



ANZCO Foods IRONMAN New Zealand: IRONMAN Pro Series

Last Update: February 23rd

Pro Start List

- MPRO: 23
- WPRO: 20

This link will be updated regularly as Pro's withdraw from the race. Numbers will be removed, not reassigned

<https://files.constantcontact.com/a202847d001/008cf9da-5f10-4ca8-8365-830def1ec401.pdf>

Pro Newsletter

Will be sent to all registered Professional Athletes on Wednesday February 24th

- **Newsletter will be linked here**

IRONMAN Pro Series items

Swim Caps

- MPRO-RED IRONMAN Pro Series specific (85 Total Ordered)
- WPRO-ORANGE IRONMAN Pro Series specific (65 Total Ordered)
 - Julia P. will provide the broadcast specific assigned multicolored caps Friday before race week.

Pro Series T-shirts

- 125 pro field shirts have been ordered and will arrive with the bulk order.
- Pro T-shirts are to be handed out at Athlete Check In.
 - These shirts are in lieu of the age group finisher shirt.

Pro Series Branded Bags

- 125 Backpacks with Pro Series logo ordered specifically for the Pro Field.
 - These are to be handed out at Athlete Check In.

Pro Awards

- Pro Series logo Pro Awards have been ordered for the pro field.
- 1st – 10th place to match the Prize Money allocated; \$125,000 total prize purse.

Pro Athlete Key Dates and Events

Gift Basket Delivery

Monday 2nd March

- Deliver IRONMAN Pro Series Gift baskets to supported/accommodated Pros

Tourism/Media Filming

Wednesday 4th March

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Taupo Floatplane

Pro Requested	Status
Trevor Foley	Confirmed
Fenella Langridge	Confirmed

VIP Welcome Function

Wednesday 4th March

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Finish Line

Pro Requested	Status
Kat Matthews	Confirmed
Kristian Blummenfelt	Invited

- Pros to make 30-minute appearance (6:00pm – 6:30pm) and speak briefly on the Pro Series and Taupō

Portrait Photography

Friday March 6th

8:30am – 4:00pm (15 minute sessions)

Great Lake Centre – **Room TBC**

Booking Link:

<https://outlook.office.com/book/ProAthletePortraitBookingIRONMANNewZealand@irondrive.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabed>

Athlete Check-In

North Domain

Thursday, March 5th 9:00am – 5:00pm

Friday, March 6th 9:00am – 5:00pm

- Professional Athlete Signing Board to be placed at Pro Check In Table. **Signing Board**
[Visual link here](#)

IRONMAN Pro Series Athlete Panel

Thursday, March 5th

2:00pm

North Domain

Panelist	Bib	Country Represented	Status
Mike Phillips	M1	NZL	Confirmed
Kristian Blummenfelt	M2	NOR	Confirmed
Kyle Smith	M9	NZL	Confirmed
Pierre Le Corre	M10	FRA	Confirmed
Regan Hollioake	F1	AUS	Confirmed
Kat Matthews	F2	GBR	Confirmed
Hannah Berry	F3	NZL	Confirmed
Jocelyn Mccauley	F4	USA	Confirmed

Host: Cam Harper

Pro Panel Name Cards: [Panel Name Cards_2026 IMNZ.pptx](#)

Professional Athlete Briefing

Thursday March 5th

3:00pm

Theatre, Great Lake Centre

- Pro Services Team – to provide onsite support at professional athlete meeting location for ushering professional athletes
- Race Ranger Units will be distributed by Race Ranger at the Meeting – 1x Table Needed

Welcome/Powhiri to Taupo

Thursday, March 5th

5:00pm

Check In/Event Celebration Area

- Local Team to invite reigning Champions, Mike Phillips and Regan Hollioake
- No formal role for Pro Services Team

Kids Fun Run

Friday 6th March

8:00am

North Domain

Pro Requested	Time Requested	Status
Danielle Lewis	8:00am – 9:00am	Invited
Matt Hanson	8:00am – 9:00am	Invited
Rasmus Svenningsson	8:00am – 9:00am	Invited
Alexia Bailly	8:00am – 9:00am	Invited

Women For Tri Breakfast

Friday 6th March

9:00am – 11:00am

Lake Taupō Yacht Club

Pro Requested	Time Requested	Status
Regan Hollioake	9:30am – 10:30am	
Maja Stage Nielsen	9:30am – 10:30am	Invited

Bike/**Helmet**/Gear Check In

Friday, March 6th 10:00am – 6:00pm

- Pro Services on site to assist
- Race Ranger will be onsite to assist with unit installation if required.
 - James Elvery: james.elvery@raceranger.com +64 21 1666 34

RACE DAY
Saturday, March 7th

Transition Opens

5:00am – 7:30am

Transition Area, Kaimanawa Reserve

- Pro Services to be in transition for any questions/directional assistance
- Sport Stats onsite to distribute broadcast tracking chips
 - Sylvan Smith: +66910043420
 - Tracking chips will be placed on Pro bikes prior to transition opening

Pre-Swim

- **7:15am – BROADCAST LIVE**
- 7:25am – Top 10 Seeded MPRO and WPRO Seeded Pros Meet at Pro Series Broadcast Backdrop
- *7:25am 7:32am – Traditional Māori Welcome*
- **7:35am – MPRO Introductions**
- **7:37am – WPRO Introductions (Immediately following MPRO intros)**
- **7:40am – Water Open MPRO Enter water to start line**
- **7:42am – WPRO Enter Water to start line**
- 7:45am – MPRO Start
- 7:50am – WPRO Start
- *8:00am – AG Start*

Broadcast Information

Host: Cam Harper

All Top 10 Seeded PRO Athletes **MUST** report to the Pro Series backdrop near the Start Arch no later than 7:25am

- Line up in order of race number, beginning with Bib M1 – M10, F1 – F10.
- Top 10 MPRO will be announced at 7:35am SHARP
- Top 10 WPRO will be announced at 7:37am SHARP (immediately following MPRO intros)

MPRO RACE START @ 7:45am, WPRO RACE START @ 7:50am

Top 10 MPRO & WPRO Swim Cap Assignment

MEN'S PROFESSIONAL FIELD			
Bib Number	First Name	Last Name	Country Represented
M1	Mike	Phillips	NZL
M2	Kristian	Blummenfelt	NOR
M3	Rasmus	Svenningsson	SWE
M4	Trevor	Foley	USA
M5	Henrik	Goesch	FIN

M6	Matt	Hanson	USA
M7	Jack	Moody	NZL
M8	Ben	Hamilton	NZL
M9	Kyle	Smith	NZL
M10	Pierre	Le Corre	FRA

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL FIELD			
Bib Number	First Name	Last Name	Country Represented
F1	Regan	Hollioake	AUS
F2	Kat	Matthews	GBR
F3	Hannah	Berry	NZL
F4	Jocelyn	Mccauley	USA
F5	Lotte	Wilms	NLD
F6	Maja	Stage Nielsen	DNK
F7	Danielle	Lewis	USA
F8	Nina	Derron	CHE
F9	Gabrielle	Lumkes	USA
F10	Rebecca	Clarke	NZL

Other Broadcast Swim Cap Assignments

Bib	First Name	Last Name	Country Represented

Anti-Doping /Doping Control Station

Doping Control Station:

- X Rooms are booked.
- **Walk through with DFSNZ:**
- Tables, Chairs, Furniture to be arranged to DFSNZ needs
- Collect Doping Control Supplies from Compound for Doping Control Station and Finish Line

DFSNZ Key Contact (Lead DCO)

- Name:
- Email:
- Phone:

Anti-Doping Volunteers

Saturday, March 6th

10 Volunteers

- Volunteer Team Captain
 - Name: Jane McKenzie
 - Email: janemckenzie200@gmail.com
 - Phone:
- Volunteers to meet at XXXX to have training conducted by DFSNZ
- No later than X:XXpm volunteers are to depart XXX and head to the Finish Line, to arrive and be in position no later than X:XXpm

Finish Line Ceremony and Awards

- Top 3 Pros to have podium award ceremony and must remain in finish line area
- Top 3 finishers to be available for live broadcast interviews at the finish line
 - Alice Palmer/Stephen Kane corralling athletes
- Ensure a chiller with plenty of water, coke and sprite is located at the finish line with easy access.

Podium Presentation

Announcer: Cam Harper

On Broadcast Cue...

- Top 3 MPRO/Top 3 WPRO: Hyperice Interviews/Podium Presentation
- Flowers and **Athletic Brewing Tall Boy Cans** for the podium presentation.

Announcer...

- Start with “In 3rd place, (athlete name)”
- Have the athlete walk to the podium. Once the athlete is on the podium, continue with the script:
 - He/She swam X, biked X, ran X for a total time of X.
- This approach ensures the athlete is on the podium while the emcee reads the times, eliminating the long empty podium shot on the broadcast while waiting for the name to be announced.

IRONMAN New Zealand Champions – Medaling Age Groupers

- Request the IRONMAN New Zealand Champions to come back to the finish line in the evening for medaling – Pro Services to ask at finish and Whatsapp/email Champions

RACE DAY END

IRONMAN New Zealand Awards & 2026 IRONMAN World Championship Roll Down Ceremony

Sunday, March 8th

11:00am

Celebration Zone, North Domain

Awards

Prize Money: USD 125,000

Awards: 1st – 10th Place MPRO & WPRO

[Prize Money Breakdown here](#)

Qualifying Slots

2026 IRONMAN World Championship, Kona, Hawai'i Qualifying Slots: **4MPRO/4WPRO**

Validation Qualifier: Kristian Blummenfelt (2021 Champion)

List of Qualifiers: [Start List with Qualifiers](#)