Montréal hosts the first ever World Sprint and Team Triathlon Championships!

Montreal, December 9, 2019 – Groupe Copley World Triathlon is proud to announce that it will host the first ever World Sprint and Team Triathlon Championships in 2022. This is the largest international triathlon competition ever held in Quebec after the 1999 World Championships.

The news comes a few days after the ITU Executive Committee meeting in anticipation of the year of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, with the mixed relay making its debut as a medal discipline in triathlon. As a result, a new event has been added to the world calendar: the World Sprint and Team Championships which will include Age Group Sprint, Age Group Mixed Relay, Junior Relay, Junior Mixed Relay, Junior/U23 Mixed Relay, Elite Mixed Relay, Super Sprint Semi Final and a World Triathlon Series (WTS) stage. Montréal will hold the first edition in 2022. The World Elite Triathlon Championships, as well as the Standard Distance and Super Sprint, U23 and ParaTriathlon World Championships will be held in Abu Dhabi.

“After 2 years of anticipation, we are really happy to be hosting the first-ever World Sprint and Team Triathlon Championships. We have been working with the ITU for the past 5 years to help grow the discipline on all continents, and particularly in Montréal. We consider being awarded this major event to be an important acknowledgement from the ITU, both for our level of commitment to the discipline and for the quality of our event planning,” said Patrice Brunet, President and CEO of Groupe Copley World Triathlon and TriCon Events. “We will not only provide an event platform worthy of the most prestigious sports gatherings in the world, but we will also ensure that Montréal is well positioned in terms of sporting events.”

“Montréal is renowned as a premiere city for staging world-class events and there is no doubt in my mind they will put on a golden show once again while hosting the 2022 Sprint and Team World Championships,” said Kim Van Bruggen, chief executive officer, Triathlon Canada, “We are thrilled with this news and are grateful to the ITU for giving us the opportunity to now showcase the pinnacle of our sport in Canada. This event will be memorable, it is sure to once again spark tremendous growth for the Triathlon Canada nation, and we cannot wait to welcome the world to Canada’s cultural capital in 2022.”

“In recent years, Triathlon Québec has invested in the development of Quebec athletes and works closely with organizing committees such as Groupe Copley Triathlon Mondial to offer international level events. This great news is a testament to our efforts. In addition to allowing our athletes to shine here at home, it will be an incredible opportunity to raise awareness of this wonderful sport, as well as strengthening the image of Montreal and Quebec as the ultimate triathlon destination. In terms of the development of the discipline and the quality of events, more than ever before, Quebec is positioning itself as a world reference,” said Marie-Eve Sullivan, Executive Director of Triathlon Quebec.

The three organizations also take this opportunity to mention that they will jointly host the Canadian Triathlon Championships on June 27 and 28, 2020. View the press release >>>

ABOUT THE GROUPE COPLEY WORLD TRIATHLON

Groupe Copley World Triathlon is a non-for-profit organization, developed to be a triathlon heritage in Eastern Canada by welcoming an annual international sport event, promoting a healthy life-style within the triathlon community while making the sport more accessible and presenting the best athletes in the world.

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