

**ELITE ATHLETES START LISTS CLOSED
FOR THE ITALIAN LEG OF THE
ITU TRIATHLON WORLD CUP
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN CAGLIARI ON 4 JUNE 2017**

A few weeks before the start of one of the most wanted Triathlon events of the season, elite athletes start lists from 34 countries were closed for the Italian Triathlon World Cup. This year also featuring the first edition of the TRIATHLON CAGLIARI 2017 - Sprint Distance, open to Age Group

Cagliari, May 16, 2017 - Start list of elite athletes closed and ready for the start of the Italian Triathlon World Cup - **ITU Triathlon World Cup** - which will take place in Cagliari, Sardinia – Italy, this year. For the second consecutive year, the capital city of Sardinia will host the ITU (International Triathlon Union) World Cup, sprint distance (750m swimming, 20km bike, 5km running) **on Sunday, June 4th.**

The elite athletes start list on the ITU website reports the 70 men's names and 65 women's names from 34 nations from the 5 continents, all of them important names for first-rate athletes who have chosen Cagliari as the destination of the ITU WORLD CUP, which was already valid last year for qualification at the Olympic Games in Rio. The added value this year is expressed in this choice of the island territory that consolidates its vocation of sport destination for the Triathlon competition thanks to the technical characteristics of the race paths, especially for the highly challenging and selective cycling section. Few names above all: British **Jonathan Brownlee**, Olympic silver at Rio in 2016, South African Olympic champion **Henri Schoeman**, Olympic bronze in Rio, and Swedish Lisa Norden, Olympic silver for women's section in London 2012.

*"We are happy to have such an important and representative start list of the best triathlon athletes in the world. - says **Sandro Salerno, General Manager of the Local Organizing Committee** - This is to us the confirmation of how a great sport event can turn into a best practice, consolidating the perception of an event that is now appealing to the world's triathlon gotha. This confirmation prompted us to premiere the Triathlon Cagliari, sprint distance race at its first edition, which will allow Age Class athletes to compete on the same ground of a unique international event like the ITU WORLD CUP. "*

As a matter of fact, Cagliari will host **the first edition of Triathlon Cagliari 2017 - Sprint Distance for the first time in the history of Italian Triathlon.** This is a national triathlon sprint race that will take place on the same routes that will feature the second edition of the ITU Triathlon World Cup Cagliari 2017, during which age group athletes will go swimming, biking and running, facing the same difficulties that, shortly before, did the elite athletes from all over the world.

The start lists of the elite athletes are available at **http://www.triathlon.org/events/event/2017_cagliari_itu_triathlon_world_cup**. We will talk about them in the next weeks in order to provide any possible detail of the great champions, not only olympics, that are training for the event in Italy.

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