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## **Local Triathlete makes Top 10 at World Championships**

Local Carina triathlete, Josh Maeder, 20, has achieved his best ever race result finishing in a very creditable ninth place at the recent ITU World U/23 Championships in Vancouver, Canada on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Josh has raced at one World Championships previously and his coach Warwick Dalziel said his Carina Leagues Club members were absolutely delighted with his result.

Warwick said Josh had been placed thirteenth at the World Championships in the ITU junior category in Hamburg, Germany last season and his ninth placing this year in the under 23 category in Vancouver is a really sensational effort.

“We are all very proud of him at the Carina Leagues Club as he has developed from an aspiring junior to now having a real presence competing with the best on a world stage.

“His improvement this season has been significant and the all the hard work over the years he has put in on the training track, on the bike and in the pool, is starting to pay off in a big way,” Warwick said.

“An indication of Josh’s improvement is demonstrated by the fact that he was also the highest placed Australian athlete in the male under 23 division, the year after stepping up from juniors last year in Germany.

“Originally Josh was only selected as the first emergency for the Australian team and we did not know until three weeks before the World Championships that he was even going to get a start in this race.

“So under these circumstances and the 13 degree air temperature and even cooler water temperature, Josh has done extremely well to be placed in the top ten,” Warwick said.

Josh’s time for the 1500 m swim, 40 km bike and 10 km run race was 1 hour 56 minutes and 9 seconds.

Anyone interested in further information about Josh Maeder can log on to his website at [www.joshmaeder.com](http://www.joshmaeder.com)

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