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**INT'L ATHLETES EYEING 2017 TAGAMAN TRIATHLON**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The 2017 Tagaman 51.50 Triathlon slated for June 24, 2017, on the island of Saipan in The Marianas is being eyed by a number of international competitors. So far, event organizers have received registration or inquiries from 20 triathletes from Korea, six from Taiwan, five from Hong Kong, three from Guam, two from the Philippines, and one from USA. Pro-athletes already confirmed to return are Kaon Cho of Korea and Meiko Carey of Guam.

The early bird deadline is May 29, and athletes are encouraged to register at [saipantriathlon.com](http://saipantriathlon.com). The early bird registration is \$125/Solo and \$270/Team. Also, NMI residents who participate in the pre-event Tagaman Races series and show valid proof of residency qualify for a discounted rate of \$55/Solo before the early bird deadline. Upcoming Tagaman Race series events to prepare for the main event and qualify for the discount include the 1.5 Ocean Swim on May 27 and the 50K bike race on May 28.

The Tagaman Triathlon is an annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), aimed at attracting visiting athletes and media coverage for The Marianas. Organization

of this year's event has been contracted to Northern Marianas Cycling Federation, in cooperation with Triathlon Association of the CNMI (TRAC).

“The MVA is strongly promoting the Tagaman in our source markets, and we're excited to again be working with the cycling federation and TRAC in putting together a great race for visiting and local athletes, alike,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “The partnership we have forged has proven very successful in previous events such as the Hell of the Marianas, and we know their athletic expertise is essential for making our sporting events safe, enjoyable, and memorable for the athletes.”

Registration after May 29 will be \$150/Solo and \$290/Team. Registration after June 16 is \$180/Solo and \$300/Team. The last day to register is June 20.

This year's starting point and 1.5K swim leg will be Kanoa Resort Saipan, the official hotel of the event. Bikers will transition at Mina'chom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe and make the 40K bike course to Banzai and back. The 10K run will turn around at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

“This is going to be the fastest and most competitive Tagaman ever with the presence of elites coming from triathlon powerhouse in the region,” said TRAC President Ricky Castro.

Cash prizes await the Top 3 finishers in the women's and men's open categories: \$1,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$700 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Awards for the Age Group Division will be awarded respectively. There will also be a relay with awards only.

Platinum sponsors are Kanoa Resort & Spa and Hyatt Regency Saipan. Gold sponsors are Tan Holdings Corp, Islander Rent-a-car, and IT&E. Silver sponsors are Bridge Capital, LLC; Best Sunshine International; and T Galleria. Bronze sponsors are Pacific Insurance, Let's Go! Tour, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and RNV Forex. Event supporters include the Dept. of Public Safety.

For more information or to register, visit [saipantriathlon.com](http://saipantriathlon.com).

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**TAGAMAN  
51.50  
TRIATHLON**



**Susupe, Saipan**

**June 24, 2017**

Registration opens April 10, 2017 at  
**[www.saipantriathlon.com](http://www.saipantriathlon.com)**

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The 2017 Tagaman 51.50 Triathlon will be held on June 24, 2017, on Saipan in The Marianas.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western Pacific,

offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise in this U.S. commonwealth. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure- and sports-minded travelers, history buffs, and business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served daily from Tokyo-Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines with seasonal flights by Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, Eastar Jet, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila and connects with many cities in China and Southeast Asia. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Tokyo-Narita, Seoul-Incheon or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul, Tokyo or Manila. Interisland travel is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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