

**By Jan Schultz**

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Teams and individuals are gearing up for Saturday's amateur triathlon that will challenge participants with setting fastest times in swimming, biking and a run/walk.

Sponsored by Chase County Community Hospital, the "CHEWs It or Lose It" triathlon is open to the public.

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Imperial public pool on East 9th Street across from Chase County Schools. Competition starts at 9 a.m.

The event includes a biking route of four miles, a 2.2 mile run/walk and six laps in the pool.

Medals will go to the top three places in individual and team divisions. A traveling trophy also goes to the winning business team.

Cost to take part is \$75 for two or three-person teams, and \$25 for individuals. There are several age divisions for individuals. All participants get a triathlon t-shirt.

Call Larissa Gerhartz at the hospital to preregister or for information, 308-882-7243, or email her at [lgerhartz@chasecountyhospital.com](mailto:lgerhartz@chasecountyhospital.com)

People can also register that morning, Gerhartz said.