



## 2008 XTERRA Physically Challenged Program Details:

### 1.1 Rules:

- All 2008 XTERRA America Tour events are sanctioned by USA Triathlon (USAT) the National Governing Body of multisport in the United States. As such all events and athletes are subject to the rules and regulation set forth by the USAT. Any/all details are available in the USAT Rule Book at [www.usatriathlon.org](http://www.usatriathlon.org).
- Refer to the USAT Rule Book section: USA Triathlon Rule Modifications for Physically Challenged Athletes for specific detail.
- In addition – all athletes are subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the 2008 XTERRA America Tour Rules and 2008 XTERRA Competition Rules documents<sup>2</sup>.
- Ignorance of the rules is not admitted as an excuse for violations.

### 1.2 Physically Challenged Athletes:

- Any physically challenged athlete, as defined by the USAT Rule Book, may compete in any XTERRA event.
- Physically challenged athletes do NOT have to compete in the XTERRA PC Division
- Physically challenged athletes may choose to compete as an XTERRA Age Group athlete.
- At the time of the start of their first race of the 2008 XTERRA season athletes must decide whether to race as a Physically Challenged Athlete or as an Age Group athlete. Athletes will remain in this Division, score points, get ranked, and be invited to the XTERRA USA Championship by this Division and for the duration of the 2008 XTERRA season. Athletes may not switch back and forth during the season.

### 1.3 XTERRA Age and PC Age Groups:

- For the 2008 XTERRA Season – all athletes will compete based on their age on December 31, 2008. This is known as your XTERRA Age. It is also known as your USAT Age.
- An athlete will use his/her XTERRA Age throughout the entire 2008 XTERRA Season.
- For the 2008 XTERRA Season physically challenged athletes will compete in the following Age Groups: 15-39 and 40+.

<b>2008 XTERRA Physically Challenged Age Groups</b>	
Female	Age 15 - 39
Female	Age 40+
Male	Age 15 - 39
Male	Age 40+

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.xterraplanet.com/races/how\\_it\\_works.cfm](http://www.xterraplanet.com/races/how_it_works.cfm)

#### 1.4 XAT Points:

- XAT Points are awarded at all XTERRA America Tour events.
- Physically challenged athletes accumulate XAT Points via the same system utilized by all amateur Age Group athletes. See Section 1.5 of the 2008 XTERRA America Tour Rules for details.

#### 1.5 XTERRA PC Categories:

- In addition, athletes in the Physically Challenged Athlete Division will be scored/ranked by the following XTERRA PC Categories:

<b>2008 XTERRA Physically Challenged Competition Categories</b>		
<b>PC Competition Category</b>	<b>USAT/ITU Competition Category</b>	<b>XTERRA Competition Category</b>
Handcycle – Female	TRI1	XTRI1F
Handcycle - Male	TRI2	XTRI1M
Severe Leg Impairment - Female	TRI2	XTRI2F
Severe Leg Impairment - Male	TRI2	XTRI2M
Les Autres - Female	TRI3	XTRI3F
Les Autres - Male	TRI3	XTRI3M
Arm Impairment - Female	TRI4	XTRI4F
Arm Impairment - Male	TRI4	XTRI4M
Moderate Leg Impairment - Female	TRI5	XTRI5F
Moderate Leg Impairment - Male	TRI5	XTRI5M
Visual Impairment/Legally Blind- Female	TRI6	XTRI6F
Visual Impairment/Legally Blind - Male	TRI6	XTRI6M

## 1.6 Qualifying for the 2008 XTERRA USA Championship:

- Physically challenged athletes qualify for the 2008 XTERRA USA Championship via the same system utilized by all amateur Age Group athletes. See the [2008 XTERRA America Tour Rules](#) for details. See grid below.

### Invitations for PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATHLETES from each XTERRA Region to the 2008 XTERRA USA Championship

<b>2008 XTERRA Physically Challenged Athlete Categories</b>			
<b>PC Competition Category</b>	<b>XTERRA Competition Category</b>	<b>Age 15 - 39</b>	<b>Age 40 +</b>
Handcycle – Female	XTRI1F	2	2
Handcycle - Male	XTRI1M	2	2
Severe Leg Impairment - Female	XTRI2F	2	2
Severe Leg Impairment - Male	XTRI2M	2	2
Les Autres - Female	XTRI3F	2	2
Les Autres - Male	XTRI3M	2	2
Arm Impairment - Female	XTRI4F	2	2
Arm Impairment - Male	XTRI4M	2	2
Moderate Leg Impairment - Female	XTRI5F	2	2
Moderate Leg Impairment - Male	XTRI5M	2	2
Visual Impairment/Legally Blind- Female	XTRI6F	2	2
Visual Impairment/Legally Blind - Male	XTRI6M	2	2
	Total Female:	12	12
	Total Male:	12	12
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>

**1.7 Qualifying for the 2008 XTERRA World Championship:**

- Physically challenged athletes from the United States qualify for the 2008 XTERRA World Championship via the same system utilized by all amateur Age Group athletes. See the 2008 XTERRA America Tour Rules for details. Generally there are four (4) ways to qualify:
  1. As one of the top three (3) XTERRA PC Division finishers, regardless of PC Competition Category, by gender, at any of the five (5) XTERRA USA Championship Series races at Temecula, Pelham, Richmond, Ogden, or Lake Tahoe. See grid below.
  2. As one of the top three (3) XTERRA PC Division finishers, regardless of PC Competition Category, by gender, at the Jamba Juice XTERRA MountainMan XTERRA Points Series Race on August 9, 2008 in Kaaawa, Oahu, HI. This race is designed as a qualifier for Hawaii residents; however non-Hawaii residents may also earn slots at this race. See grid below.
  3. As one of the top three (3) XTERRA PC Division finishers, regardless of PC Competition Category, by gender, at any of fourteen (14) XTERRA Global tour races. See [www.XTERRAPlanet.com](http://www.XTERRAPlanet.com) for the complete schedule. See grid below.

**Invitations for PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATHLETES from each XTERRA USA Championship Series race, the Jamba Juice XTERRA MountainMan, or each XTERRA Global Tour race to the 2008 XTERRA WORLD Championship**

<b>2008 XTERRA Physically Challenged Athlete Categories</b>		
"Who Goes To Worlds"		
<b>PC Competition Category</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
Any	3	3

4. Be selected via the 2008 XTERRA at-large pool by entering online or by mail. See XTERRAPlanet.com for details.