

2010 Collegiate Commission Report

Introduction

The Collegiate Commission is a working group within the National Collegiate Triathlon Association tasked by the Board of Trustees and the Collegiate Triathlon Manager with the administration, development, and promotion of collegiate triathlon at the national level.

2009 Accomplishments

National Focus:

- Revised 2010 Nationals Eligibility requirements.
- Reviewed and revised (where appropriate) collegiate racing guidelines.
- Begun developing a qualification system for Collegiate Nationals in which athletes must qualify through conference racing.
- Defined the official Collegiate Triathlon Racing Season and eligibility of incoming/outgoing student-athletes.
- Development of a free collegiate training program (developed by Justin Trolle) to be available for all collegiate athletes in training for the 2010 Collegiate Nationals.

Regional Focus:

- Taken great strides in developing a collegiate conference in the Pacific Northwest.
- Divided the large "Midwest Conference" into 2 smaller conferences (Midwest & Mideast) that better reflect USAT regions while reducing driving distance to conference races for teams in each respective conference.
- Further developed the South Midwest and Florida Conferences to level that is on-par with other, more developed conferences (i.e. Northeast, California).
- Development of Collegiate Training Camps (many with assistance from Justin Trolle) in California, Mountain West and the Southeast conferences.

Local Focus:

• Posted "starter" notebook on collegiate website to provide developing clubs with information on further growth.

Internal Commission:

- Created a set of by-laws for the governance and operation of the Collegiate Commission and the Commission Chair.
- Worked with USAT to further develop the USAT collegiate website with local conference pages.
- Increased participation in collegiate commissioners on monthly conference calls to greater than 75% for every call.
- Began a formal monthly email update process (offsetting the monthly conference call) for commissioners to provide updates on their regions and to share information on local happenings and progress. Participated in by 85% of Commissioners for each progress report.
- Have begun posting all documents and emails through a Google group to increase transparency and record of our communications.



2010 Objectives

National Focus:

- Complete development of qualification system by February conference call to be implemented for the 2011 Collegiate Nationals.
- To work on pursuing collegiate-specific sponsorship opportunities to help defray the cost of transportation (bus rental services, bike transportation, etc.).
- To establish a yearly summit meeting for the Collegiate Commission to discuss all issues pertaining to the future growth of collegiate triathlon.
- To increase the team atmosphere (i.e. pre- & post-race festivities) at Collegiate Nationals.
- To obtain an official ruling (in writing) from the head NCAA offices regarding the eligibility of NCAA athletes competing simultaneously in collegiate triathlon. This ruling shall serve as the over-riding eligibility guidelines for these individuals across all collegiate triathlon.

Regional Focus:

- Finalizing the implementation of a consistent scoring system for conference racing across the country.
- For developed conferences to begin hosting, in conjunction with USAT RADC's and Junior Elite Development program, collegiate development camps with a segment of the camp devoted to draft legal racing by the fall of 2010.
- Increase Commissioner direct participation in Regional Councils.
- Increase Commissioner success in requesting/receiving annual budget from the region.

Local Focus:

- To focus on providing better communication and resources for newly formed and developing teams (i.e. having regional collegiate member responsible for collegiate team development).
- To support teams in each region in applying for USAT Club Sponsorship/Scholarship award.

Internal Commission:

- Develop an official Collegiate Constitution that is to be approved by the USAT Board of Directors.
- Complete elections and have new Commissioners in place by June 2010.
- Find a Commissioner to rally and organize the Mid-Atlantic region.
- Maintain participation on conference calls at 80% and have a 100% participation rate in monthly email progress reports.