






# Triathlon Canada's Technical Official Pathway

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## Basic Registration

1. Register as a Technical Official with your PSO
2. Complete Criminal Background Check / Respect in Sport
3. Complete "Making Headway in Sport" concussion training

<b>Provincial Technical Official Level 1</b>	<b>PTO-1 Trained:</b> Complete PTO-1 Course and Exam <b>PTO-1 Certified:</b> Complete PTO-1 Assessments	
<b>Provincial Technical Official Level 2</b>	<b>PTO-2 Trained:</b> 2 Years Experience as PTO-1 Complete PTO-2 Course and Exam <b>PTO-2 Certified:</b> Complete PTO-2 Assessments	
<b>National Technical Official</b>	<b>NTO Certified:</b> 2 Years Experience as PTO-2 Complete NTO Course and Exam <b>ITU-1 Certified:</b> Complete NTO Certification Complete Assessment at Qualification Race	
<b>Continental Technical Official</b>	<b>CTO/ITU-2 Certified:</b> Invitation to Course Complete CTO Course and Exam	
<b>International Technical Official</b>	<b>ITO/ITU-3 Certified:</b> Invitation to Course Complete ITO Course and Exam	

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Officiating is a single linear pathway with education and training being provided at each level to meet the competition requirements that match each stage.

## Provincial Technical Officials

Most officials in Canada are Provincial Technical Officials. This group provides support to community events across the country, and are the foundation for the whole program.

This program has two levels – PTO Level 1 and PTO Level 2. The PTO-1 course is the entry to the technical officials' pathway in triathlon. The course covers the roles and responsibilities of the technical official, an overview of the penalty system, and the triathlon competition rules in the context of age-group triathlon. The PTO-2 course continues to build on these areas, and provides additional training in sector operations/management. A minimum of 2-years as a PTO-1 is necessary to move on to PTO-2.

As provincial programs vary slightly across the country, make sure you talk to your provincial program administrator.

## National Technical Official

The National Technical Official (NTO) program applies all the skills and knowledge gained in the PTO program with the added context of elite and draft-legal racing. A minimum of two years as a PTO-2 is necessary to move into the NTO program.

## International Technical Official

The International Technical Officiating program is also broken into several stages. The first stage, ITU-1, builds on to the content provided in the NTO course. The official requires an assessment at an ITU event to gain the ITU-1 designation. From there, the pathway is managed by the ITU. Eligible officials may advance to ITU-2 designation, also referred to as CTO, and ITU-3 designation, also referred to as ITO. The ITU-3 designation is the highest possible officiating level.

