

## PENTICTON ADDS IRONMAN 70.3 TRIATHLON; JOINS ICONIC IRONMAN CANADA TRIATHLON, PART OF THE VINFAST IRONMAN NORTH AMERICA SERIES, FOR A FULL DAY OF RACING

- IRONMAN 70.3 Canada triathlon scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024; General registration to open on Wednesday, Feb. 21 can be accessed by visiting, <a href="https://www.ironman.com/im703-canada">www.ironman.com/im703-canada</a>

**PENTICTON, B.C., Canada / TAMPA, Fla.** (Feb. 14, 2024) – IRONMAN announced today the return of the IRONMAN® 70.3® Canada triathlon which will be added in Penticton, British Columbia, providing additional racing in 2024. The IRONMAN 70.3 Canada half-distance race, which first took place from 2016-2019 in Whistler, British Columbia, is scheduled to return on Sunday, Aug. 25 in conjunction with the full-distance IRONMAN Canada triathlon, part of the VinFast IRONMAN North America Series. General registration for the 2024 IRONMAN 70.3 Canada triathlon will open on Wednesday, Feb. 21 and can be accessed by visiting, <a href="https://www.ironman.com/im703-canada">www.ironman.com/im703-canada</a>.

"We are thrilled to bring the IRONMAN 70.3 Canada triathlon back and have it join the iconic IRONMAN Canada event for an unforgettable weekend of racing in Penticton. This venue has become one of the most thrilling destinations and sought after experiences on the global IRONMAN circuit in part due to the amazing support from the community and volunteers," said Tim Brosious, Regional Director at The IRONMAN Group. "Penticton has played a prominent role in history of IRONMAN, and we know athletes will enjoy getting the opportunity to race an IRONMAN 70.3 triathlon through the stunning landscapes and challenging terrain that the Okanagan Valley has to offer."

The IRONMAN 70.3 Canada triathlon will offer athletes an extraordinary racing experience and take place on portions of the historic IRONMAN Canada triathlon course, part of the VinFast IRONMAN North America Series. The race begins with a 1.9-km (1.2-mile) swim in beautiful Okanagan Lake. Once out of the water, athletes take off on a 91.5-km (56-mile) bike course through the Okanagan Valley riding through local wineries and scenic mountain views before descending back into Penticton. Athletes will cap off their race with a 21.1-km (13.1-mile) scenic run course that takes them along the rolling Kettle Valley Trail and Okanagan Lake. The race culminates with an unforgettable finish line experience on Lakeshore Drive in downtown Penticton.

"The addition of the IRONMAN 70.3 event to Penticton is great news for athletes and the community," said Penticton Mayor Julius Bloomfield. "For athletes, it's a chance to accomplish an incredible feat in one of the competition's most iconic settings. For the community, it's an opportunity to welcome more athletes, more support team members and more spectators to town so we can show off everything Penticton has to offer. This is a win-win for all involved."

The IRONMAN 70.3 Canada triathlon will offer qualifying slots to the 2025 VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship.

Athlete inquiries may be directed to canada70.3@ironman.com. For more information on the 2024

IRONMAN 70.3 Canada triathlon, visit <a href="www.ironman.com/im703-canada">www.ironman.com/im703-canada</a> and IRONMAN Canada triathlon, part of the VinFast IRONMAN North America series, please visit <a href="www.ironman.com/im-canada">www.ironman.com/im-canada</a>. For more information on the IRONMAN and IRONMAN 70.3 brands and global event series, visit <a href="www.ironman.com">www.ironman.com</a>. Media inquiries may be directed to <a href="mailto:press@ironman.com">press@ironman.com</a>.

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