



HOW TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL

Accreditation Process for Triathlon BC, Triathlon Canada, and International Triathlon Union Technical Officials (TO):

Primary to accreditation, an individual must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years old
- Be a member in good standing with Triathlon BC

Provincial Technical Officials - Level 1 (PTO 1)

- a) Attend a Triathlon BC sanctioned training session (approximately 4 hours) after which an official is qualified to enforce and report rule violations (probationary PTO 1 / PTO 1 in training);
- b) Officiate at three (3) Triathlon BC sanctioned events to become a full PTO 1.

Provincial Technical Official - Level 2 (PTO 2)

The only way to become a PTO 2 is to be nominated by the Triathlon BC Technical Committee for advancement to Level 2. The Committee might fast track persons they feel have potential or request someone to gain additional experience. Persons may be considered multiple times. While nomination is not automatic, the factors considered are:

- a) Is the individual a Triathlon BC member in good standing;
- b) Has the individual fulfilled the requirements to be a full PTO 1;
- c) Was the individual active as an Official during the 12 months prior to the year of consideration to become a PTO 2;
- d) Has the individual gained practical experience and ability in all technical areas (swim, bike, run and transition), preferably including different length events and events that have included an Elite race (typically this takes two (2) or three (3) seasons).
- e) Does the individual have favourable peer reviews and have the temperament to be a Race Referee / Head Official.

Canadian National Technical Official (Probationary NTO)

Triathlon BC puts forth nominations to Triathlon Canada when Triathlon Canada is seeking nominations. Triathlon Canada's needs vary on a year-to-year basis and are not dictated by the provinces. To be considered for nomination by Triathlon BC, the following requirements are considered (Canada is one of only four (4) countries whose level of Technical training is sufficiently advanced that the National Training Course is accepted as equivalent to the ITU NTO course.):

- a) Is the individual a Triathlon BC member in good standing;
- b) Has the individual been a PTO for at least five (5) years and have at least two (2) of them been as a PTO 2;
- c) Has the individual continued to receive favourable peer reviews;
- d) Has the individual made efforts to attend higher-level races when practicable (e.g., National Championship, National Team Qualifier or ITU races when held in the province).



Canadian National Technical Official (NTO)

- a) Officiate at an International race within six (6) months of completing the NTO course, and receive good peer reviews to become a full NTO.
- b) ITU Technical Education Program

Assistant Technical Delegate (aTD) Program is a program where ITU Sport Department targets Level 1 and Level 2 technical officials who have the required level of classroom education, practical experience, and skills-set to become an effective and competent technical delegate. The official will be assigned to work alongside an experienced ITU technical delegate on ITU events. The program is an integral part of Level 2 (CTO) and Level 3 (ITO) Technical Official Certification.

ITU Self Funded Officials Program is an opportunity where technical officials with appropriate credentials for the level of the particular competition may apply to serve as a technical official to further their experience and knowledge, but are required to fund all expenses incurred. Triathlon Canada forwards suitable applications to the ITU Sport Department.

Continental Technical Official (CTO)

- a) Selection based on the recommendations of Triathlon Canada and review by the ITU Continental Technical Committee and the ITU Sport Department. Taking an active role in Continental and International races is expected.
- b) The two-day (2) course is designed to enhance the skills of the participants in officiating Continental Cups, Multisport Continental Championships, and Multisport Series Events as Technical Delegates. The knowledge they will gain will be also be used at World Championships, World Cups and Major Events as Technical Officials.
- c) Worked as a TO at not less than four (4) International / Continental races in the last four (4) years.

International Technical Official (ITO)

- a) Selection based on the recommendations of Triathlon Canada and review by the ITU Sport Department and ITU Technical Committee. Taking an active role in Continental and International events such as World Cups and World Triathlon Series races is expected.
- b) Worked as a TD at not less than four (4) International / Continental races in the last four (4) years.
- c) The three-day (3) course covers World Championship venue and technical operations, Olympic policies and procedures, para-triathlon operations, team relay operations, communication strategies among TOs, athletes and coaches, and sustainability.

Technical Officials Mentorship is a program where ITU Sport Department identifies technical officials who have progressed through the ITU system and are willing to act as mentors to developing technical official in their region or country. Serving as a mentor is an integral part of ITO Technical Official Certification. The Mentors and the Mentees will be assigned on multiple occasions as Technical Delegate and Assistant Technical Delegate of an ITU Event. The appointment of the Mentors and Mentees is the responsibility of the Sport Department in collaboration with the Continental Confederations.

Facilitators Training Program is designed to 'teach the teachers', in that the participants will be required to take an educator's workshop where they will be taught specific teaching skills and required to do mock presentation/exam prior to being certified as an ITU technical program educator.