



Important traffic and access information

Europe Triathlon Cup — City of Derry, Saturday 5 September 2026

The 2026 Europe Triathlon Cup — City of Derry takes place on Saturday 5 September 2026, with 4 international Elite races and one National Series race. The race times are as follows:

1. Europe Triathlon Cup Junior Men Swim Start: 08:50
2. Europe Triathlon Cup Junior Women Swim Start: 09:00
3. National Series Age Group Race Swim Start: 09:15
4. Europe Triathlon Cup Elite Women Swim Start: 16:30
5. Europe Triathlon Cup Elite Men at Swim Start: 18:30

To allow the cycle section of the triathlon to take place safely, a number of temporary road closures, lane restrictions and traffic diversions will be in operation throughout the day.

We appreciate that these arrangements will cause some disruption and would encourage residents, businesses and road users to familiarise themselves with the following traffic restrictions and plan journeys in advance.

Saturday 5th September Road Traffic Restrictions:

- **Queen's Quay Embankment** will be closed in both directions from 08:00 to 20:00
- **Foyle Embankment:** both southbound lanes will be closed, with a managed contraflow operating on the northbound lanes from 08:30 – 11:40.
- **Foyle Road to Lone Moore junction:** During the return of the Elite Junior Race this road will be completely closed to traffic and under traffic management. This is expected to take place from 09:15 – 09:45. Once the last junior Elite athlete has cleared this area it will be reduced to one lane, with ONLY city-bound traffic permitted from 08:30 – 11:40.
- **Lower deck of Craigavon Bridge:** closed 08:30-11:40
- **Letterkenny Road and Mullenan Road:** Letterkenny Road closed to traffic in both directions to Nixon's Corner and subject to traffic-management arrangements and diversions; Mullenan Road closed to traffic in both directions to Newtownhamilton and subject to traffic-management arrangements and diversions 08:30 – 11:40.

Road users should expect delays in and around these areas and follow all diversion signage and instructions from traffic-management personnel and marshals.

Evening elite races — 15:45 to 19:30

Further restrictions will come into operation from 15:45 until approximately 19:30 for the cycle section of the Europe Triathlon Cup elite races:

- **Queen's Quay Embankment** will be closed in both directions from 08:00 to 20:00
- **Foyle Embankment:** both southbound lanes will be closed, with a managed contraflow operating on the northbound lanes 15:45- 19:30
- **Foyle Road to Moat Street:** completely closed to traffic and under traffic management 15:45- 19:30
- **Lower deck of Craigavon Bridge:** closed for the duration of the elite race programme 15:45- 19:30

Each elite cycle race is expected to take approximately 25–30 minutes. It will be a closed road 5 kilometre loop completed 4 times. **For athlete and public safety, vehicles and pedestrians will not be permitted to enter the race course while racing is taking place.** Technical Officials, marshals and traffic-management personnel will control access to the route.

All racing is expected to be clear of the roads by 19:30, with affected roads reopening as soon as it is safe to do so. Queen's Quay Embankment is expected to reopen at approximately 20:00.

Peace Bridge

The Peace Bridge will remain open to pedestrians throughout the day, but access will be carefully managed where athletes and pedestrians share the area.

Pedestrians should keep left of the cones, remain within the designated pedestrian area and follow instructions from marshals and event personnel.

Car park closures & alternative parking

Car parks along the route will be closed on September 5. These include Queen's Quay and Derry City & Strabane District Council car parks, which will be used as locations for the event, and closed to the public from 5.30pm on Friday 4 September and reopened from 8am on Sunday 6 September. Foyle Road, and Foyle Valley Railway car parks will be closed throughout Saturday, 5 September. Alternative parking will be available at UU, Magee and Fort George (via Catalyst entrance).

Please plan ahead

If travelling through the affected areas on Saturday 5 September, please allow additional time and, where possible, use alternative routes during the periods outlined above.

Temporary traffic-management measures, signage and marshals will be in place to help keep traffic moving safely around the race routes.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and greatly appreciate the patience and cooperation of residents, traders and road users while this major sporting event takes place in the city.

We hope that you will be able to enjoy this amazing sporting spectacle as the world's best triathletes swim, bike and run their way through our city.

Further event information is available at codtriathlon.com

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

City of Derry Triathlon Local Organising Committee