



Youth/Junior Southwest Development Race Series

USA Triathlon recognizes that not every junior athlete is ready for or interested in the draft-legal format. Draft-legal racing requires a unique skill-set that takes time to master. Junior Development Races provide athletes a gateway into the developmental pipeline. Athletes will experience triathlon in its traditional, non-drafting format, officiated using USA Triathlon Rules. Junior Development Races are typically sprint-distance and have been selected because of their "junior-friendly" atmosphere and age-appropriateness.

The **Southwest Region of USAT** is sponsoring a series of developmental sprint races to encourage youth (13-15) and junior (16-19) athletes to participate in triathlons. Ages are determined by USAT rules (age as of Dec 31, 2010). The Southwest region will have a point series with updated divisional rankings throughout the year.

Each event winner will receive an award provided by the region, as well as ranking points. The last event of the season will crown the series champion in the youth (13-15) and the junior (16-19) age categories. A championship award will be given to the first place female youth and junior and the first place male youth and junior athlete. For more information on these races or the series go to www.usat-southwest.org or contact Sharon Osgood, Regional Athlete Development Coordinator at shozgood@gmail.com.