







# Triathlon Canada's Technical Official Pathway

Educating and Training Technical Officials for Local, National & International Events

<b>Registered Technical Official</b>	<b>RTO (Licensed)</b> Register as a Technical Official with your Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) Complete Enhanced Police Information Check Complete "Respect in Sport" training Complete "Making Headway in Sport" concussion training	
<b>Provincial Technical Official Level 1</b>	<b>PTO-1 Certified</b> Complete coursework outlined by your PSO Complete assessments outlined by your PSO	
<b>Provincial Technical Official Level 2</b>	<b>PTO-2 Certified</b> Complete coursework outlined by your PSO Complete assessments outlined by your PSO	
<b>National Technical Official</b>	<b>NTO Eligible</b> Meet Triathlon Canada eligibility criteria Be nominated by your PSO <b>NTO/World Triathlon Level 1 Certified</b> Complete NTO course & exam Complete assessment at a national Triathlon Canada event Complete assessment at an international World Triathlon event	
<b>Continental Technical Official</b>	<b>CTO/World Triathlon Level 2 Certified</b> Be invited by World Triathlon to a CTO Course Complete CTO Course & Exam	
<b>International Technical Official</b>	<b>ITO/World Triathlon Level 3 Certified</b> Be invited by World Triathlon to an ITO Course ( <i>level 3a, or levels 3a &amp; 3b</i> ) Complete ITO Course & Exam	

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Officiating is a linear pathway with education and training provided at each level to meet the competition requirements that match each stage. Key information on each stage is provided below.

## Registered Technical Official (RTO)

Registering as a Technical Official is the entry point to the pathway. "Registered" status is provided to those who complete all the basic registration requirements to be a technical official in good standing. This includes completing Triathlon Canada's Safe Sport training. As a leadership group within the community, this is an essential step in order to officiate at an event.

## Provincial Technical Official (PTO)

Most officials in Canada are Provincial Technical Officials. This group officiates community events across the country and are the foundation for the whole program. There are two stages within the PTO designation identified as Level 1 & Level 2. The PTO-1 course covers the roles and responsibilities of a technical official, the triathlon competition rules in the context of age-group triathlon, and an overview of the penalty system. The PTO-2 course continues to build on these areas and provides additional training in sector operations and management. The provincial programs vary slightly from region to region, so be sure to connect with your [provincial program administrator](#).

## National Technical Official / World Triathlon Level 1 (NTO)

The NTO program applies all the skills and knowledge gained through the PTO program with the added context of elite and draft-legal racing. As a World Triathlon accredited program, Triathlon Canada's NTO course also meets the standards for international recognition as a World Triathlon Level 1 technical official. As assessment at an international event is all that is required. Review the eligibility criteria for the NTO course here: <https://www.triathloncanada.com/publications/#technicalofficials>

## Continental Technical Official / World Triathlon Level 2 (CTO) International Technical Official / World Triathlon Level 3 (ITO)

Like the provincial levels, the international program is broken up into stages identified as Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3. Level 1 is the NTO course outlined above. From this point on the program is fully managed by World Triathlon. Entry to the courses for World Triathlon Level 2 (also known as "Continental Technical Official") and World Triathlon Level 3 ("International Technical Official") are managed by invitation only.

For more information on National and International training please contact the Triathlon Canada Technical Officials' Coordinator at [officials@triathloncanada.com](mailto:officials@triathloncanada.com).

