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Triathlon entrants on rise

RECORD numbers are set to compete in the State Sprint Triathlon Championships at the Rockingham foreshore on Sunday.

The event is the second series race of the Trievents Pure Blonde Series and will see about 850 athletes head to Bell's Park for a 750m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run.

The Trievents series are being held to prepare WA triathletes for the world championships which will take place on the Gold Coast next year.

Among the field will be former Mandurah girl Katrina Burnett, who will challenge for the elite female title, competing against last year's winner Felicity Sheedy-Ryan and second-place getter Danielle Cousins.

After finishing fifth at the World Triathlon Championships for the 25-29 years age group during June, Burnett said she was looking forward to getting some more experience at the Rockingham Trievents series.

In the men's field, reigning triathlete of the year Sean O'Neill will be looking to make amends for the second place he took last year in Rockingham.

Last year's winner Brynt McSwain will be looking for another victory, while the dark horse will be former professional triathlete Paul McKay.

For spectators, an enticer and the junior race will start at 7.30am, while the main event will start at 8am.