



## **Open Division FAQs**

### **Why have you created an Open division?**

The Open division has been created to expand further inclusion opportunities. This participatory division provides a welcoming and inclusive field for able-bodied athletes that cannot or do not wish to race in a competitive age or gender group. The Open division will be available at IRONMAN and IRONMAN 70.3 Triathlon Series events.

### **If I register in the Open division, do I have to select a gender and put in my date of birth?**

Yes, your ACTIVE account still requires a gender and a date of birth during the registration process. Once you select "Open Division" in the classification question in the registration form, gender and date of birth will not be utilized for competition and results purposes.

### **What athletes are eligible for the Open division?**

With no approval process necessary for participation in the Open division, any able-bodied athlete that wishes to participate in the Open division can do so at the time of registration.

### **Why isn't the Physically Challenged/Intellectual Disability (PC/ID) Open division also combined into the Open division?**

The PC/ID Open division is for athletes who need accommodations while racing with us, and includes athletes with a medically verified visual impairment, Special Teams, athletes with an intellectual disability, or athletes with a medically verified physical or neurological impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Eligibility requirements to participate in the PC/ID Open division can be found in our [IRONMAN Competition Rules](#).

### **If I register in the Open division, am I eligible for awards?**

There will be no awards for the Open division.

### **If I register in the Open division, am I eligible for World Championship slots?**

Athletes registered in the Open division will not be eligible for World Championship slots.

### **I'm already registered and want to update my registration to the Open division. How can I do that?**

Athletes can change their division prior to race week by emailing the corresponding event's contact email and requesting a change to the Open division. Additionally, any athlete who wants to make a change to their division race week can do so during the onsite athlete check-in process. Please visit the solutions desk inside the athlete check-in area to change divisions.

### **Have any IRONMAN competition rules changed for the Open division?**

Athletes in the Open division are subject to all IRONMAN Competition rules.



**If I register in the Open division, will this affect my race results?**

Athletes in the Open division will still have all timing splits listed in the searchable results on IRONMAN.com. However, athletes in the Open division will not receive a division rank or overall rank.

**If I register in the Open division, am I eligible for Age Group Rankings?**

Athletes in the Open division who finish an under the event time cut-offs will receive the minimum age group ranking points (floor points), which is 1000 points for an IRONMAN event or 700 points for an IRONMAN 70.3 event. For any athlete in the Open division who is associated with a TriClub, the floor points will count toward the overall points for their associated TriClub. Any results in the Open division will not count toward an individual's AWA status.