



Dear Anvil Family,

As all of you are painfully aware, nothing about 2020 has been “business as usual”. After our Spring event in Florida, we watched other events transition into “canceled” status, including our Summer race in Oregon, as countries shut down due to Covid-19. We were hopeful that Fall events would run, so our team continued working on the 2020 IUTA World Championship race, planning for new social distance / safety protocol, and confirming commitments from racers, volunteers, and staff.

Our world continues to be impacted by this pandemic – many countries are requiring quarantine on both arrival to, and return home from, foreign destinations, and some borders remain closed entirely. Within the United States, we continue to see a rise in numbers in some states, and the current re-opening “phase” varies city to city.

We fully understand how upsetting it is to hear of another race postponement, and we have spent many hours pondering this decision. You have all trained hard, have committed to readying yourselves to compete, and this announcement may anger you. We get it and feel the same.

So why are we postponing this race?

- The 2020 Lake Anna Race was meant to be a World Championship event. As of this announcement, many racers living outside the United States are unable to travel abroad or have debilitating requirements for doing so.
- Safety for all – Social distancing is difficult during a race despite the smaller numbers we see in the Ultra community. We are working with our medical staff on PPE, have protocol in place for check-in, meals, port-a-potty stations, etc. There are other “race moments” we are continuing to prepare for that do not lend themselves well to social distancing. We want to be fully prepared before putting anyone in an at-risk situation.

What’s next, and what about my entry fee?

Keep reading, because our event calendar for 2021 is below including a venue change for the IUTA WC race, our prize money breakdown for that event, and instructions for choosing what you prefer done with monies already sent in for the IUTA race.

- 2021 Race Calendar:
 - Double Anvil 11-14 March / Clermont, FL – Single, Aquavelo, Duathlon, and Teams are also welcome!
 - ‘NEW’ venue announcement: 2021 IUTA World Championship race 10-13 June / Gaston, OR – Double Distance only.

- PRIZE MONEY – Our generous sponsor is committed to this date / venue change, and \$15,000 in prize money is going to be distributed as follows (prize money equal for men and women):
 - 1st place - \$2,000
 - 2nd place - \$1,750
 - 3rd place - \$1,500
 - 4th place - \$1,250
 - 5th place - \$1,000
 - More information / website updates to follow!
 - Double, Triple, Quintuple Anvil distances 3-10 October / Spotsylvania, VA – Single, Aquavelo, Duathlon, and Teams are also welcome!
- 2020 IUTA WC Race entry fees paid – Options
 - Transfer entry fee to any event scheduled for 2021 – your full amount will roll over
 - Full refund – our standard policy in the event we must cancel a race
 - Please send an email to Steve at usaultratri@gmail.com with your decision
- USA Ultra Tri race kits – Free to any racer registered for the 2020 IUTA WC race
 - This postponement sucks, but we know you will continue training for your next Anvil race. Perhaps a new race kit will help motivate you for some of that prize money next year! Please send an email to Steve at usaultratri@gmail.com and let us know if you want one... we already have your sizes, so a simple “Cant’ wait to rock that new kit” or “Nah, I am just going to eat ALL the donuts” works. We will place the order and send those out this fall!

We love you all and can’t wait to be together again!

Anvil Strong, Always.

Teri and Kirb