



**STARMAN**  
NIGHT TRIATHLON

## FAQs

### **DATE OF EVENT**

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August 2018.

### **WHAT TIME DOES IT START?**

Midnight, Saturday 18th August 2018.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ENTER?**

Solo competitor: £125

Relay team of 2: £135

Relay team of 3: £145

Please note that a processing fee will be added when you register online.

There are Earlybird discounts available until 31st January 2018.

### **WHAT DO I GET FOR MY MONEY?**

Pre event competitor support.

2 x competitor numbers per team.

1 x Starman swim cap.

1 x Sport-ident timing chip per team.

1 x tracker per team.

3 x kit bags and their distribution.

Full support including swim safety team, route marking, marshals, food and hydration at all feed stations, hill safety and medical support.

Hot food and drink at the finish line.

Massage!

An event medal -if you finish!

### **DO I NEED TO RAISE MONEY?**

There is no fundraising requirement attached to this event but you are welcome to raise money for a chose charity if you wish, we encourage it.

### **IS THERE AN AGE RESTRICTION TO TAKE PART?**

All participants must be at least 18 years old by Saturday 18th August 2018.



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### **HOW DO I REGISTER?**

Everyone must initially register online via the STARMAN Night Tri website. There will also be an event registration session at the Hayfield, Loch Morlich on Saturday 18th August 2018 between 1400 and 1700hrs. This is where you will collect all your race kit.

### **ONCE I HAVE REGISTERED, AM I ABLE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE EVENT?**

Competitors may withdraw from the event up to Friday 13th April and we will refund 50% of the registration fee or transfer their place to the following year. Notification of withdrawal must be made by email.

If a competitor withdraws between 13th April and Friday 22nd June, they will not receive a refund but we will transfer their place to the following year.

If a competitor withdraws after 22nd June their registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferrable unless they have good medical reason for withdrawing (a letter from a medical professional will be required). If there is a valid medical reason for withdrawing, they will not receive a refund but we will transfer their place to the following year.

If the competitor does not turn up on event day their fee is non-refundable and cannot be transferred to the following year.

### **IF I CAN NO LONGER TAKE PART, CAN I TRANSFER MY PLACE?**

Places CANNOT be transferred or sold to another person. If someone takes part who is not the original place-holder, they will be **immediately removed from the event**.

Please email [caroline@truegritevents.com](mailto:caroline@truegritevents.com) if you wish to withdraw from the event.

### **IS THIS FOR ME?**

#### **HOW FIT DO I NEED TO BE**

TRUE GRIT EVENTS' challenges are designed to be open to all whilst encouraging people to really push themselves. To participate in the STARMAN you must have experience of open-water swimming; navigation, off-road running and experience of climbing hills of at least 2500 ft. DO NOT underestimate the challenge and DO NOT take this on if you can't train properly for it.

#### **HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE SHOULD I HAVE ON THE HILLS?**

1. You should understand how extreme weather can affect your performance and how to manage this.
2. You should have experience running and moving safely over uneven terrain at night.
3. You should know how to navigate in poor conditions.
4. You should be able to take a bearing from one location to another, confirming which direction you would move off in.



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2. You should be able to use landmarks to confirm your location.
3. You should be able to locate and use a grid reference.

### **EVENT WEEKEND**

#### **HOW DO I GET TO THE STARMAN BEACH HUB, LOCH MORLICH?**

The Starman Beach Hub will be at the Hayfield, on the edge of Loch Morlich, Inverness-shire, PH22 1QY, 8 miles East of Aviemore. Drive through Rothiemurchus and follow signs for the Natural Retreats Cairngorm Mountain Railway. You will pass the Glenmore Forest car park and campsite on the right and follow Starman signage to the carpark and registration at the Hayfield (slightly further along from the Watersports Centre).

<https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Loch+Morlich+Watersports/@57.1632409,-3.7153174,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x96df48bbad54b801!8m2!3d57.1675815!4d-3.7020412>

Ways to get there:

#### Flights

Approx drive time from the following;

Inverness Airport - 40 mins.

Edinburgh Airport - 2 hr 40mins

Glasgow Airport - 2 hr 50 mins

#### Train

The closest train station is Aviemore, a 10-minute drive from the Beach Hub. There are taxis in Aviemore should you need one.

#### Drive

Located just off the A9.

Aviemore is 40 mins from Inverness and 2 hr 40mins from Edinburgh.

#### **WHERE DO I PARK?**

There will be free parking in the Hayfield Carpark, approx 5 min walk from the Beach Hub.

#### **EVENT REGISTRATION**

All competitors must attend event registration between 1400 and 1700hrs at the Hayfield on Saturday 18th August 2018. This is where you will collect all race kit.

#### **WHERE CAN I STAY?**

There are lots of options nearby from the Hilton Hotel to camping and caravan parks. Here is a link to Visit Aviemore: <http://www.visitaviemore.com>



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**CAN I BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS?**

Yes! All guests are welcome to come and watch but we advise that someone in your party is well rested enough to drive you home after the event. For safety reasons, we strongly discourage spectators from driving around the route, especially during the Cycle phase.

**WILL THERE BE A SAFETY BRIEF?**

Yes, we will give a safety briefing before the start of the event at around 2345hrs. All participants must attend this, even those not taking part in the swim.

**WILL THERE BE FOOD PROVIDED BEFORE THE START?**

No food will be provided before the event starts but Aviemore and the surrounding area have plenty of options. We will be based near the Loch Morlich Watersports Centre and their cafe will be open during the day and evening and then again early on the Sunday morning and we encourage competitors and supporters to use it.

**HOW CAN I GET A COPY OF THE EVENT ROUTE ?**

The official routes are available to view on the event website and will be sent out to all competitors by email.

**SWIM PHASE**

**CAN I USE WEBBED GLOVES?**

No, only non-webbed gloves can be used.

**DO I NEED TO BRING A SWIM CAP?**

A swim cap will be provided to you at event registration on Saturday 18th August but we also recommend a neoprene cap which can be worn under the event cap. This can also help to keep your goggles in place.

We highly recommend that you practice swimming with glowsticks or something similarly sized attached to your goggles so that it's not a surprise when you put them on for the swim.

**WILL THERE BE START WAVES?**

Yes - you will be placed in a wave depending on the completion time you have submitted in your online registration form. You will be given your wave time at event registration.

**CYCLE PHASE**

**DO I NEED A HELMET?**

Yes, helmets are compulsory - no helmet, no race!

**CAN I USE RACE WHEELS ON THE BIKE PHASE?**

Yes, race wheels are allowed and are used at your own risk.



**CAN I USE MY TRI-BARS ON THE BIKE PHASE?**

Yes, tri-bars are allowed and are used at your own risk.

**WHAT KIND OF BIKE LIGHTS DO I NEED?**

You need 2 lights - a white light on the front and a red light at the back. You must be able to see and assess the condition of the road surface in front of you; we recommend a minimum of 600 lumens is used on your front light. We also recommend that you have a basic headtorch on you which will be useful if you need to change a tyre.

**IS THE ROAD CLOSED TO TRAFFIC?**

No. While the roads should be very quiet, they will be open to traffic. Follow the highway code and respect all other road users.

**WHAT HAPPENS TO MY BIKE WHEN I FINISH THE CYCLE PHASE?**

Your bike will be left at T2 when you finish the cycle phase and will remain there until you are able to collect it after the event. There will be security in place at the bike racking but we ask you to collect your bike as soon as possible after you finish, no later than 1100hrs on Sunday 19th August.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I BREAK DOWN ON THE CYCLE PHASE?**

You are expected to be able to fix and repair basic problems on your bike. You must have the following items (compulsory kit):

Bike pump

Tyre levers

Spare inner tube

There will be mechanical support on the route but this may take a while to get to you.

**ARE THERE FEED STATIONS ON THE CYCLE PHASE?**

Yes, there will be one feed station on the Cycle phase supplying energy and hydration. This station is marked on the cycle route map.

**RUN PHASE**

**WILL THERE BE A KIT CHECK?**

All competitors will be required to hand over their Transition 2 kit bag by 1800hrs on Saturday 18th August. Your kit will be checked at this time. All kit bags will then be taken to T2 where there will be spot kit checks before competitors start the Run Phase.

**NO ITEM, NO RACE! Non-negotiable!**

**ARE THERE FEED STATIONS ON THE RUN PHASE?**



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Yes - there will be 2 feed stations on the Run phase. The first feed station will be at T2 where you return from Cairn Gorm; the 2nd will be at the Ryvoan Bothy; both are marked on the run route map.

**IS THE ROUTE MARKED?**

Yes - we will use a combination of flags and arrows to mark the route but you must be able to navigate around the route in case of emergency.

**CAN I USE A GPS?**

Yes but **you must also carry a map and compass as part of your compulsory kit.**

**WILL THERE BE A NAVIGATION TEST?**

No - there will be no testing but strong navigational skills are absolutely essential. Do not underestimate the difficulties you may encounter on Cairn Gorm in the middle of the night if there are problems with signage.

**POST EVENT**

**WILL THERE BE SHOWERS?**

There will be no showers at the Beach Hub but you can go for another dip in the loch - that should wake you up!

**WILL THERE BE CHANGING AREAS?**

There will be male and female changing areas at the Beach Hub.

**WILL THERE BE FOOD AT THE FINISH?**

There will be a bacon butty (and veggie option) and a cuppa available at the finish for all competitors.

**WHERE CAN I SLEEP?**

We **strongly recommend** that you sleep before driving home or at least arrange for someone else to do the driving if you're leaving straight away. There is plenty of accommodation in the area - <http://www.visitaviemore.com>

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