

Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK Toddler Triathlon



The Make-A-Wish Toddler Triathlon is a fun-filled fundraising initiative which allows your group to raise funds to grant wishes for children living with a life threatening illness in the UK.

By adjusting the course you can use the idea with both younger toddlers (2-3 years – Juniors) and slightly older pre-school children (3-5 years – Veterans).

How do you raise money?

The kids can collect sponsorship – who could resist?

If you put on a good event, however, a few stalls, refreshments and a raffle will all help increase the fundraising pot.

So, isn't it time you got your toddlers in training?

To take part, please fill in the registration form enclosed with this leaflet and return it to your nearest Make-A-Wish office – or ring/email us for more details:

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What is a Make-A-Wish Toddler Triathlon?

Toddle

The young athletes are on the starting line. The atmosphere is electric. Nervous tension fills the air. The young Olympians size up the competition - "Mummy..... There's Amy from playschool and Joss the boy from down the road" - and weigh up the challenges to come!

The bell rings and it's an explosive start!

Before them stretches 100m of arduous toddling. It's an awe-inspiring sight as twenty of the group's youngest and finest set off.

Support crews (Mums) trail in their wake. Some will fall along the way but the challenge continues! This is true athletic excellence - we are heading for Stage Two.....



Trike

The trikes are parked in a neat line half-way along the course.

The youngsters leap on to theirs and zoom off! It's pedal power frenzy!

Their pit teams (Dads) have been working all night to get these high speed tricycles at peak performance. They now run behind shouting encouragement and trying to head off dangerous overtaking manoeuvres and unnecessary shunting.

100m of burnt rubber later they face the final challenge.

Treasure

Abandoning their trikes the competitors now fan out to search for the treasure. Who knows what it will be? Sweets, cakes, Make-A-Wish Stars, bean bags, coins, coloured stones?

The minute they have found it, the final part of the drama unfolds, the mad dash to the finish line. Exhausted but triumphant the young athletes cross the finish line. The crowd of excited onlookers (Granny and Grandad) go crazy.



Award Ceremony

After the punishment is over the exhausted heroes relax. Performance boosting drinks (orange squash) and energy foods (chocolate buttons) are distributed.

It's time for the Award Ceremony. All the participants receive a Make-A-Wish certificate. A local dignitary does the honours. Proud parents take photographs. The drama of the event is retold many times.

The local press rush to photograph and interview the competitors!