**Triathlon Ontario Technical Official Pathway**

Accreditation Process for Triathlon Ontario, Triathlon Canada, and International Triathlon Union Technical Officials

Primary to accreditation, an individual must:

• Be a minimum of 18 years old

• Be a member in good standing with Triathlon Ontario

**Provincial Technical Officials - Level 1 (PTO 1)**

1. Attend a Triathlon Ontario sanctioned training session (approximately four hours) after which an official is qualified to enforce and report rule violations (probationary PTO 1/PTO 1 in training);
2. Officiate at two Triathlon Ontario sanctioned events to become a full PTO 1.

**Provincial Technical Official - Level 2 (PTO 2, Head Official)**

Potential PTO 2 Officials are nominated by the Triathlon Ontario Executive Director and are able to take the PTO 2 Officials course. While nomination is not automatic, the factors considered are:

1. Is the individual a Triathlon Ontario member in good standing;
2. Has the individual fulfilled the requirements to be a full PTO 1;
3. Was the individual active as an Official during the 12 months prior to the year of consideration to become a PTO 2;
4. 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 or three seasons);
5. Does the individual have favourable peer reviews and have the temperament to be a Head Official.
6. Must successfully complete PTO 2 Officials course

**Canadian National Technical Official**

Triathlon Ontario puts forth nominations to Triathlon Canada when Triathlon Canada is seeking nominations for potential NTO’s. Triathlon Canada’s needs vary on a year – to – year basis and are not dictated by the provinces. Provinces are typically allowed a maximum of two nominations per intake. To be considered for nomination by Triathlon Ontario, the following requirements are considered:

1. Is the individual a Triathlon Ontario member in good standing;
2. Has the individual been a PTO for at least four years and have at least two years’ experience as a PTO 2;
3. Has the individual continued to receive favourable peer reviews including positive feedback from race organizers and race participants;
4. 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).
5. Officiate at an International race within six months of completing the NTO course, and receive positive peer reviews to become a full NTO.
6. ITU Technical Education Program

**ITU Self-Funded Officials Program**

This 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)**

1. 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.
2. The two-day 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.
3. Worked as a TO at not less than four International/Continental races in the last four years.

**Assistant Technical Delegate (ATD) Program**

This is a program where ITU Sport Department targets 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.

**International Technical Official (ITO)**

Selection based on invitation from the ITU. Eligibility is based on event experience and a minimum of two complete years in the NTO program.

**Technical Officials Mentorship**

This 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**

This 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.