Hello all,

The executive committee has been working over the last couple of weeks to look at our club finances and plan which races we will be targeting for the 2013 season. I am happy to announce that we will be continuing our participation in both the MaxPerformance summer triathlon series and the NECTC collegiate races!

Due to the expansion of the club membership (which is awesome) and a reduction in funding from CSC compared to previous years (not so awesome), we are having to change the membership dues structure. Remember, dues cover the time period of May 1st 2013 through April 30th 2014.

- **Non-racing members:** Members that regularly attend team workouts will pay dues of $30. This will give them access to those workouts, as well as all sponsorship deals the club has (e.g. XTerra wetsuits, etc.). This will be on an honor system, though officers will ask regulars to pay $30
- **MIT Student Racing members:** will pay dues of $140. This gives the same benefits as above, but allows you to race at any number of the targeted races at the team’s expense (unless a particular race has to be capped). Note, dues cover one entire season of racing (i.e. May 2013-May 2014, and must be paid before your first race)
- **MIT-Affiliate (Faculty, Staff, DAPER member) Racing members:** will pay dues of $140. This gives the same benefits as above, but allows you to race at any number of the MaxPerformance races at the team’s expense (unless a particular race has to be capped). Note, dues cover one entire season of racing (i.e. May 2013-May 2014, and must be paid before your first race)

At this point, please include your interest on this spreadsheet. This will help us organize logistics, put together a roster for MaxP and NECTC, and show interest in non-funded races.

Specifically, the team will fund the following races:
- **New England Season Opener** - Sprint Duathlon/Triathlon, May 12, MaxP
- **Massachusetts State Triathlon** - Olympic Triathlon, July 14, MaxP
- **Buzzard’s Bay Triathlon** - Sprint Triathlon, September 22, MaxP and NECTC
- **Cranberry Triathlon** - Sprint/Olympic, August 24/25, NECTC
- **Buckman Triathlon** - Sprint Triathlon, September 15, NECTC
- **Westchester Triathlon** (Conference Championship) - Olympic Triathlon, September 29, NECTC

We may need to put a cap on the number of funded races for the NECTC races in order to stay in the fiscal black. Here’s how it will work for collegiate racers interested in racing NECTC:
- There will be no caps on MaxP races (including Buzzard’s bay). This means we expect to be able to fund all races for all MaxP races.
● Depending on how the finances go, we may have to place caps on the remaining NECTC races (Cranberry, Buckman, Westchester). We’re hoping it doesn’t come to this, and are predicting to be able to send at least 8 members to each of these events.

● If more people want to go to these races than the club can afford, then the President, Vice President and Treasurer will select the competitors subjectively, based on
  ○ Contribution to the club (e.g. team jobs, officer responsibilities, leading workouts, volunteering)
  ○ Commitment to training
  ○ Performance in previous races this season
  ○ Number of races attended (e.g. if you have paid dues but not gone to a race so far, you will have higher priority)
  ○ Organizing “time trials” for team members to gauge performance ability

The list will then be approved by the entire executive board before the announcement is made.

● People who are not selected for a particular race can elect to pay for their own registration and their share of logistical costs, and still race, providing it is logistically feasible.

● Selection of athletes for Collegiate Nationals (Spring 2014) will follow the same procedure as for capped races.

Hopefully that makes everything clear! Like I said, we may not even need to place caps on the races, but we want to make sure that, if we do need to, that the selection process is fair and everyone is informed about it well in advance.

On another note, for us to score points in the MaxP series, we need to send at least 8 athletes to each of those targeted races. If we win our division, we will again be awarded $1000. They tend to fill up fast (as Sam said, Season Opener has < 100 spots left), so sign up as soon as you can!

If you are interested in registering for Season Opener or Mass State:

1) Register on the website with: Your name, Include MIT as your club, use the discount code MITMAX2013 for a $10 discount.
2) Email Sam Nicaise to let him know you registered.
3) Follow the reimbursement guidelines on our website.

Looking forward to a great season. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, or tri-exec@mit.edu.

Cheers,
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Triathlon VP