

## 2008 Power Smart Manitoba Summer Games – AGM Report

The Power Smart Manitoba Games created a busy calendar year for triathlon in 2008. Regional qualifying events were held in a number of new triathlon venues and a few of these venues including Carman and Lundar are now looking at staging repeat triathlon events in 2009.

Regional qualifying events were for the most part successful. Two events were cancelled due to low participation numbers. In all cases the cooperation and working relationships with the regional sport offices and hosts were good.

The local race organization did a fantastic job staging the Manitoba Game Finals in Carman. Volunteers were very well coordinated and prepared. The course itself was successful in its design. Regional coaching teams did a great job with their athletes in preparing and assisting them for race day.

The finals for the first time included a team relay event which was highly successful, in addition to the individual event held in the morning. Each regional relay team consisted of three athletes with teams being of mixed gender. Each athlete completed a “super-sprint” distance triathlon before handing off the timing band to their team mate in succession. Feedback following the event was extremely positive, with all regions expressing that they felt the relay to be a great addition to triathlon in the way of building team spirit, enthusiasm and excitement.

Seventy athletes participated in the 2008 Manitoba Games Triathlon, compared to 72 in 2004 and 46 in the year 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

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