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**Personal Profile: Michael L Masters**

Name	Michael L Masters or "Tinman"	
Role in RAF Tri	Deputy Race Director	
Qualifications	Level 3 BTF Race Referee Level 1 BTF Coach	
Experience (Sporting or otherwise!)	Semi Pro Footballer (Many moons ago now) British Triathlon LD Age Grouper Ironman Finisher	
About me...	<p>Well what can I say! Joined the RAF back in 2001 having only just learnt to swim. Took part in my first Tri at Dambuster ironically I was a Dambuster at the time. Spent the next season out through injury and a crutiate ligament replacement.</p> <p>Returned the following year focused and leaner. After completeing my first Ironman and branding myself with the M-Dot I applied to join the GBR LD team. In the November of 2006 I travelled to Canberra Aus and competed in the World LD Champs where I finished 29<sup>th</sup> .</p> <p>Since then I have Competed at the European and World LD Champs 07, finishing a respectable 14<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup>. As well as being and Integral part of the IS 07LDWinning Team.</p>	
Favourite Sporting Moment	Being thanked by Bella, Stephen and Scott after IMUK 07. It means a lot when your heros thank you for your Ironman efforts. It brought a tear to my eye when hundreds of competitors thanked me at IMUK07. It is something I will never forget for a long time.	
Future Plans	Level 2 Coaching Course, Becoming an International Referee	
Advice/ Quote/ Comment	Give back your get more from the sport!	
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