

March 1, 2022

Dear Triathlon Canada Partners

I hope this finds you well during another very difficult time in our world. On behalf of the entire Triathlon Canada community, we are extremely saddened by the grave situation that has unfolded in the Ukraine, and our thoughts are with all of our triathlon family members in the country, as well as with those within our community who may have friends or family affected by these deeply concerning events.

With the situation developing rapidly, we recognize now is the time for our triathlon community – both internationally and here in Canada – to come together to show our support for Ukraine, and most notably the triathletes and coaches in the country.

Triathlon Canada has been in communication with Marisol Casado, President of World Triathlon, to express our support and interest in assisting triathlon families in Ukraine during this time of international crisis.

As a result, World Triathlon is asking all nations to engage our communities and seek expressions of interest from our members who would be willing to offer support to Ukraine athletes, coaches and staff.

Making a small gesture of sending out resources, offering a willingness to temporarily host athletes, coaches, staff in your home, or opening the doors to your club or training group to provide an athlete a safe place to train and live during this horrific time filled with fear and loss are ways our community can help.

World Triathlon has set up a confidential e-mail account (welcome@triathlon.org) for any member of the Ukraine triathlon community who is leaving the country and needs support. The e-mail address is also for families in other countries around the world who are willing to host our friends in Ukraine or help in some manner. World Triathlon will keep the contact information of all individuals involved confidential, while helping to connect the two parties.

We thank you for sharing this initial request with members and clubs in your province.

In addition, given the current situation of events around the world, it is suggested that any Canadian triathletes traveling abroad should register their upcoming travel with the Government of Canada. <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration>



Triathlon Canada is encouraging everyone in our community to come together to support our friends during this time. We will continue to work closely with World Triathlon and update our community should we be able to provide additional assistance.

We stand with the people of Ukraine, and hope for a peaceful resolution soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucy Smith".

Lucy Smith,
Interim CEO
Triathlon Canada