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With all 110 athletes confirmed for Beijing, ITU is pleased to announce the **Start Numbers** and **Transition area positions** for the Triathlon at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games have been finalized. The draw took place in Kitzbühel, Austria, site of the final world cup before the Beijing Olympics. It was conducted by Olympic Technical Delegates Gergely Markus and Enrique Quesada and Beijing race referee Thanos Nikopoulos.

All countries were in sealed envelopes and randomly drawn one by one. The draw determined the allocation of the **race numbers** and the **position of the athletes in transition**. As each nation was drawn, the numbers were assigned to all athletes from that nation. The athletes from the same nation will be next to each other in the transition area. The pontoon draw will be done after the briefing in Beijing with the ranking order of the ITU points list as of the conclusion of the 2008 world championships.

The process was separate for both the women's and men's fields. In the women's draw, Italy was the first country pulled, followed by Germany and Switzerland. For the men, South Africa was drawn first, then the Netherlands and Mexico. *Please note the #13 was not assigned so #56 is the final start number.*

Click here for the final women's Olympic start list
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