

MEDIA RELEASE



TRI SERIES TEAMS UP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The 2008/'09 Gatorade Queensland Tri Series have announced their dates and look forward to delivering another successful series with even more improvements planned.

This season the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series has teamed up with the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) as the official charity.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is a global initiative which raises money and awareness for the organisation.

While the Law Enforcement Torch Run has been a Special Olympics tradition for more than 25 years, 2007 was the first year the Flame of Hope travelled the globe, making the Torch Run a pivotal event in the lead-up to the 2007 World Games.

In 2007, Sydney hosted the Special Olympics 'Flame of Hope', which was used to light the torch carried in the Global Law Enforcement Torch Run for the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai.

The torch was carried by teams of Special Olympics athletes and law enforcement personnel around the spectacular surrounds of Sydney city en route to Shanghai to ignite the giant cauldron at the World Summer Games Opening Ceremony on 2 October, marking the first time the Torch Run has come to Australia.

In Queensland, Special Olympics committees are located from Bundaberg to the Gold Coast and will lend their support by providing volunteers for each Gatorade QTS event.

Special Olympics Australia

Special Olympics Australia provides year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with an intellectual disability.

Through sport, we give athletes the opportunity to get fit, develop skills, make friends and be part of a community.

Special Olympics provides sport for all people with an intellectual disability, regardless of their skill level. We cater for athletes who just want to participate right up to elite athletes who want to compete on a world stage. And with local, state, national and international competition we give them plenty of opportunities to do their best.

We rely almost entirely on volunteers who work tirelessly to deliver the program to 4500 athletes throughout Australia. But our aim is to reach out to more of the 175,000 Australians with an intellectual disability.

USM EVENT aim to raise a minimum of \$10,000 for this charity for the 08/09 series through various angles:

- Portion of competitor entry fee
- Voluntary competitor donations via online entry system
- Special Olympics committees to set up sausage sizzle at events
- Major raffle prize provided to the Special Olympics committee

The Gatorade Queensland Tri Series caters for athletes of all ages and abilities and offers competitors the chance to learn from the professionals at one of the two Gatorade Tri Training Clinics, held on the Saturday prior to each race. The clinics are designed to familiarise first time competitors with what to expect and for those wanting a few more tips to progress to the next level.

Gatorade Queensland Tri

Suited to the serious athlete, triathlon enthusiast with little time to train and those progressing from the Enticer distance. Categories in 5 year age increments, weight categories and even a, 'Race Your Mates' category are available.

Enticer Tri

A great way to become involved in triathlon. Short fun races anyone can do. A great cross training option for any sport.

Kool Kids Tri

Great fun for kids. Categories include 7-9 years and 10-11 years, and a First Timers Kool Kid Category specifically for Kids doing their first ever triathlon.

The Program

Race 1	Raby Bay	19 October 2008
Race 2	Robina	16 November 2008
Race 3	Raby Bay	14 December 2008
Race 4	Robina	18 January 2009
Race 5	Caloundra	8 February 2009
Race 6	Raby Bay	19 April 2009

Get into the fun of it this summer. Entries and detailed information available at www.usmevents.com.au or for other enquiries phone (07) 3868 2444.

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