



## 2010 Regional Council Committee Report

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### **Introduction**

USA Triathlon divides the United States into 10 Regional Councils that provide benefits to the membership on a local level. The primary objective of a Regional Council is to assist in the development and growth of multisport within the designated states of the region and act as a liaison between the membership and USA Triathlon.

The Regional Council Committee is composed of the Chairs of all the USAT Regional Councils. It is headed by a member elected by his peers to serve as the group liaison to the National Board.

### **2009 Accomplishments**

USA Triathlon has mandated a level of business responsibility and accountability to be practiced across all components of operations, including Regional governance. In connection with this goal, a Regional Operations Manual has been prepared to replace the previously designated Regional Bylaws for the purpose of aligning the Regions' structure and operations with the current best practices of non-profit organizations. The new Regional Operation Manual outlines the responsibilities and operating procedures of each Region of USA Triathlon. The ten Regions have restructured their financial processes to comply with the guidelines set out in the Regional Operations Manual.

The Regional Chair Committee identified youth programming as a priority for 2010 budgeting. A subcommittee met on a number of occasions and in connection with the national staff and other stakeholders to identify basic program priorities and future program growth opportunities. Three main program focuses were identified and a proposed budget was submitted to fund initial program development in each region. The proposal was funded at \$50,000 allocated at \$5000 per region.

### **2010 Objectives**

- To improve communication and collaboration between the Regional Councils and the National Board and National Office.
- To obtain increased funding for the operation of the Regions.
- To provide support for the governance and operations of each Region, exchange best practices and initiate new programs for the benefit of the membership.
- To restructure and improve the operations of the Committee.
- To create an Executive Subcommittee to identify issues and submit proposals for consideration by the Regional Councils and the National Board if appropriate.
- To obtain separate funding and administrative support for the operation of the Committee.
- To increase the frequency of Committee meetings and to meet in-person along with the National Board.
- To continue to provide quality programs and benefits directly to the membership.





## **Conclusion**

The Regional Council Committee provides a platform for the advocacy of the regional membership within the organization and provides the initiative and guidance for developing quality programs and returning benefits directly to the membership. This can be achieved through effective collaboration and communication between the Regional Councils and the National Board and National Office. The Regional Operation Manual allows each Region to conduct business in a manner that will best serve the constituents of the organization and the membership. It is designed to empower the Regional Councils to deliver resources to the membership and to foster collaboration and communication with the National Board and the National Office in pursuit of the mission of USA Triathlon. By supporting the organization and operation of the Committee, the National Board will be enhancing the ability of the Regional Councils to provide quality programs that directly benefit the membership of the organization.

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