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Toyota Rainbow triathlon set for Saturday

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United States of America triathlete, Kelsey Withrow-Coorman, will be returning to Tobago to reclaim the Rainbow Warriors Triathlon crown. She gave it up last year, while she got married and concentrated on a pro-career in cycling. She was the winner two years ago. Saturday will see the largest array of triathletes ever assembled, to compete at the Toyota Rainbow Cup International triathlon in Tobago.

Triathletes from Suriname, USA, UK, Nevis, US Virgin Islands, the Netherlands, Grenada, and Trinidad will participate in the fifth annual event hosted by the Rainbow Warriors Triathlon Club which included swimming, cycling and running. The race will also double for the National Triathlon Championships. Any local athlete winning overall will be eligible for two top prizes of \$4,000 for the Rainbow Cup and \$1,000 for the nationals.

Some 21 athletes will take part in the Olympic distance—1.5km swim/20km cycle/10km run—and 77 athletes will challenge the sprint distance which is half of the Olympic distance. Last year's champion Reggie Douglas will have to compete against T&T's best in Ancil Greene, David Hay, Clarence Tobias and Chanderpaul Ramnarine of the Penal Triathletes.

Already in Trinidad is DeWayne Smith of the Netherlands, who is out for "revenge and redemption." "I finished sixth last year as I 'bonked' on the run; but this year it will be different," he said. There will also be three races for children 15 and under. Major sponsors include Toyota, the Tobago House of Assembly, Blue Waters and Grafton Beach Resort. The first event begins at 9 am.

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