



**XTERRA EUROPEAN TOUR  
2009 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:

<b>PRO/ELITE</b>		<b>AGE GROUP</b>	
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		

**3. 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, 65-69 and 70+ (men), Professional (Elite)
- XTERRA European Tour Championship ages must be fixed so every athlete stays in the same age group for the entire year. For 2009, every athlete will compete at the age they are on **December 31, 2009**.
- Pros and age groupers will count their best **4 out of 6 finishes** towards their total points score.
- Each competitor who earns points in at least one race in the series will be ranked.
- It is not necessary to compete in four 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 European Tour Champion.
- Note: The title of XTERRA European Champion is earned at the 2009 XTERRA Austria Championship.
- 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.**

For 2009, all races will pay €15,000 prize money, except the XTERRA Austria/European Championship which will pay €20,000. The XTERRA European Tour will pay US\$20,000:

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

US\$4,00

1 0

2 2,500

3 1,500

4 1,000

5 800

6 200

#### **4. 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 French athlete would be recognized as the XTERRA France National Champion.

The winner of the XTERRA European Tour may come from any country.