

Swim Removal Policy – Triathlon Safety Protocol

The safety of all participants is our top priority. To ensure the well-being of athletes during the swim portion of the triathlon, the following policy outlines the circumstances and procedures for removing swimmers from the water.

If you have **any** concerns about open water swimming, we **strongly encourage** you to use a swim buoy for added visibility and safety.

1. Authority to Remove a Swimmer

Swimmers may be removed from the water at the discretion of any of the following:

- Certified lifeguards or safety personnel
 - On-water support staff (e.g., kayak, paddleboard, or boat crew)
 - Race directors or the medical team
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2. Reasons for Removal

A swimmer may be removed from the course for any of the following reasons:

- Appears to be in distress or visibly struggling
 - Requests assistance or removal
 - Fails to make progress within a reasonable time
 - Exhibits signs of disorientation, fatigue, or medical concern
 - Violates course rules or disregards safety instructions
 - Fails to meet a designated swim time cutoff (if applicable)
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3. Removal Process

- Support staff will safely assist the swimmer out of the water and onto the dive rescue boat.
- The swimmer will remain on the boat until the swim portion of the event is complete.
- The swimmer's ankle strap (timing chip) will be removed, and they will not be permitted to continue the event.

4. Re-entry Policy

Participants removed from the swim portion are not allowed to continue in the triathlon.

If a removed participant attempts to rejoin the event, they will be permanently banned from all future Silver Circle Sports Events, LLC races.

Yes — we take athlete safety *that* seriously.