

THE DAM TRI 2026

EVENT DETAILS



RACE LOCATION:

Lake Murray Public Park 1821 North Lake Drive: Lexington, SC 29072

RACE START TIME:

Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 8:00AM

PACKET PICK-UP:

- Friday, October 2, 2026 (4:00 – 6:00PM)

Outspokin' Bicycles – 7601 St. Andrews Road, Irmo, SC 29063

- Saturday, October 3, 2026 (6:15 – 7:30AM) – Event Site Transition Area
Lake Murray Public Park – 1821 North Lake Drive, Lexington, SC 29072

PACKET PICK-UP INFO:

Mandatory Photo ID: All participants will be required to show photo ID at packet pick-up (including relay team members). You will not be given your race packet without photo ID. All participants must pick up their own race packets (One relay team member may collect materials for the entire team - Individuals may have someone pick up your materials with a copy of your photo id and a signed note giving that specific person permission to pick up your packet)

USAT Members:

USA Triathlon requires that all USAT annual members must show their USAT membership card at packet pick-up. For those who registered on-line (this should include all athletes) your membership was validated during registration and thus you will not be required to present your card at packet pick up. We suggest always having it with you in case there are any issues.

RACE PACKET:

Your race packet will contain two race numbers and a swim cap:

The square number is your run number and must be displayed on the front of your body during the run segment of the race only. Safety pins will be available at packet pick-up if you don't have a race number belt. Race number belts will also be available for purchase at packet pick up.

The medium-sized number (actually containing your number twice) has a peel-off backing and is used during the bike segment of the race. Place this number over the top tube of your bike toward the front if possible. It must be seen from both sides of your bike.

There is NOT a helmet number for this event.

PACKET CHECK LIST:

- PHOTO ID
- BIKE AND RUN NUMBER
- SWIM CAP

RACE DAY INFO:

Race Day Arrival:

Please plan to arrive at the race start no later than 7:00am.

Parking:

Due to construction in the upper lot, WE ASK THAT YOU CARPOOL TO THE SITE IN 2026. PARKING WILL BE TIGHT. Please note – no one will be able to exit the park until the last cyclist is off the course (expected to be around 9:45 AM). Also note, we will be leaving the facility around noon. You must be out of the facility no later than noon as the gates will be locked after we leave. Do not plan to leave your car at the race site any later than noon on Saturday.

Chip Pick-Up will be held from 6:30AM—7:30AM on race morning at the event site near transition. This race will be timed using the Race Result Timing method. Make sure you receive the correct timing chip. Your chip number will match your run number. You will wear this chip on your LEFT ankle.

PLEASE NOTE: You must show your run/bib number to pick up your timing chip.

NOTE: All timing chips must be picked up by 7:30AM. If you lose your timing chip, you will be charged a \$50 replacement fee.

Chip Fit Tips: We usually recommend 1-2 fingers width between the band and your ankle. Too Loose: It could fall off and you'll be charged a replacement fee for the lost chip. Too Tight: It will become uncomfortable as your ankle will swell a little during the race.

Volunteers will remove your strap / timing chip as soon as you cross the finish line.

What happens if I lose the timing chip? If this happens you will be charged a \$50 replacement fee. We will send you an invoice within a week of the race. You will be required to pay that invoice before you race in any other Set Up Events races. Lost chips are a rarity. In 2025, we had less than five lost chips for the entire year. If you attach the chip and chip strap to your ankle correctly, you should not lose the chip.

Body Marking: Body Marking will be held near the transition area. All participants must be marked at the body marking area at the race site. Body marking is available from 6:30 – 7:30am on race day. If you are racing in a special division (Open, Clydesdale, Athena, Relay, etc), please let our body-marking volunteers know so that they may mark you accordingly. Remember, your racing age is the age you will be on December 31, 2026.

*****A MANDATORY** pre-race meeting will be held at 7:50AM at the swim start on race morning. This is the last opportunity we have to communicate important information and any last-minute changes that may be necessary***



TRANSITION AREA:

ONLY PARTICIPANTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE TRANSITION AREA AT ANY TIME.

The transition area is located near the finish line in a parking lot all within the Lake Murray Public Park. Entrances and exits in the transition area will be clearly identified through the use of large tent archways. This transition area includes:

- Swim Finish
- Bike Start
- Bike Finish
- Run Start

You may use these entrances to enter transition and set up your bike and run transitions until 7:55am.

DO NOT CROSS ANY TIMING MATS AFTER 8:00AM UNLESS YOU HAVE STARTED YOUR EVENT.

Participants will receive a bike rack assignment. Please look for your numbered rack. A 2-minute penalty will be assessed for improperly racked bikes. There will be no bike storage the night before the event.

BIKE TECH SUPPORT:

Bike Tech support will be provided by Outspokin' Bicycle on race morning near Transition.

BIKE CHECK-OUT:

Athletes will be able to remove their bikes from TA when the last finisher is on the run course. Please be aware that you will be required to show your race number to remove your bike from the transition area after the race.

SWIM INFORMATION:

This swim is a 1000-meter counter-clockwise course with a wave start. A swim course diagram is available on the event website.

Water Temps: Preliminary water temps will be posted on the website by Friday before the event. USAT wetsuit rules will apply. If the water temperature is 79 – 83 degrees, participants may choose to wear a wetsuit, however, they will not be eligible for awards and they will not receive any SCTS points or USAT ranking points and will show up in the results as DQ'd. We do expect this race to be wetsuit legal.

Water temperatures are generally around 75 degrees. A water temperature reading will be taken by the USAT official and announced on race morning.

SWIM CAPS are provided and must be worn.

PLEASE ARRIVE at the swim start no later than 7:45am.

OPEN WATER SWIM TIPS: If you need assistance during the swim, roll over on your back and put your hand in the air and RELAX – don't panic. A swim course safety monitor will assist you.

If you need to hang on to a watercraft during the swim, please be sure that you are not hanging on to one of the motorized safety boats. You may hang on to a non-motorized vessel (kayak, canoe, surfboard) without penalty, however if you hang on to the side of one of the motorized watercraft you will be taken out of the water and disqualified.

SWIM WAVES:

WAVE #	GROUP	START TIME	CAP COLOR
1	Open Male & Female Masters Open Male & Female ParaTriathletes Collegiate Division	8:00am	BLACK
2	Age Group Men Clydesdales / Master Clydesdales Aquathlon / Aquabike	8:04am	DARK PURPLE
3	Age Group Women Athenas Relay Teams	8:08am	SKY BLUE / WHITE
4	Novice Male & Female	8:12am	NEON PURPLE

BIKE INFORMATION:

The bike is a TWO loop, 21-mile mostly flat to rolling course. A bike course map is available on the event web page. Failure to complete both loops on the bike course will result in disqualification. You do NOT return into the facility to start your second lap. You begin your 2nd lap at the entrance to the race site.

BIKE TRANSITION: Mount your bike at the designated mount/dismount line just outside transition area. You will also have to dismount at this location.

POSITION VIOLATIONS No drafting. No blocking. USAT Officials will be on the course and drafting and blocking rules will be enforced. Stay to the right to allow faster cyclists to pass on the left.

HELMETS REQUIRED: Hard shell helmets must be worn and fastened before leaving the transition area. Helmet numbers must be affixed to the front of your cycling helmet.

EQUIPMENT: No headphones, earphones or any radio-type devices will be allowed.

COURSE INFO: There are plenty of volunteers and safety personnel for the race. Turns will be clearly marked and mile markers are indicated on the course. Remember: it is ultimately your responsibility to know the course. Please be careful and alert at all times.

RUN INFORMATION:

The run is an out-and-back 6K course. Run number verification will take place at the turn around point which is near the end of the dam on the Irmo side. Please visit our event web page for run course maps.

AID STATIONS: Aid/Water stations will be located along the course near mile 1, mile 2 and mile 3. These stations will provide water only.

PLEASE make sure you deposit ALL trash in the trash containers that will be located at each aid station. We ask for your cooperation with this. Any and all trash must be picked up after the race by our volunteers. Help these folks out – they will have been out there longer than you.

HEADPHONES: Headphones, headsets, walkmans, ipods, mp3 players, or personal audio devices, etc. are not to be carried or worn at any time during the race.

RACE NUMBERS: You MUST wear your run number (with the pull tag) on your front for the run. It must be clearly visible as you cross the finish line. Failure to do so will result in a four-minute penalty.

FINISH LINE: When you approach the finish line you will cross over several timing mats – located approx. 50 yards before the finish line. These mats are used to pick up your race number so that the race announcer will be able to announce your name. Don't stop at this point – keep running to the finish line – the finish line will be obvious.

RELAY TEAMS:

One member of the team may pick up materials for the entire team at packet pickup. Relay teams will receive a swim cap, a bike frame number, a bike helmet number and a run number. The run number will be used on race morning to collect the team timing chip and neoprene timing chip strap (this strap and chip are exchanged inside the transition area after each leg of the event). All relay members MUST get body marked before the race.

The neoprene ankle strap allows for easy transfer from swimmer to biker and biker to runner. This strap is worn on the left ankle of each team member. Please remember to pass off the timing chip to your team member for accurate results.

Swimmers will tag bikers at their assigned bike rack location in T1. Bikers must tag runners at their assigned bike rack location in T2. Relay members do not have to remain in the transition area the entire race, but you do need to make sure you are at the bike rack in enough time to get yourself ready and for your team member to tag you. Please be courteous of other competitors as you wait for your team members.

PLEASE DON'T LITTER:

Be good citizens and give our volunteers a break – don't litter on the bike or run courses. Littering will result in an automatic DQ.

POST EVENT FOOD AND DRINKS:

Post-event refreshments will be provided for athletes and volunteers ONLY. We ask for your cooperation with this. We want to ensure that all participants and our hard-working volunteers are provided for after the race.

RESULTS AND AWARDS:

Preliminary results will be posted 30 minutes after the first athlete finishes and will be updated every 30-45 minutes. Complete results (with splits) will be posted on the website (www.southcarolinatriathlonseries.com) by 12:00PM on Saturday.

The awards ceremony will be held when the last athlete crosses the finish (approximately 11:00AM). If you cannot attend the awards ceremony, please have someone pick up your award. Awards WILL NOT be mailed out.

HAVE A GREAT RACE!

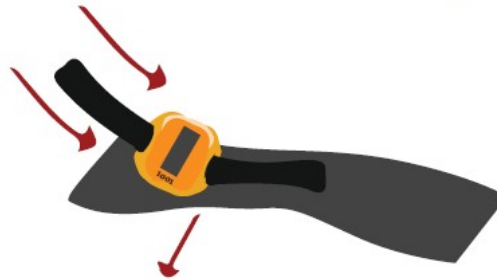
TIMING CHIPS

HOW TO PUT ON YOUR TIMING CHIP

- 1) Check your timing chip number matches your bib.
- 2) Must be worn through the entire race. (swim, bike & run). Don't cover your chip with wetsuit.



- 3) Insert velcro strap into the small slots at the bottom of chip. The bottom rails are against the strap.



- 4) Slide all the way on and secure the velcro back.



- 5) Wear the neoprene strap on your left ankle with the chip facing outward.

