

Hello all,

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Dues outline for 2014 is below

Race schedule for 2014 is below

Indicate your interest for 2014 races on gdoc

Register soon for Season Opener / NECTC Beanpot

The MIT Triathlon executive committee has been working over the last couple of weeks to finalize which races we will be targeting for the 2014 season. We are excited to announce that we will be continuing our participation in both the MaxPerformance summer triathlon series and the NECTC collegiate races!

Club dues will remain as they were for the [2013 season](#). Dues paid will cover the time period of May 1st 2014 through April 30th 2015. If you have paid dues already this semester (as we know some of you have), they will apply to the upcoming race season.

- **Non-racing club membership:** \$30. We ask that if you are regularly attending workouts that you please pay this level of dues to help support the club's costs and growth, even if you will not be racing with the club. This level of membership gives access to all sponsorship deals the club has (e.g. XTerra wetsuits, etc.).
- **MIT Student racing membership:** \$140. This membership level provides the same benefits as above, and in addition allows you to race at **any number** of the season's targeted races at the team's expense including registration and logistics (unless a particular race has to be capped). Dues cover one entire season of racing (i.e. May 2014 - April 2015), and must be paid before your first race.
- **MIT-Affiliate (Faculty, Staff, DAPER member) racing membership:** \$140. This membership level is appropriate for non-student MIT-Affiliates, and provides the same benefits as club membership, and in addition allows you to race at **any number of the MaxPerformance** races targeted this season at the team's expense including registration and logistics (unless a particular race has to be capped). Dues cover one entire season of racing (i.e. May 2014 - April 2015), and must be paid before your first race.
- **Non-MIT Affiliates** are not eligible for reimbursement for race costs and logistics, but are welcome to join as a club member and pay their own way for races, while still being part of the MIT team!

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.

Targeted races for this season will include:

- [New England Season Opener](#) - Sprint Duathlon/Triathlon, Hopkinton, MA, May 11th, MaxP, NECTC Beanpot race
- [Massachusetts State Triathlon](#) - Olympic Triathlon, Winchendon, MA, July 13th, MaxP, NECTC Summer Series
- [Cranberry Trifest](#) - Sprint & Olympic Triathlon, Lakeville, MA, August 23rd & 24th, NECTC Fall Series
- [Lobsterman Triathlon](#) - Olympic Triathlon, Freeport, ME, September 6th, NECTC Fall Series
- [Buzzard's Bay Triathlon](#) - Sprint Triathlon, Horseneck Beach State Reservation, MA, September 14th, MaxP (non-NECTC)
- [Westchester Triathlon](#) (NECTC Championships) - Olympic Triathlon, Rye, NY (overnight), September 21st, NECTC Fall Series

The NECTC will have two race series this year: Summer and Fall. The Summer Series is for fun, will include "Collegiate Waves", and be scored. The Summer Series will not count towards MIT's qualification for TriNats 2015. The Fall Series is the competitive season, will include "Collegiate Waves", and be scored (individually and team). The Fall Series will determine MIT's qualification for TriNats 2015. Any student racing in a Summer or Fall race will be qualified individually to compete at TriNats 2015 (depending on MIT's allocations).

Depending on interest, we may need to put a cap on the number of funded spots for NECTC races in order to stay in the fiscal black. Last year, however, we did not need to turn anyone away from being funded for a race. 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 interested members for all MaxP races.
- We may have to place caps on the remaining NECTC races (Cranberry, Lobsterman Westchester). We plan to send at least 8 racers to each NECTC race.
- If more people sign up for these races than the club can afford, then the President, Vice President and Captain 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 attended a race so far, you will have higher priority)
 - 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 2015) 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 (especially the Season Opener!!), so sign up as soon as you can!

If you are interested in registering for MaxP Season Opener on May 11th:

- 1) Register on the website - make sure to list MIT as your club, and use the discount code *COLLEGETRI14* for a \$10 discount (discount code expires **April 4th!**).
- 2) Update the [spreadsheet](#) to show you've registered.
- 3) Pay your racing dues - give a check to any club officer at an upcoming workout
- 4) Follow the reimbursement guidelines on our [website](#).

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

Cheers,
Tri-Exec