

Dear athlete,

As you are aware we have had to reduce the number of 2012 IRONMAN World Championship, Kona slots available at the Frankfurter Sparkasse European Championship next year, from 100 to 75. Frankfurt together with Melbourne and New York is now one of three races in the world with the maximum of 75 slots. We genuinely believed that this change would not apply to next year's European Championship, but unfortunately has been revealed that it does.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this will cause for any of our athletes. We know and understand how much any IRONMAN athlete wants to experience Kona, the cradle of our great sport and once in a lifetime opportunity. We will offer all our athletes two options if the decision is made to withdraw from the Frankfurter Sparkasse IRONMAN European Championship 2012:

- **transfer** to any other non-sold out 2012 IRONMAN event in Europe and South Africa covered under the "Race Transfer Policy" free of charge.
- **withdraw** from the 2012 Frankfurter Sparkasse IRONMAN European Championship and get a full refund.

If you want to transfer or withdraw then please do let us know before December 18th 2011 (6 p.m.) by e-Mail to withdrawal@ironman.com.

Once again, we must offer our sincere apologies. Thank you for your comments, e-mails and encouragement. We look forward to sharing a great day with you in Frankfurt.

Your IRONMAN Frankfurt team
December 12th 2011

