

THE XTERRA EUROPEAN TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The idea behind the XTERRA European Tour is to provide a series of events that the avid XTERRA athlete can participate in and earn points towards becoming the European Tour Champion. This applies to Professionals or Age Group athletes, to men and to women.

2. Each XTERRA European Tour Championship event will award points to Professional and Age Group athletes, men and women equally, as follows:

PRO/ELITE		AGE GROUP	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1	100	1	100
2	90	2	90
3	82	3	82
4	75	4	75
5	69	5	69
6	63	6	63
7	58	7	58
8	53	8	53
9	49	9	49
10	45	10	45
11	41		
12	37		
13	34		
14	31		
15	28		

Points will be accumulated equally at all National Championship events that comprise the XTERRA European Tour.

How points are counted:

- Athletes compete in the following Age Groups – based on his/her XTERRA Age.

- 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+ (women), 60-64 (men) and 65+ (men), Professional (Elite)

- XTERRA European Tour Championship ages must be fixed so every athlete stays in the same age group for the entire year. Every athlete will compete at the age they are on **December 31 of that year**.

- **Pros will count their best 4 of 6 finishes towards their total points score. Age Groupers may count up to 5 races towards their total points.**

- Each competitor who finishes at least one race in the series will be ranked.

- It is not necessary to compete in 4 races to be considered the European Tour Champion. The athlete, either pro or age grouper with the most points, counting a maximum of 4 will be the 2008 European Tour Champion.

Note: The title of 2008 XTERRA European Champion is earned at XTERRA Italy.

- If there is a tie in points, the tie-breaker will be the finishing position in the last race of the season. If neither participated in the final race, then the next to last will be considered the tie-breaker.

4. Prize Money for Professionals

Prize money will be paid €15,000 for all races. The XTERRA European Tour will be pay €20,000:

National Championship Prize Purse				European Tour Prize Purse			
Men		Women		Men		Women	
1	€2,200	1	€2,200	1	€4,000	1	€4,000
2	1,700	2	1,700	2	2,500	2	2,500
3	1,200	3	1,200	3	1,500	3	1,500
4	800	4	800	4	1,000	4	1,000
5	600	5	600	5	800	5	800
6	400	6	400	6	200	6	200
7	300	7	300				
8	250						
9	200						
10	150						

5. National and European Champion Recognition

- This is separate from the XTERRA European Tour. Athletes of any nationality may compete at any XTERRA National Championship and earn prize money and points towards the overall XTERRA European Tour. However, only citizens of the country where the National Championship is being held may become the Champion of that nation.

Example: At XTERRA France, the first place finisher is from Australia, second place is

from France and third place is German. The Australian and German athletes would keep prize money and/or points towards the XTERRA European Championship but the France athlete would be recognized as the XTERRA France National Champion.

- **The winner (pro or age group) of the XTERRA European Tour may come from any country.**