

CANYON ATHLETES AT THE 2026 KONA TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This October, the world of triathlon turns its eyes to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii – the legendary stage of endurance, passion, and human performance. On Saturday 10th October 2026, the **Men's and Women's Triathlon World Championships** return to the Big Island, where the world's best triathletes will battle scorching heat, relentless wind, and 226.3 km of pure racing on one of the toughest courses in the world.



From the climbs to the coastline, Canyon athletes are ready to take on Kona – equipped with the latest **Speedmax CFR**, the ultimate machine for aerodynamic efficiency and speed without compromise.

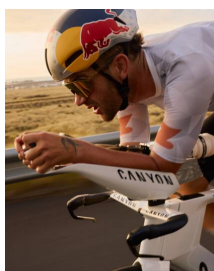


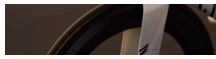
The Race: Endurance. Strategy. Power.

From the first strokes in Kailua Bay to the windswept Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway and the final stretch past the legendary Energy Lab, Kona tests every athlete to the limit. The 3.86 km ocean swim challenges even the strongest with unpredictable currents. Across 180 km, the bike course demands strength and control in the intense crosswinds. Finally, the 42 km marathon, with its rolling hills and high noon heat, pushes every ounce of endurance. To win or even just finish in Kona, it takes not only physical power but focus, grit and mental strength.

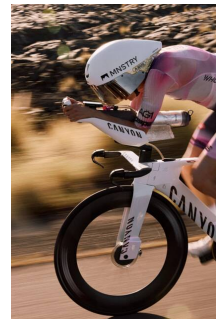
Representing Canyon: a world-class line-up of athletes

In the men's race, 2023 World Champion **Sam Laidlow** (FR, left) arrives in Hawaii off the back of an excellent season with course-record-setting performances at Challenge Roth and Ironman Lanzarote. His Canyon contenders for the crown include two-time world champion **Patrick Lange** (DE, middle), appearing in his final Kona race, and **Jonas Schomburg** (DE) who took his first full Ironman win this year at Ironman Kalmar in Sweden.



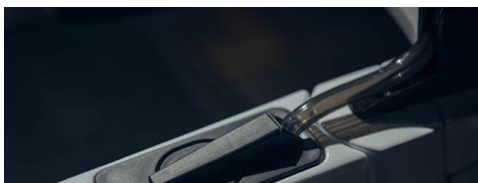


In the women's race, 2024 world champion **Laura Philipp** (DE, below top row right) returns to Kona as a consistent top performer and one of the favourites to take the title. But challenging her will be **Kat Matthews** (UK, below top row left) who has had a strong 2026 season and comes with the determination to go one better than her second places at 2025's and 2024's World Championships. Canyon is also represented by **Marjolaine Pierre** (FR, second row left), **Imogen Simmonds** (CH, middle), and Kona newcomer **Julie Derron** (CH, right), who is set to challenge the world's best in her first ever Kona Ironman.





For the bike leg, Canyon athletes will rely on the new Speedmax CFR – a bike built to slice through the wind. Developed with an AeroID concept, the bike uses four pillars - AeroShield, AeroFuel, AeroFit and AeroBase - to allow the world's best triathletes to tune the bike towards their optimum performance levels. In the powerful crosswinds on Queen K Highway, the Speedmax CFR's AeroShield, AeroFit and AeroBase keeps riders steady, combining aerodynamic efficiency with stability and control. The integrated AeroFuel nutrition and hydration systems let athletes refuel without breaking their aero position. Every detail is designed to save watts and maximize speed. Built for the fastest on earth, it's more than a bike – it's total control in every move.





Experience Kona with Canyon

Beyond the racing, Kona brings together the triathlon community like no other event in the calendar – and Canyon is here to fuel the race week with energy, inspiration, and connection: From Monday to Saturday (Oct. 5–10), Canyon invites editors, riders and fans to celebrate the unique spirit of endurance sport on the Big Island.

Throughout race week, the **Canyon base at Island Lava Java on Ali'i Drive** becomes a hub for all things triathlon: from expert bike service for race participants and morning runs to coffee chats, live shows, and sunset sessions with the sport's biggest names. Reach out if you want to join Canyon and their athletes for some pre-race excitement and insights. The full event schedule is listed below.

Event Schedule

Monday 5 October

- 10:00-18:00 Race bike service

Tuesday 6 October

- 09:00-11:00 Press conference **Sam Laidlow**
- 10:00-19:00 Race bike service
- 12-14:00 Lunch with **Kat Matthews**

Wednesday 7 October

- 07:00: Canyon x Ryzon morning swim with **Paula Enzweiler**
- 09:00-16:00: Race bike service
- 10:00: WeFemmes breakfast with **Paula Enzweiler**
- 17:30-19:00: CANYON x ERDINGER Last Dance with **Patrick Lange**

Thursday 8 October

- 07:00: Canyon x Ryzon morning run with **Jan Frodeno**
- 09:00-18:00: Race bike service
- 15:00-16:00: Inside Line: Speedmax CFR with Canyon product manager & engineer
- 16:00: Canyon x Zwift: Evening run

Friday 9 October

- 09:00-17:00 Race bike service

Saturday 10 October

- 07:30-18:00 Lava Java watch the race live stream and cheering zone

If you can't be on the ground in Kona, follow [Canyon Road on Instagram](#) for live updates, behind-the-scenes insights, and exclusive athlete content throughout the race week.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

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About Canyon

What started in founder Roman Arnold's garage has grown into the world's leading direct-to-consumer bicycle manufacturer. Renowned as one of the most innovative brands in the industry, Canyon designs bikes for every discipline – from road, triathlon and gravel to mountain, city, trekking, and e-bikes.

Canyon partners with the finest athletes and teams on the planet, taking insights from the toughest race conditions to engineer bikes and components for the highest levels of the sport. The result: award-winning bikes that set the standard for performance, innovation, and engineering – built to deliver at the highest level on any terrain.

"Pure Cycling" is the mission driving Canyon to ignite a passion for cycling around the world thanks to a streamlined direct-to-consumer model, smart digital services, and Canyon Stores and service partners offering expert advice, community experiences, and full support. At the same time, Canyon is committed to responsible business practices, sustainable production, and the safety and well-being of employees, partners, and the environment.

Canyon bikes are available at canyon.com, through the Canyon app, and at selected Canyon Stores worldwide.

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