



USA Triathlon Sanctioning Policy

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I. Generally

USA Triathlon will promptly review a request submitted by a sports organization or person (Event Organizer) for a sanction to hold an event within the sports of triathlon in the United States.

If the Event Organizer shows by clear and convincing evidence that they should hold or sponsor an event within the sports of triathlon and it would not be detrimental to the best interest of the sport, then USA Triathlon shall promptly grant a sanction.

II. Requirements

To host a sanctioned event, the Event Organizer must show the following:

1. proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators;
2. proper medical supervision will be provided for athlete participants;
3. appropriate steps have been taken to protect the elite status of athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in elite competition;
4. appropriate steps have been taken to validate records established during the competition;
5. the Event Organizer has considered and made provisions for any international competition requirements, if applicable;
6. the event will follow the USA Triathlon competitive rules unless rule amendments are requested and approved in advance of the event; and
7. if officials are used, they must be qualified officials by either USA Triathlon, Ironman or World Triathlon.

In addition, Event Organizers must adhere to all USA Triathlon legal and financial requirements such as paying the sanction fee prior to the event and submitting all post-race information and collected membership fees. For detailed information regarding sanctioning, fees and penalties for late post-race reporting, please visit www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/USAT-for-Me/Race-Directors/Sanctioning/Multisport-Sanctioning.

III. U.S. Center for SafeSport Requirements

If an Event Organizer hosts an event in which minor athletes participate (athletes under 18 years of age), the Event Organizer shall take the U.S. Center for SafeSport training and pass a background check. The Event Organizer must adhere to all additional rules, policies and regulations of USA Triathlon and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. For more information, please see www.teamusa.org/usa-triathlon/usat-for-me/athlete-resources/safesport-and-usat.