

## Officiating at International Events in Canada

Canada hosts several international events every year and has a rich history of hosting some of the biggest competitions on the international stage. These may include Continental Cup, World Cup, World Series and/or World Championship events among others. Our strong contingent of Technical Officials are a critical piece of our continued success in bidding on and bringing these competitions to Canada.

### PROCESS OF APPLYING

For international events held in Canada under the PATCO / World Triathlon umbrella (for example, a Continental Cup, World Cup or World Championship or World Para Series) Triathlon Canada will send out a call for officials through the Technical Officials newsletter.

The team at these events consists of a Technical Delegate (TD) and an Assistant Technical Delegate (aTD) assigned by World Triathlon and 20 to 25 Technical Officials depending on the event type.

- » Out-of-province and in-province TOs (NTOs, CTOs, ITOs) need to send an expression of interest to: [officials@triathloncanada.com](mailto:officials@triathloncanada.com)
- » If spots for PTOs are available, Triathlon Canada will send an invitation to the Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs) to be forwarded to their PTOs. PTOs will have to send an expression of interest to: [officials@triathloncanada.com](mailto:officials@triathloncanada.com)

From among those TOs selected by the Triathlon Canada Technical Committee for an event, the Technical Delegate will assign roles and responsibilities. The role of the HR will be assigned by the TD in consultation with the Triathlon Canada Technical Committee.

### COMPENSATION

Compensation for working at these types of events is outlined below. Accommodation for travelling TOs is provided by the LOC.

ROLE	ITEMS	PAID BY
TD/aTD	Flight, honorarium & per diem	PATCO / World Triathlon
HR	Travel stipend, honorarium & per diem	Triathlon Canada
NTOs, CTOs, ITOs*	Honorarium & per diem	Triathlon Canada
PTOs	As per provincial program	PSO

\*as defined by World Triathlon according to the annual certification/recertification

An exception to these regulations are World Championships for which a separate application process is announced as well as Arena Games that are entirely handled by World Triathlon. International events not falling under PATCO / World Triathlon, for example Ironman, Challenge, Xterra, Super League, are handled entirely by the PSOs.

## Self-Funded Technical Officials (SFTO) Program

### WHAT IS THE SFTO PROGRAM?

The SFTO program is run by World Triathlon. It provides an opportunity for technical officials with appropriate credentials for the level of a given competition to apply to serve as a technical official internationally to further experience and knowledge. An official applying to this program is required to fund all expenses incurred to take part. Applications to the program are run through the National Federations.

### PROCESS OF APPLYING

If you are interested in self-funding to an international event outside Canada, please use this email: [officials@triathloncanada.com](mailto:officials@triathloncanada.com) and clearly state which event(s) you are interested in.

This also applies for events that offer free accommodation (World Triathlon announces these in their newsletter). You can contact the person listed in those announcements for general information but you still need to inform Triathlon Canada that you are interested in that event so you can be entered in the online World Triathlon database.

### GUIDELINES FROM TRI

- Deadline for registration is 75 days out from the event.
- Only 2 SFTO applications can be submitted for an event in a different continent than the applicants.
- A TO who has been approved to officiate in an event and does not attend without any prior notice to the TD will be removed from the next event that he/she has applied to

### TRAVEL

Please note that by asking Triathlon Canada to enter you into the World Triathlon database for an event as a SFTO comes a commitment from your side to attend that event should World Triathlon select you. At the same time, your selection is not guaranteed. World Triathlon usually decides two months before an event which SFTOs are invited so you should hold off on booking any travel until you have received confirmation from World Triathlon. Notification of selection to a World Championship is usually done earlier.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We advise to get travel insurance. While working at an event as a technical official you are covered by the Event's insurance policy, however, having insurance when travelling to and from the event is your responsibility.

The number of spots World Triathlon reserves per event depends on the type of event. For World Championships it is usually thirty, although sometimes only fifteen. For WTCS or similar, it varies from event to event ranging from zero to twenty (twenty is the maximum), although most events accept at least five. For World Cups and for Continental Cups, the number is between three and five, although some events in the USA accept more.

**OFFICIATING IN THE USA**

Overall, there is a three-event limit per year per technical official. You can apply for more events if you think you won't be accepted. However, if you do get accepted there is the beforehand commitment to attend. Therefore, you should think ahead which events you are interested in.

USA Triathlon (USAT) is obligated to follow the Safe Sport training requirements mandated by their federal government. They are not able to recognize the training offered in Canada. If you have accepted a position at a USAT event, ensure you are informed and up to speed on the courses you need to complete well in advance of your planned travel.