

The Grass Roots Illinois Triathlon Series has been created by a group of local race directors as an alternative to the corporatization of triathlons by big business.

The series is made up of 8 established multisport events in downstate Illinois - 6 triathlons as well as a spring biathlon and fall duathlon. Included in the lineup are a total of 13 race distances ranging from beginner-friendly mini's with pool swims to challenging intermediate-distance races featuring top-notch age group and pro competition.

These events span the race calendar from April thru October and feature reasonable entry fees, outstanding customer service and family friendly atmospheres at venues near the towns of Petersburg, Springfield, Decatur and Bloomington. Participants who compete in an event in each of the four locations and also volunteer for at least one event, will receive an award featuring our unique GRITS logo. In addition, all participants who complete the series requirements will get to choose one free entry into any GRITS race in 2012. There is no additional fee to enter GRITS.

GRITS is not your typical race series. It is a collaboration of concerned race directors who do not want to see the sport of triathlon become dominated by high entry fees and corporate rules. We are excited to see this series evolve over the years and welcome your feedback.

Please join us today by contacting Colleen Klein at Colleen@Tri-Shark.org or any of the other series event directors for more information.

2011 Illinois Grass Roots Triathlon Series

April 17 - Petersburg, IL

Abes Mini - 100 yard indoor pool swim/5 mile bike/1 mile run

Pioneer Sprint - 300 yard indoor pool swim/13 mile bike/3.1 mile run

www.abestriseries.com

May 28 - Springfield, IL

Capital City Biathlon

3.1 mile run/13 mile bike

www.capitalcitybiathlon.com

June 4 - Hudson, IL

Tri-Shark Triathlon

600 yard swim/12 mile bike/3.1 mile run

www.tri-shark.org

July 10 - Decatur, IL

Rodney T. Miller Lakeside Triathlon

Super Sprint - 400 yard swim/19 mile bike/3.1 mile run

Long Course - .75 mile swim/19 mile bike/4.5 mile run

www.decaturtriathlon.com

July 16 - Hudson, IL
Evergreen Lake Triathlon
Sprint - 500 yard /40k bike /5k run
Olympic - 1.5k swim/40k bike /10k run
www.evergreentri.com

July 30 - Springfield, IL
Stoneman Sprint - 500 yard swim/12 mile bike/3.1 mile run
Iron Abe Olympic - 1.5k swim/40k bike/10k run
www.triharderpromotions.com

August 13 - Petersburg, IL
Stovepipe Sprint - 500 yard swim/13 mile bike/3.1 mile run
Railsplitter Intermediate - 1 mile swim/36 mile bike/7 mile run
www.abestriseries.com

October 30 – Clinton, IL
SpookyDu Duathlon
1.8 mile run/21 mile bike/3.6 mile run
www.decatrigrigators.org