

2018 Kids of Steel® Report

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Program summary: The program is designed to provide a non-competitive, entry level initiation to the sport of triathlon for youth. The goal is to develop a province wide, regionally based program for youth ages 6-15 years to participate in the sport.



Participation Overview:

- 196 Kids of Steel ® members (total 2017 -252)
- 30 athletes earned their 3 time participant awards (2017 59)
- One day memberships could be purchased for \$10 at race or online prior. There was a total of 236 one day memberships purchased. This year one day membership purchases were given to kids if families reached out to the office.

Race Participants:

Event	2018	2017	2016	<u>2015</u>	2014	2013	2012
The Pas	-	-	Cancelled	45	Cancelled	Cancelled	26
Triple Threat at	99	88	88	74	58	76	82
Birds Hill Park							
St Malo	110	99	126	104	97	79	122
Morden	-	87	97	87	66	78	67
Carman	-	-	-	90	110	101	94
Riding	168	158	-	164	120	89	89
Mountain							
Pinawa	94	69	83	Cancelled	103	88	86
Wind Up Race	-	Cancelled	86	111	120	111	106
Totals	471	501	480	675	674	622	672

Even though we only had four races this season, all four races saw an increase in participants. We will be looking to add more kids races for next season.

Kids of Steel Race Directors:

Triathlon Manitoba wishes to thank all 2018 KOS Race Directors for their hard work and dedication in organizing and hosting all races. Without their support, the Series is not possible.

Bird's Hill Park Kids of Steel – Triple Threat Triathlon Club, Julie Vogelsang St. Malo Kids of Steel – Cherrie Fournier and the Tribalistic Triathlon Club. Riding Mountain Kids of Steel – Dave Lipchen, Windburn Race Team Pinawa Kids of Steel – Wanda Mathers, Laura Wesenberg and Sulong Triathlon Club.

Partners:

Sport Manitoba Xtreme Sport Medics Booster Juice Murray Chevrolet

A final thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who helped make all these races safe, enjoyable and possible.