







Triathlon Canada's Technical Official Pathway

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

Registered Technical Official	RTO (Licensed) 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	
Provincial Technical Official Level 1	PTO-1 Certified Complete coursework outlined by your PSO Complete assessments outlined by your PSO	
Provincial Technical Official Level 2	PTO-2 Certified Complete coursework outlined by your PSO Complete assessments outlined by your PSO	
National Technical Official	NTO Eligible Meet Triathlon Canada eligibility criteria Be nominated by your PSO NTO/World Triathlon Level 1 Certified Complete NTO course & exam Complete assessment at a national Triathlon Canada event Complete assessment at an international World Triathlon event	
Continental Technical Official	CTO/World Triathlon Level 2 Certified Be invited by World Triathlon to a CTO Course Complete CTO Course & Exam	
International Technical Official	ITO/World Triathlon Level 3 Certified Be invited by World Triathlon to an ITO Course - Level 3a, or levels 3a & 3b 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. The Safe Sport components include a background check, respect training, and concussion training.

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](#). PTOs can work at national or international events within Canada, typically in supporting roles.

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 ("elite" is inclusive of junior, U23, & para). 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. The course is two days (three, if combined with an event) and facilitated in person. In addition to passing the exam, an assessment at a Triathlon Canada National Championships and at a World Triathlon event (usually a Continental Cup or World Cup) is required. Recertification is required in year four and is usually facilitated by World Triathlon through an online webinar. 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.

The three-day CTO course is usually offered every two or three years in Canada, facilitated in person, and linked to an event. Recertification is required in year four and facilitated by World Triathlon through an online webinar. The ITO course is a three-day course (Level 3a) plus an extra day for those invited to take Level 3b, facilitated in person every four years (usually in North America), and recertification in year four is also facilitated in person.

For more information on National and International training please contact the Triathlon Canada Technical Officials' Coordinator at officials@triathloncanada.com.