



LAS COLINAS TO HOST WORLD-CLASS FIELD OF TRIATHLETES FOR FIRST-EVER \$1M PTO US OPEN

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London: The Professional Triathletes Organisation (PTO) has announced a world-class field of male and female triathletes, who will compete in its first-ever US Open on September 17-18 in Las Colinas. The participating athletes will compete for a prize purse totaling \$1M.

The inaugural [PTO US Open](#) in Las Colinas is the third race of the [PTO Tour](#) which also consists of the [PTO Canadian Open](#), the [Collins Cup](#), the PTO Asian Open and the PTO European Open.

The PTO US Open will take place on a specially designed course in Las Colinas that will create a stadium-feel event where fans will see the athletes as many as 12 times during the 100km race, which comprises a 2km swim, 80km bike leg and a 18km run. Athletes will swim in Lake Carolyn, and the bike and run courses will take athletes on rolling hills through the main thoroughfares of Irving, including Las Colinas Boulevard, Lake Carolyn Parkway and Royal Lane. The event is free and open to the public.

On the men’s side, the field for the PTO US Open features 22 of the top-30 in the [PTO World Rankings](#) and covers 12 different countries, including seven from the USA led by [PTO World #11](#) Sam Long. The full PTO US Open men’s line-up can be found [here](#).

The women’s field features 13 of the world’s top-25 [PTO World-Ranked](#) female triathletes, with PTO World #7 Taylor Knibb and #15 Jackie Hering leading the American contenders. The full PTO US Open women’s line-up can be found [here](#).

“This race is bursting with talent, with all the professionals looking to hunt down important PTO Ranking points before the end of season to get themselves as high up the rankings as they can,” said PTO CEO Sam Renouf. “Picking a winner feels almost impossible, so all the indications are that it will be a highly competitive race.

“The PTO Tour is all about celebrating the world’s ultimate endurance athletes – triathletes - and giving them a global stage on which to perform. I’m confident the first PTO US Open will do that.”

The \$1 million PTO US Open prize purse breakdown is as follows and features equal pay for male and female finishers:



\$1,000,000 PRIZE PURSE BREAKDOWN

1	\$100,000	11	\$14,000
2	\$70,000	12	\$13,000
3	\$50,000	13	\$12,000
4	\$40,000	14	\$11,000
5	\$35,000	15	\$10,000
6	\$30,000	16	\$9,000
7	\$25,000	17	\$8,000
8	\$20,000	18	\$7,000
9	\$18,000	19	\$6,000
10	\$16,000	20	\$5,000

PLACES 21-40 EACH RECEIVE \$2,000

What is unique about triathlon, and the PTO Tour especially, is that amateurs get the chance to watch the world’s best triathletes as well as [sign up](#) to compete alongside them – over a 25km or 100km triathlon.

Media wanting to accredit for the PTO US Open should visit <https://protriathletes.org/media-accreditation/>

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Professional Triathletes Organisation About the PTO

The PTO is a new body co-owned by the professional athletes, seeking to professionalize and grow the sport. The inaugural PTO Tour race schedule for 2022 includes: the first-ever PTO Canadian Open (July 23-24); the second edition of \$1.5M Ryder Cup-style Collins Cup (August 20-21), which sees Team Europe take on Team USA and Team International; and the first PTO US Open (September 17-18). Each Open carries a minimum prize money of \$1M and will be raced over 100km (2km swim, 80km bike and 18km run). In 2023 and 2024, the PTO Tour plans to expand with the PTO European Open and the PTO Asian Open, alongside their US and Canadian equivalents and the Collins Cup.

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