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2011 Collegiate Committee Report

Introduction

The Collegiate Committee (CC) is a working group within the National Collegiate Triathlon Association (CTA) tasked by the Board of Trustees and the Collegiate Triathlon Manager with the administration, development, and promotion of collegiate triathlon at the national level. Composed of elected representatives from each USAT region, the CC provides oversight for the overall national structure for local regions / conferences while reviewing the rules and guidelines that govern the Collegiate National Championship.

2010 Accomplishments

National Focus:

- Revised 2011 Nationals Eligibility requirements.
- Reviewed and revised (where appropriate) collegiate Bylaws and racing guidelines.
- Finished developing the slot allocation formula for Collegiate Nationals in which athletes must qualify through conference racing. Formula uses 3 factors to determine how many slots a conference is awarded: Equal distribution factor, Strength factor, and a Size factor.
- Finished developing the minimum conference standards by which teams and individuals can earn qualification slots to Nationals through those slots allocated to their respective conferences.

Regional Focus:

- Continued work on developing organized conferences in each USAT Region.
- Worked on the logistics of dividing 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.
- Continued to help develop and encourage Collegiate Training Camps through the country. Nearly each conference now offers annual training camps for their student-athletes.

Internal Committee:

- Continued to develop and refine the first set of Collegiate Bylaws for the governance and operation of the Collegiate Committee and the Commission Chair.
- Worked with USAT to further develop the USAT Collegiate website with conference web pages.
- Continued to work with new commissioners to provide regular updates on their respective regions to better coordinate and share ideas with each other. Using the shared CC email list, Google Documents, monthly conference calls and the annual CC Summit (held in Los Angeles this year) have been updated and organized to enhance regular Commissioner interaction with each other.
- Continue to keep minutes and archives of documents and communication for increased transparency and record of our communications.



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2011 Objectives

National Focus:

- Implement the slot allocation and conference qualification standards for the 2012 Collegiate Nationals.
- Work on pursuing collegiate-specific sponsorship opportunities to help off-set the cost of transportation (bus rental services, bike transportation, etc.) to collegiate teams.
- To support teams in each region/conference that apply for USAT Collegiate Grant to receive the maximum amount advertised and to streamline the application process for the award.

Regional Focus:

- For developed conferences to continue hosting collegiate development camps with funding and support provided by USAT Regions.
- Increase Commissioner direct participation in Regional Councils.

Local Focus:

- Continue to work on providing better communication and resources for newly formed or developing teams through the country.

Conclusion

The Collegiate Committee continues to have members from each region that are eager to see the continued growth of the sport at the collegiate level. With the continued support from USAT, the Committee is poised to guide this growth in a well-organized and seamlessly structures fashion that will help student-athletes stick with the sport through their collegiate careers and beyond. We are eager to see what this collegiate season has for us.

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