

Challenge-Samorin 2016

Half Triathlon – Main Race (1,900 m Swim – 90 km Bike – 21 km Run)

- Date:** August 21, 2016 (Sunday)
- Start:** 9:00 AM
- Place:** X - BIONIC® SPHERE a. s.
Šamorín, Slovak Republic
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ROUTE:

Start: Čilistov Lagoon, next to X - BIONIC® SPHERE; mass start at the main channel of the Danube at 9:00 am
Warm-up area immediately next to the starting line.

Finish: Respect arena, directly at X - BIONIC® SPHERE

Transition area: Farries arena, directly at X - BIONIC® SPHERE

Swim: **Part 1:** 1900 m; 1 lap
Estimated water temperature 19 - 21°C
Danube open flow (Gabčíkovo Dam)
Maximum swim time – 90 minutes

Bike: **Part 2:** 90 km; 1 lap
Surface – concrete; public roads
Public roads closed to traffic: Čilistovská cesta – Šamorín (Route 63) – Báč – (Route 506) – Horný Bar – Trstenná na Ostrove – cross Gabčíkovo Dam – Vojka nad Dunajom – turn around and return by the same route to X - BIONIC® SPHERE
Distance measured by GPS
ALL RIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR BICYCLE HELMETS
Ride on the right side of the road
Non-drafting triathlon - no drafting allowed during the bicycling part in all categories, minimum spacing 10 m
All types of bicycles permitted
Refreshment zones every 25 km
Time limit for swimming and bicycling – 5.5 hours (from start of swimming)

Run: **Part 3:** 21.1 km; 5 laps
No elevation
Surface – cobblestone, asphalt, sand surface (compact base used in show jumping and horse races)
Route marked for competitors – every kilometer begun
Navigation by GPS

Refreshment zones every 2 km

Time limit for the entire triathlon – 8.5 hours

REGISTRATION

Applications: Register at www.challenge-samorin.sk (organizer's website) /
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Members of the Slovak Triathlon Federation and the Czech Triathlon Association receive a 10% discount off registration fees in any category.

Triathletes competing for the Slovak Triathlon Cup in individual categories also receive a 10% discount off registration fees.

Category	Jan- Feb 2016	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016	July – Aug 2016
Individuals	€ 119	€ 139	€ 149	€ 159	€ 179	€ 199
Family relay teams	€ 149	€ 169	€ 179	€ 199	€ 229	€ 259
Relay teams	€ 169	€ 199	€ 219	€ 229	€ 259	€ 299

Fees include: Swimming cap and start numbers
Refreshment zones along the route
Refreshment zone and massage at the finish line
Pasta party before the races and after-race party

Deadlines: Online applications are accepted by August 12, 2016 Registrations are not accepted after this day. Registration is not possible on race day.

Cancellation fees: Competitors cancelling between February 1, 2016 and June 30, 2016 receive a 50% refund.
No refunds for cancellations after June 30, 2016.

License: Each athlete must present a valid triathlon license.
If you do not have a triathlon license, it is obligatory to purchase a one-day triathlon license at a given place in the resort area.
To obtain the license, you must present a valid health certificate no longer than 10 days for the given triathlon.
Medical examinations will be available on the spot throughout the event. Price of medical examination and license: 35 EUR. Price of license only: 10 EUR.

Cancellation does not require an explanation or medical certificate to be sent to the organizer. Registration fees for other Challenge Family races cannot be set off against a cancelled registration. Likewise, a cancelled registration cannot be used to pay starting fees for other races.

CATEGORIES:

All competitors enter a specific category when they register. Categories cannot be retroactively changed.

- PRO:** Women/Men (W/M)
No age qualification
Only competitors with the following previously verified results are allowed to compete: Less than 4 hours 30 minutes (M) or 5 hours 20 minutes (W) in middle distance triathlons (1.9-90-21.1)
- Age Groups:** 18-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+
W/M
- Relays :** 3-member teams, each team member completes one part of the race
- Families/Friends:** Not classified by age or sex
Members do not have to be related, but just friends
- Teams:** Not classified by age or sex
Team members can be co-workers, sport club partners...

PRIZE MONEY:

All competitors are evaluated in just one category except for Slovak Triathlon Cup competitors who are competing in Challenge events.

PRO Category: Prize money for the first finishers

	Men	Women
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1	€ 3,500.00	€ 3,500.00
2	€ 2,100.00	€ 2,100.00
3	€ 1,400.00	€ 1,400.00
4	€ 1,150.00	€ 1,150.00
5	€ 850.00	€ 850.00
6	€ 500.00	€ 500.00

Prize money is paid in euro. Act 394/2012 Coll. sets a maximum cash prize of €3,500. Prizes are subject to withholding tax under current Slovak law.

Withholding tax is as follows:

- ***Permanent residents of the Slovak Republic are subject to withholding tax of 19% if the amount won is greater than € 350.***
- **19% - competitors permanently residing in the following countries** (Austria, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lithuania, Latvia, Libya, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Montenegro, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam)
- **35% - competitors permanently residing in all other countries**
- Competitors awarded cash prizes will have the funds paid directly to their bank accounts no later than the end of September 2016. It is therefore necessary for all triathlon participants to complete an entry form with contact information, which will be available at the race office.

Age Groups: Triathletes/relay teams finishing in the top three positions receive prizes and trophies. No prizes will be replaced or exchanged for cash in any age category.

All Others: Every competitor that successfully completes the triathlon before the time limit receives a commemorative medal and Finisher t-shirt.
Awards will be presented at the official ceremony to be held after the triathlon ends.

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

The triathlons are open only to those who have reached their 18th birthday by August 21, 2016 and can prove their age with valid photo identification, have paid starting fees and have signed a waiver form declaring that they are competing on their own accord and at their own risk.

When competitors complete the form found on the organizer's website, it certifies that they understand and accept event rules, will comply with them and simultaneously they also give their consent to have their personal data processed by the organizer for any action that needs to be taken during the course of the triathlon.

Triathletes also give the organizer permission to publish photographic images and audio recording of themselves produced at the 2016 Šamorín Challenge. They likewise agree to receive information material, marketing material and other triathlon event related information.

APPLICATION, START LIST:

After sending the application form found on the race website, a link will be generated for each applicant to be used for paying registration fees.

No one will be able to pay starting fees for another competitor through the generated link, as each link is assigned the name of a specific competitor.

Once the registration form has been completed and the entry fee paid, the competitor is put on the official start list for the triathlon.

The date of the competitor's application is determined from the date when registration fees are received at the organizer's bank account.

The maximum number of starters permitted to enter is 2,000.

RESULTS:

Official results from the event will be available at www.challenge-samorin.sk

CLOSING PROVISIONS:

The triathlons will be held on the scheduled date, regardless of the prevailing weather conditions.

The triathlon organizer reserves the right to change rules, regulations, locations and the timing of the triathlon.

In order for the triathlons to run smoothly, competitors will be receiving news of interest regularly from the organizer.

The Challenge Samorin reserves the right to implement an emergency plan in the interest of the competitors' safety. At the same time, it assumes no responsibility for any possible consequences or impact resulting from the implementation of the plan. If the emergency plan remains in effect, the organizer has the right to cancel the event without refunding registration fees to the triathletes.

Any dispute will be considered and resolved by the Referees Committee.

The triathlon organizer will provide an interpretation of the rules in the case of contentious issues and all competitors are governed and bound during the entire triathlon by instructions from the organizer.

It is important for all competitors to recognize the principle of FAIR PLAY during the triathlons and not to have their behavior threaten themselves or anyone else participating in them.

The organizing committee, including volunteers, will be monitoring the behavior of competitors during the race and violations will result in disqualification.

Any protests must be submitted to the Referees Committee either within two hours of having been disqualified from the race or at latest two hours after the event ends. A fee of € 50 is required to be paid in order to submit a protest, which will be returned if the protest is acknowledged, but will be retained by the race organizer in the event of an unsuccessful challenge.

When using public roads during the race, triathletes will follow the organizer's instructions and those given by the police. Any disregard of these rules will result in the competitor's immediate disqualification. The race director and route referees have the right to disqualify any competitor with immediate effect.

Please comply with traffic rules during the entire triathlon as some of sections of the route will also be open to the public. Even when the route is closed to traffic, please remember to give first aid, police and the organizer's vehicles access.

Competitors that fall from their bicycles are required to move to the shoulder of the road so as not to endanger other riders.

The rescue service and the organizer's healthcare staff have the competence to evaluate the condition of any competitor and decide on their ability to continue in the race. Their decision is final. Unless the health service allows a triathlete to continue, they will be eliminated from the race.

The use of any painkillers, performance enhancing drugs or doping methods is prohibited. The triathlon organizer has the right anytime to test competitors for the presence of prohibited substances. A positive test means immediate disqualification.

There will be refreshments at the finish line for triathletes.

After finishing the triathlon, competitors will have the opportunity to use showers close to the finish line at X - BIONIC® SPHERE.

There will be refreshment zones organized along the route and also an area to relax at the finish line.

These triathlons are governed by the rules of the Slovak Triathlon Union and are in accordance with the approved description of them.

Any decision by a competitor to withdraw from a triathlon should be communicated to a route marshal as soon as possible.

During the triathlons competitors will not be permitted to use hand-free mobile phones, MP3 players or any other types of these devices.

Competitors are not allowed to compete with a bare midriff or no shirt.

Race numbers must remain visible during the entire triathlon.

Every competitor agrees to follow the predetermined route and in their own interest to remain on the marked route.

All competitors are required to attend mandatory instructional meetings and to register at set intervals.

Triathletes are required to mount their bicycles at the stands assigned to them by a specified time limit.

The organizer reserves the right to check compliance with all rules.