

Introductory Letter

Belpark Tri Club - 2016

Dear **PARENT/GUARDIAN**,

On behalf of Belpark Tri Club, I would like to welcome your child to the club and provide you with some information about our activities. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 5 and 18 to receive coaching and competition in various duathlon, aquathlon and triathlon sessions during the year. All coaching is by qualified coaches who are trained and have been screened for their suitability for working with young people. You can contact our **Head Coach, Phil Smith**, with any questions on the coaching activities at juniorcoach@belparktri.ie.

As a sports club, we are committed to providing high quality standards for all participants in relation to effective management, quality coaching and competition, and safety in sport. Our **Youth and Child Welfare Officer, Sharon Meyler**, is responsible for ensuring that our safeguarding policy is implemented and can be contacted on welfare@belparktri.ie or +353 (0)86 8208827 should you have any concerns.

We welcome parents to all training and competitions and value your support. We are keen to involve parents in the club and would encourage you to come along with your child to any of our sessions and events.

For running sessions, if your child is not already involved in a running club, we suggest Rathfarnham WSAF Athletics Club.

For swimming sessions, if your child is not already involved in a swimming club, we can facilitate them at some of our sessions in UCD on a Wednesday morning at 7:00am. Please contact us if you wish to avail of this.

During the year, we arrange brick (run/cycle) sessions at Corkagh Park and other venues. Dates will be advised in advance, but the first session this year will be on 24th April 2016.

We will be running a Junior Duathlon in the Phoenix Park on 1st June 2016.

We will also select and promote Junior events run by TI and other Triathlon clubs during the year.

Arrangements should be made for your child to travel to and from training sessions and events. We appreciate it if children can arrive promptly and are collected promptly at the end of the session, if they are not making their own way home. If you are going to be late picking your child up, please contact **Head Coach, Phil Smith** on +353 (0)86 8186406 to let him know.

The club has a small membership fee of **€1** for Juniors and this should be paid through the Triathlon Ireland website. Membership of Triathlon Ireland is also compulsory when training with the club for insurance reasons and for 2016, this costs between €5 and €20 depending on the age of your child.

We would be grateful if you could complete the junior club membership form **ONLINE** and ensure any codes of conduct given to you are read and, signed and returned to the club. This is part of the club's commitment to provide a positive learning environment for your young people and coaches/volunteers representing the club have agreed to similar codes committing them to the values of this club. For the safety of your child it is

important that the club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant, should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident while at the club.

If you would like to talk to someone at the club about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact the Junior Head Coach or Youth and Child Welfare Officer at the emails/numbers given above.

We thank you for your co-operation and look forward to meeting you at some point in the future.

Yours sincerely,

- Sharon Meyler
- Phil Smith

