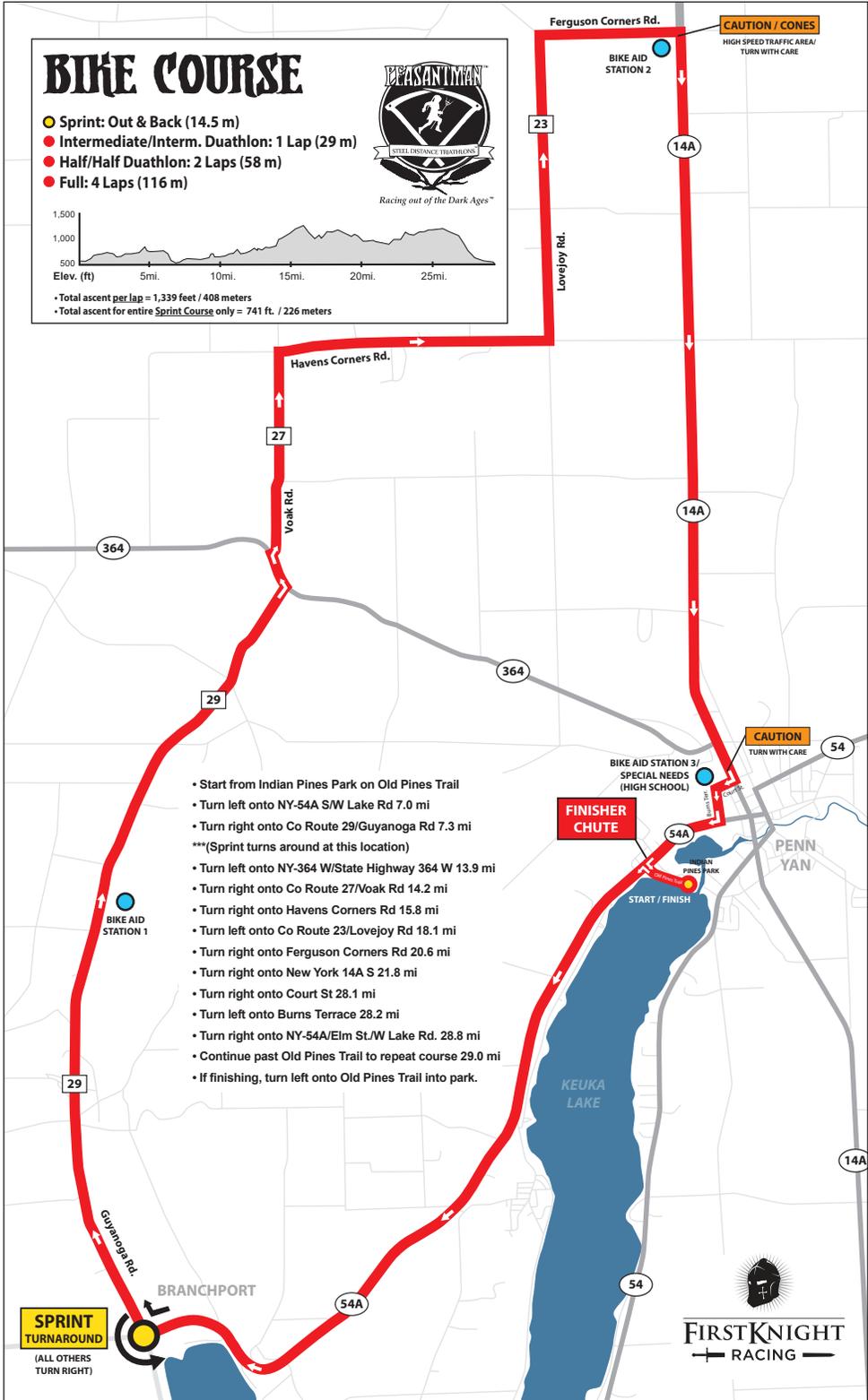
The bike course is where the slight 'extra' distance for the race comes from, making this a Steel Distance race. The ride will be spectacular, as you'll pass many horse buggies on rolling hills while cutting along both arms of Keuka Lake. The total loop distance is 29 miles, so riders will go four laps for the Full, two laps for the Half, and one for the Intermediate. The Sprint shares the same course but with a shorter out-and-back to Branchport.

The bike course closes at 5:45 pm. The Full distance second lap must be done by 1:45 pm.

This is NOT a closed course and there will be vehicle traffic so you must obey all traffic laws. Please wait for officer guidance at any intersection they are assisting at. And be aware that in an emergency they may get called away.

Do NOT ride your bike in the transition area. Please walk it. Also, your helmet must be buckled before you mount the bike at the mount line.

Race day bike support is provided by Trek Bikes Geneva.





RUN COURSE

The run course is very scenic but rather flat and simple with very little elevation change at all. It's an out-and-back that runs almost entirely along the shore of Keuka Lake. From Indian Pines Park take a left off Old Pines Trail onto 54A, then veer left onto West Lake Road for just over three miles, take another brief left onto Central Ave. toward Keuka College, then come back. That means four laps for the Full, two laps for the Half, and one for the Intermediate. The Sprint turnaround will be earlier, at the 1.55 mile mark.

If you're doing the Full Steel Distance, the run course closes at 12:30am. If you are still out on the course at that time you will be picked up and brought back to the race site.





SPECIAL NEEDS BAGS

Because Peasantman has the long and ultra courses, you are allowed to use special needs bags to store your own personal stuff (i.e. extra nutrition) for the bike and run courses. We'll provide the bags, and you can supply your stuff. Or you can even supply the bags. The last aid station on the bike and the first aid station on the run double as special needs areas, so you can have two special needs bags – one on each course.

With one special needs area on each course, this means you will pass it on each loop. With the run, however, you'll see it twice as many times because it is an out-and-back course. In other words... if you're doing the Half, you'll see the special needs station twice on the bike and four times on the run. Double that for the Full.

RACE NUTRITION

Special note: nutrition lists are subject to changes or updates.

Bike:

- BANANAS
- GATORADE
- COOLERS OF WATER AND HEED HAMMER NUTRITION
- BOTTLES OF WATER
- HAMMER NUTRITION GELS

Run:

- BANANAS
- GATORADE
- BOTTLES OF WATER
- HAMMER NUTRITION GELS
- CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES
- PRETZELS
- ELECTROLYTES
- CHICKEN BROTH AT PARK TURNAROUND (EVENING)
- COCA COLA
- TUMS
- ICE



AWARD TAKEAWAYS

The top overall male and female finishers in the Half and Full receive trophies. The top overall finishers in the shorter races receive plaques. Finishers of all races receive medals (larger medals for longer races) and a finisher shirt. Age group 1-3 finishers receive certificates. And as a Peasant, you're out to earn the respect of the King and Queen of the Finger Lakes. So if you finish, you will be knighted, and receive a Certificate of Knighthood by email after the race. And if you are the overall male or female winner of the Individual Full, Half, Intermediate, or Sprint triathlons, you win a FREE SLOT for the next year!

RACE WEEKEND BREWS

How many triathlons can say they have their own beer? Seriously how many? We don't know. Are there any others? Because Peasantman does! Our friends at LyonSmith Brewing Company have been brewing Peasantman Royal Bloodline Porter and E.S.B. since 2014. Give their brewery a visit when you're in town, or come see them at Indian Pines Park any time during Peasantman weekend.



2597 Assembly Ave, Keuka Park
LyonSmithBrewing.com



KNIGHT'S FURY DUATHLON

2024 will bring our inaugural event of the Knight's Fury - a bike/run duathlon held on September 27th at [Mendon Ponds Park](#) in Honeoye Falls, NY.

EVENTS:

- **Formulae Unum: 2 Mile Run / 10 Mile Bike / 2 Mile Run / 10 Mile Bike / 2 Mile Run**
- **Super Fury: 2 Mile Run / 10 Mile Bike / 2 Mile Run**

PACKET PICKUP

Friday September 27, 10:00AM - 7:00PM
First Knight Enterprise
Piano Works Mall Suite #1720
349 W Commercial St. East Rochester 14445
*Photo ID and applicable USAT card required for packet pickup.

RACE PRICING

\$60 for both races before September 1
\$75 for both races from September 1 - September 26
\$80 for both races on September 27th by 7pm
(registration closes)

Late packet pickup on race morning**

7:00am – 8:15am
Stewart Lodge at Mendon Ponds Park
(Race registration is not available on race day)

**Packet pickup and bike racking on race morning is discouraged and is at your own risk. The more people who do this on race morning, the less chance you'll be on time. Packet pickup on race morning closes promptly at 8:15am and absolutely cannot be extended beyond that time or it will delay the race start.

Registration closes at 7pm on Friday September 27. All entries get a free t-shirt if registered by September 21.

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

6:30am – Transition area opens
7:00am – 8:15am – Late packet pickup at Stewart Lodge
8:30am – Formulae Unum starts
8:35am – Super Fury starts
Approximately 11:00am – Awards Ceremony
Post-race food will be at Stewart Lodge.

AWARDS

Formulae Unum:

First overall male and female, First 3 in 5-Year Age Groups (19 & under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-65, 65-69, 70 & up)

Super Fury:

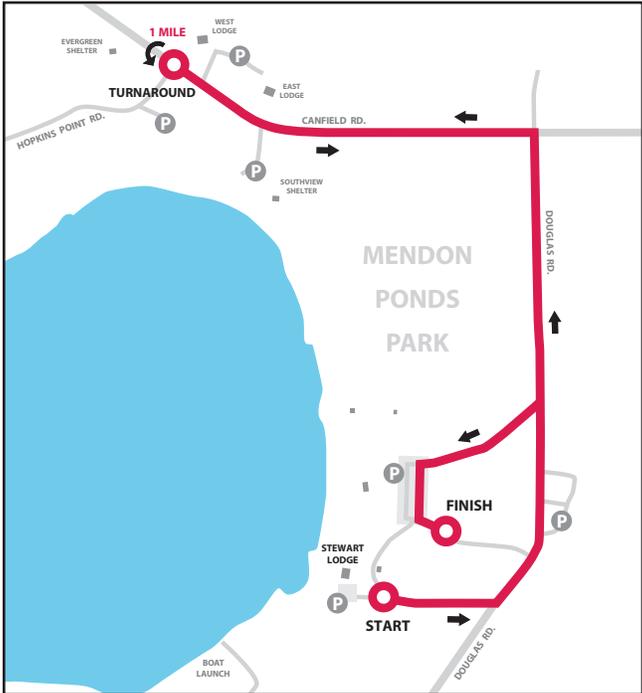
First overall male and female, First finisher in 5 Year Age Groups (19 & under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-65, 65-69, 70 & up)



RUN COURSE

The run course is a 2 mile out-and-back entirely on roads in the park. For a high-resolution printable version, visit our website at FirstKnightRacing.com and click on 'Course Maps' from the homepage.

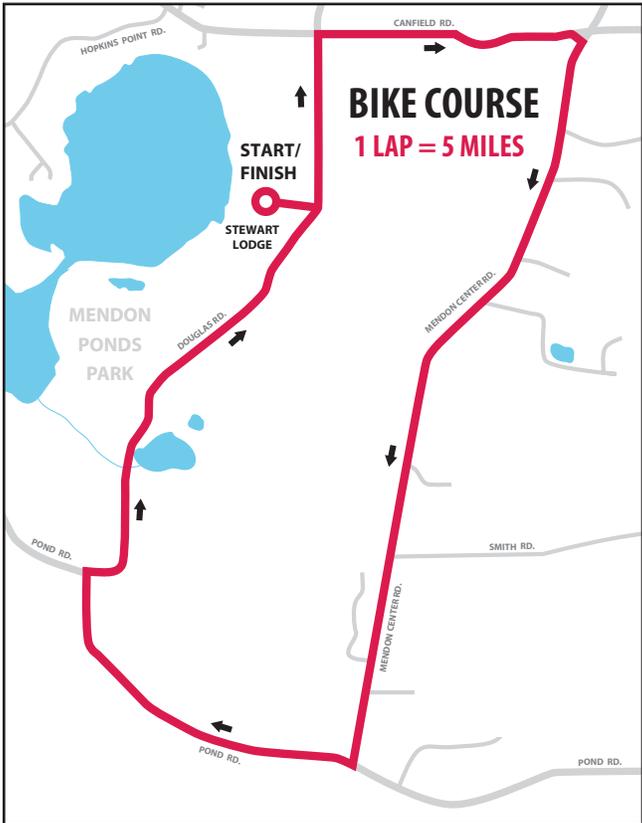
Use of headphones, cell phones, or any other audio devices is not allowed and will be strictly enforced. Cell phones may be carried for safety reasons, but must be left off except in case of emergency. USAT sanctioned races are bound by USAT rules.



BIKE COURSE

The bike course will be a 5 mile loop on roads in and around the park. For a high-resolution printable version, visit our website at FirstKnightRacing.com and click on 'Course Maps' from the homepage.

Again the use of headphones, cell phones, or any other audio devices is not allowed and will be strictly enforced. Cell phones may be carried for safety reasons, but must be left off except in case of emergency. USAT sanctioned races are bound by USAT rules.





USA TRIATHLON RULES

Our races are sanctioned by USA Triathlon (USAT). USAT rules can be found at <https://www.usatriathlon.org/>. Here is a list of the most commonly violated rules, or ones that apply most frequently.



Headphones: Any type of headphones, headsets, earbuds, or any personal audio devices of any kind are not to be carried or worn at any time during the race. Cell phones can be carried with you for emergency purposes only but must be off until used. Penalty: Disqualification

Helmets: Bike helmets must be worn at all times while on your bike. This means before, during, and after the event. Penalty: Disqualification

Chin Straps: Chin straps must be buckled at all times when on a bicycle. DO NOT unbuckle your chin strap unless you are off your bicycle. Penalty: Disqualification on the course; variable time penalty if in transition area only.

Outside Assistance: No assistance other than that offered by Race Director, staff or designated volunteers and medical officials may be used. Triathlons and duathlons are individual tests of fitness. Examples of outside assistance may include, but are not limited to: handing your wetsuit to a spectator after leaving the swim, having someone run or bike with you on the course, having a spectator place items along the race course for you, or having a spectator hold your fluids or nutrition for you and passing those items to you during the race. Whether an activity is considered “outside assistance” will be determined by USAT Officials and/or the Race Director. Penalty: Variable time penalty or disqualification

Transition Area: All equipment must be placed in the properly designated and individually assigned bike corral. The wheel of the bicycle must be down on the side of the assigned space. All participants must return their bicycles to an upright position in their designated bicycle corral. No person shall interfere with another participant’s equipment or impede the progress of another participant. All bar ends must be solidly plugged. No participant shall bring ANY glass containers into the transition area. Penalty: Variable time penalty

Drafting: Keep at least three bike lengths of clear space between you and the cyclist in front. If you move into the zone, you must pass within 15 seconds. Position--keep to the right hand side of the lane of travel unless passing. Blocking--riding on the left side of the lane without passing anyone and interfering with other cyclists attempting to pass. Overtaken--once passed, you must immediately exit the draft zone from the rear, before attempting to pass again. Penalty: Variable time penalty

Course: All competitors are required to follow the prescribed course and to stay within all coned lanes. Cutting the course is an obvious violation and going outside the course is a safety issue. Cyclists shall not cross a solid yellow center line for ANY reason. Cyclists must obey ALL applicable traffic laws at all times. Penalty: Referee’s discretion

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Foul, harsh, argumentative or abusive language or other unsportsmanlike conduct directed at race officials, USA Triathlon officials, volunteers, spectators or fellow athletes is forbidden. Penalty: Disqualification

No Props: Athletes are not permitted to race with objects that could be considered a safety hazard (i.e. flags with poles, signs, or other miscellaneous items). Penalty: Disqualification

Race numbers: All athletes are required to wear race numbers at all times during the run. Numbers must face the front and be clearly visible at all times. Numbers may not be cut or folded or altered in any way. DO NOT transfer your number to any other athlete or take a number from an athlete that is not competing. Number stickers will also be provided for your bike and they must be mounted on the bike for clear visibility. Penalty: Variable time penalty for missing or altered number, Disqualification and one year suspension from membership in USAT for transferring a number without race director permission.



Wetsuits: Each age group participant shall be permitted to wear a wetsuit without penalty in any event sanctioned by USA Triathlon up to and including a water temperature of 78 degrees Fahrenheit. When the water temperature is greater than 78 degrees but less than 84 degrees Fahrenheit, age group participants may wear a wetsuit at their own discretion, provided, however that participants who wears a wetsuit within such temperature range shall not be eligible for prizes or awards. Above 84 degrees, wetsuits are prohibited. ****Special note regarding the Keuka Lake Tri:** if the water temperature is below 58 degrees on race day and you do NOT have a wetsuit, we will automatically switch you to a duathlon for safety reasons and you will not be allowed to swim.

Finish Line: No one other than the registered athlete may cross the finish line. If any spectators, children or pets join their athlete to cross the finish line together, this an extreme liability and safety violation. This will result in an immediate disqualification with no exceptions. Penalty: Disqualification

Equipment Abandonment: All personal equipment and belongings taken out onto the course must stay on the athlete the entire time. No garbage, clothing, etc. shall be thrown on the course. Penalty: Variable time penalty

Variable Time Penalties:

Distance Category	First offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Sprint	2 minutes	4 minutes	Disqualification
Intermediate	2 minutes	4 minutes	Disqualification
Half	4 minutes	8 minutes	Disqualification
Full	6 minutes	12 minutes	Disqualification

ATHLETE CHECKLIST

PRE-RACE:

- PACKET PICKUP TIME / LOCATION
- DIRECTIONS TO VENUES / HOTEL
- PHOTO ID
- VALID USAT CARD (not applicable to 1-day license)
- BIKE TUNE-UP
- KNOWLEDGE OF THE COURSE

SWIM:

- TIMING CHIP
- SWIMSUIT
- WETSUIT
- GOGGLES
- EAR / NOSE PLUGS
- WARM THROW AWAY CLOTHING
- SWIM CAP

BIKE:

- HELMET
- BIKE SHOES
- SOCKS
- AIR PUMP
- FLAT REPAIR KIT
- WATER BOTTLE(S)
- GELS / ENERGY BARS / SALT TABLETS
- SUNSCREEN
- BAR END PLUGS
- GPS WATCH OR BIKE COMPUTER

RUN:

- HYDRATION BELT
- RACE BELT OR SAFETY PINS
- BIB NUMBER
- HAT OR VISOR
- RUNNING SHOES
- SOCKS
- SUNGLASSES
- WATER BOTTLE

EXTRAS:

- ANTI-CHAFING PRODUCTS
- CONTACTS OR GLASSES
- TOWEL
- HEART RATE MONITOR CHEST STRAP
- HAIR TIES
- CHAPSTICK
- DRY CLOTHING
- BANDAGES
- EXTRA TIRE / TUBE
- EXTRA SWIM CAP
- EXTRA SWIMSUIT

PERSONAL NOTES: _____

Forget something? We may have it! Check our merch tent on race weekend.



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers for Peasantman and the Keuka Lake Triathlon are essential to our success every year, and we owe a lot to them. As our races grow, we'll need even more volunteers going forward. It goes without saying that athlete safety is most important to us, so we can never have too many volunteers.

So if you're going to be in the Keuka Lake area at race time and you'd like to help, go to FirstKnightRacing.com and click the 'Volunteer' tab. Volunteering includes things like handing out water to competitors, assisting at the aid stations, kayak support for the swim, event setup/cleanup, and much more. Volunteers also get a free tee shirt and food while they're working. Hint: if your friend or loved one is racing, volunteering is a great way to see them up close!



LODGING OPTIONS

One of the many benefits of holding our events in the Penn Yan area is the abundance of places to stay. From Penn Yan hotels like the Best Western (the official hotel of Peasantman), the Microtel, or the Hampton Inn, to the campground at Keuka Lake State Park, to various bed & breakfasts and more, there are plenty of options. And don't forget the limited dorm room availability for the Keuka Lake Tri, available during the registration process.

Here are a few of our favorites:



[Best Western Plus Vineyard Inn and Suites Penn Yan](#)
142 Lake St, Penn Yan, NY 14527



[Hampton Inn Penn Yan](#)
110 Mace St.
Penn Yan, New York, 14527



[Microtel Penn Yan Finger Lakes Region](#)
124 Elm Street
Penn Yan, NY 14527



[Best Western Plus Hammondsport](#)
8440 State Route 54
Hammondsport, NY 14840



[Keuka Lake State Park & Campground](#)
3560 Pepper Road
Bluff Point, NY 14478



For additional options try the Yates County Chamber of Commerce:
business.yatesny.com/list/ql/lodging-travel-15



ABOUT US

ABOUT FIRST KNIGHT RACING

Our history as a race organization goes back to 2009, when Joe McMahon of Rochester, NY saw the need for a more affordable race experience for those who were passionate about the sport of triathlon. Joe had already completed dozens of Ironman races by then, and saw the increasing costs as a primary motivator in creating his own race. He coined the event 'Peasantman' and recruited a team to put the race into motion. He contacted the village of Penn Yan, and after receiving their emphatic support for being the host site for his concept, he launched the inaugural Peasantman Steel Distance Triathlon in 2013.



In 2022 we acquired the nearby Keuka Lake Triathlon from our friends at Score This!!!, and named our organization First Knight Racing. Now, with two similar races only a couple miles and a couple months apart, we still make every decision with athlete satisfaction – and most importantly safety – in mind. And we've always used a community-based approach, prioritizing local businesses, partners, and sponsors.

ABOUT OUR FOUNDER

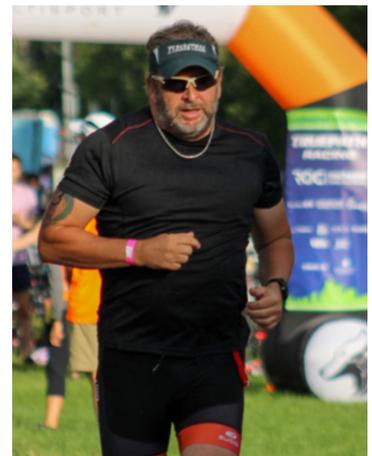
Joe McMahon is an R.N. and a USA Triathlon certified Race Director and Official. He moved to the Rochester area at age 20 and began his triathlon career soon after. He's been actively organizing, directing, and participating in races ever since.

His athletic background includes over 500 races, including 38 full distance triathlons and counting (four of them Steel Distances), 75+ marathons, 17+ half distance triathlons, over 300 multi-sport events, 5k's, 10k's and half marathons. He's been a member of Rochester Area Triathletes (RATS) since 1991, and spent two years as their Vice President. RATS is the second oldest multisport club in the country. Right now Joe is unofficially the #2 athlete in New York State for most full distance triathlons completed, and is well respected in a number of statewide triathlon clubs.

Joe was Race Director for a Buffalo-based 5K charity race for four years. After that, he became Race Director for Daniel's 5K in Churchville, NY which raises money for cancer charities. The race has since been handed over to Daniel's parents as Joe pursued the founding of Peasantman. To date, Joe has been a participant or leader of teams that have raised over \$920,000 for assorted charities.

Outside of racing, Joe is the owner of a successful Rochester sign manufacturing company, E-lite Neon Signs, LLC, as well as First Knight Enterprise, an antiques and collectibles store specializing in coins and numismatics.

After a brief career in nursing, Joe's sign business experienced rapid growth. At the beginning of the pandemic, however, he saw the need to return to nursing in an acute care unit specifically for Covid at URMC, where he remains on staff per diem as an assistive RN.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How will I know if the race will be wetsuit legal? **A:** It depends on the water temperature that will be announced on race morning. The Keuka Lake Tri is an early season race so the water would always be cool enough to allow it, but Peasantman is another story. To date it has always been wetsuit legal, but it's been very close a few times. Visit firstknightracing.com/wetsuit-rules to see the rules and details on how this is decided, as well as a link to the current Keuka Lake temperature.

Q: What happens if the swim gets canceled? **A:** There may be rare instances that the swim is canceled due to inclement weather, environmental reasons, or other unexpected reasons. If this happens, race changes would be as follows. (Note that the start times may be affected, which would be announced on race day):

- Duathlons would be unaffected.
- Aquabike races would strictly become a bike race.
- Sprint Triathlon would become a run-bike-run – swim would be replaced by a 1-mile run.
- Intermediate Triathlon / relay would become a run-bike-run – swim would be replaced by a 2-mile run.
- Half Steel Triathlon / relay would become a run-bike-run – swim would be replaced by a 5k run (Peasantman only).
- Full Steel Triathlon / relay would become a bike-run – swim would be canceled and not replaced (Peasantman only).

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Q: I'm apprehensive about the swim – what can I do if I'm nervous? **A:** Ask us at packet pickup and we can give you a pink swim cap. This will signal to our water support team that you'd like us to keep a special eye on you.

Q: What are the options if I signed up for a race but I end up not being able to make it? **A:** Go to our website at FirstKnightRacing.com and click on the 'Refund/Deferral Policy' tab in order to see the options and details for each race. Please note that there are deadlines in the policy which are strictly enforced, and any options listed in the policy cannot be granted after the deadlines listed. Please consider purchasing the optional race insurance when you register. It gives you greater flexibility if you can't make it to the race for various reasons, including covered injury, illness, traffic accidents, etc.

Q: I purchased race insurance but I have questions about it, can you help? **A:** First Knight Racing is not affiliated with the race insurance offered by RegShield and would not be able to answer your questions. After you choose the optional race insurance during registration, you will receive a separate email from RegShield with policy information and requesting payment for the insurance.

Q: I'm not a USAT member. How does the one-day membership fee work? **A:** The fee (\$15 as of 2023) is paid during the online registration process. It is good for race day only and is non-refundable, non-transferrable, and non-deferrable.

Q: I think I can do one event. Do you know of any relay teams in need of another athlete? **A:** Although we don't generally get involved in helping assemble relay teams, you can always reach out to people on our First Knight Racing [Facebook page](#) or our [First Knight Roundtable Facebook group](#).

Q: Are there cutoff times for my race? **A:** Yes and no. We do not have cutoffs by race – only by course. Course cutoff times are listed in the 'Race Day Schedule' portions of this guide under each race.

Q: Where can I find bike course elevation data? **A:** The elevation data is listed on the course maps in this guide, and also on the high-resolution bike course maps that can be downloaded from our website at FirstKnightRacing.com.

Q: What if I drop out of the race / do not finish? **A:** Please be sure to notify timing officials that you have not finished, or we may be under the assumption you are still on the course. You will receive a DNF by the timing service anyway, so please make their lives easier by notifying them promptly.



Q: Can I use earbuds / headphones / a portable music player? **A:** NO. The #1 priority of our race organization is – without a doubt – athlete safety. It's not a closed course, so with traffic on the roads we want you to be familiar with what is going on around you. And as a USAT sanctioned race we adhere to their rules, which specify disqualification if this is violated.

Q: How would I get involved in volunteering? **A:** We love volunteers! Just go to [FirstKnightRacing.com](https://www.FirstKnightRacing.com) and click the 'Volunteer' tab. You from there you can specify which race you'd like to volunteer at and what types of tasks you may want to help with. If you're not sure that's okay, just let us know and we can find something you'll be able to do.

Keuka Lake Tri only:

Q: Is it still possible to get an overnight dorm room if I've already registered? **A:** If you've already registered for the race but still want a room, there will be a link from the registration page if rooms are still available. The deadline to reserve a room is June 1, if rooms are not sold out before then. Please do not contact the college directly about room availability.

Q: Can I buy an extra meal ticket for the Keuka Lake Tri? **A:** Yes, you can. Extra meal tickets will be sold at the cafeteria during meal time for \$15.

Peasantman only:

Q: How can I retrieve my special needs bags after the Peasantman race? **A:** Bike special needs bags will be back on the race site at our lost and found table by approximately 6:30pm. Run special needs bags will be back at our lost and found table after the race ends around 12:30am. You are also welcome to go directly to the aid stations to pick the bags up yourself before those times. We are also available between 8am-10am the day after the race at the event site during cleanup for you to come claim your items. First Knight Racing will not ship special needs items back to athletes.

Q: I noticed people camping at the race site – is that allowed for Peasantman athletes? **A:** No. The village has only granted permission for race management and overnight security team members to stay in the park overnight.

If you have questions about topics not covered in this guide, visit our website at [FirstKnightRacing.com](https://www.FirstKnightRacing.com) and reach out to us on our [Contact](#) page.

RACE WEEKEND MERCH

We'll have all kinds of sweet merch on race weekend. If you forget something or arrive only to find that you need a jacket or a hoodie or even a glass for the LyonSmith beer tent, we've got you covered!

