



TEAM CANADA BILLET PROGRAM

The Triathlon world is coming to Vancouver and Triathlon Canada is requesting assistance in hosting Canadian athletes at this summer ITU World Triathlon Championships.

Vancouver is hosting the world and you can host a part of the Canadian team. Please come forward and experience the chance of a lifetime. Athletes from around the country will be coming to compete and are in need of accommodation. It is a fantastic opportunity to help fellow Canadian triathletes chase their athletic dreams at the ITU World Championships.

If you are a competitor at the championships you will be in a particularly good position to help out. You will be able to host a kindred spirit in your pursuits and will benefit from the team atmosphere; even without staying at the team hotel. During the week of the competition you will have the same meetings and events to attend and can help each other with the excitement and stresses that a major competition can bring about.

If you are not a participant you can work toward the success of a fellow Canadian athlete and revel in their accomplishment. You will be on the front lines of the ITU World Championship with a form of support that is louder than any applause or shout of encouragement. While at it why not try and recruit your neighbours who may have the space and inclination to help out. They have seen you get out for rides and runs and may enjoy meeting a grateful athlete from another part of Canada.

A visiting athlete is in great need of getting their bearings and having you as a 'guide' can greatly reduce potential stress and hurdles that attending a world championship can bring. The best information comes from locals – like you! Good places to eat, best place for local swim, bike, run workouts are the leading requirements. Where can I get my bike looked at? Perhaps even a tour guide, for suggestions on what to see and if you like you can take them around.

The commitment you can provide the athlete will be discussed prior to commitment with yourself and the prospective athlete. Triathlon Canada will have a billet coordinator, Lawrence Bendandi, who will put you in touch and then take you off the list once you have agreed to host a particular athlete or have decided against the program.

For further questions or to sign up please email Lawrence Bendandi at dulawrence@hotmail.com with your contact information. Please list email, home address and phone number so that we may contact you. As we get closer to the championship date you will be updated to any pertinent information, most likely through a group email.

If the billet program is not for you, maybe you can volunteer to help in another way. In the very least please come down to the race, the event will take place from June 6th to 8th and will be the final Olympic qualifying race for the Canadian Triathlon Olympic team. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!