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**USA Triathlon Announces 2012 National Championship Schedule;
Press Conference and Special Olympics Check Presentation to be held Monday**

BURLINGTON, VERMONT, November 9 – USA Triathlon today announced the dates and locations of its 2012 National Championship schedule. Local officials and the Chamber will hold a press conference this **Monday, November 14, at 10 a.m. in the Chamber boardroom at 60 Main Street in Burlington.**

The USA Triathlon Age Group and Sprint National Championships will again be held in Burlington in August 2012 as a two-day event with Age Group Nationals taking place on August 18, 2012, and Sprint Nationals on August 19, 2012. “On the heels of an extremely successful 2011 USA Triathlon National Championship season, which included record fields and sold-out events, the 2012 events will again give athletes a chance to earn official national champion status,” the USAT release states. “In 2011, nearly 2,500 of the nation’s top amateur triathletes participated in the sold-out Olympic-distance and sprint-distance events held on the shores of Lake Champlain.”

Bill Cimonetti of the USAT Local Host Committee will preside over the press conference, with Mayor Bob Kiss, Secretary Lawrence Miller, and Michael Seaver of People’s United Bank (the title sponsor) also speaking. Mr. Seaver will be presenting awards to VTri, a locally focused Sprint Triathlon competition with first priority being afforded to all interested Vermont resident athletes. The participants in this event paid a premium registration fee with \$20 of every VTri entry fee being donated to VT Special Olympics.

Mr. Seaver will also present a check of \$2,000 to Vermont Special Olympics President and CEO Lisa DeNatale.

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