

## MIDEAST COLLEGIATE TRIATHLON CONFERENCE COLLEGIATE NATIONALS QUALIFICATION

### 1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The MECTC is awarded qualification slots to the Collegiate National Championship by the Collegiate Committee, which are to be allocated to its members based on a competitive race schedule
- 1.2 A slot allocation only gives the team the ability to register one of a team's members for the collegiate national championship. Once given a slot, the team will register through USAT's website. At that point the conference no longer has any control or bearing of the transaction. It is a transaction between USAT and the collegiate club, and the conference is no longer involved, and cannot give any refunds or registration transfers.
- 1.3 The basic requirements for slot allocation from the Collegiate Triathlon Bylaws and Rules require that the conference:
  - 1.3.1 80% of Slots must be allocated via the Conference Team Omnium in the form of "Team Slots" (packages of 7 individual slots given to a single team).
  - 1.3.2 10% of assigned slots be distributed to via roll down of individual omnium.
  - 1.3.3 The remaining 10% be held initially for special distribution (e.g. extraneous cases) and later re-assigned to Individual allocation
  - 1.3.4 If any team slots remain after the team allocation via the team omnium, those slots will be re-assigned to Individual allocation.
  - 1.3.5 A team awarded a team slot allocation (7 slots), is not committed to using all of those, and should notify the Collegiate Commissioner before February 15th if they do not intend on using any of their slots. They can then be redistributed through the individual omnium.
  - 1.3.6 Regardless of how a slot allocation was earned (individual or team), the slot is awarded to the team who may fill it with any eligible member on the team. However, in order to be eligible for Nationals one must have competed in one collegiate race in the same "race year" of the national championship they wish to compete in. Incoming freshman may fulfill this requirement by racing in a collegiate event in the non-scoring (age group) division.
  - 1.3.7 A team may be awarded bonus slots on top of a team slot by the conference, but in no case shall a team be awarded more than 12 spots total (team +individual) per gender.
  - 1.3.8 Only one team from a school may be entered in the National Championship, even if the school is capable of entering multiple teams.
  - 1.3.9 The Exec/Board has the power to amend or add any further criteria on top of the basic requirements.

- 1.4 Scoring for teams and individuals for the Conference Championships and Conference Omnium will follow scoring procedures.
- 1.5 Entities that are up for qualifying include male teams, female teams, individual males, and individual females.
- 1.6 The specific number of eligible points the MECTC has for distribution to its teams and individuals is determined by the Collegiate Committee between August 1st and September 1st.
- 1.7 At Max: a team can only qualify 12 males and 12 females.

Individual Male Qualification = 1 Male spot for just that individual

Individual Female Qualification = 1 Female spot for just that individual

Male Team Qualification = 7 Male spots to be determined by team

Female Team Qualification = 7 Female spots to be determined by team

- 1.8 Individuals can only qualify in one manner with other spots rolling down to next unqualified spot. Any individual may not be responsible for earning his/her team more than one slot allocation.
- 1.8.1 If a team is awarded a team slot allocation, that team's top 7 members will be ignored in the individual omnium and the conference championship individual results for the purpose of slot allocation.
- 1.8.2 A team may not be awarded a team slot through both the conference championship and the conference omnium. Once awarded a team slot through the conference championship, the team will be ignored in the team omnium for the purpose of slot allocation.
- 1.8.3 If a team is awarded a team slot allocation, that team may still earn 5 additional slots through their 8-12th place members in the individual omnium, and their 8-12th place members in the Conference Championship individual results.
- 1.9 Qualification will come through direct qualification at the Conference Championships and through the Conference Omnium point scoring directly after the last summer race.

## **2. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP – NATIONALS QUALIFICATION**

- 2.1 The number of slots allocated for direct qualification through the Conference Championships is based on the total number of slots the conference receives (1.6).
- 2.1.1 Between 15%-25% of the total slots received by the conference, will be awarded directly at the conference championship. Those slots will be split roughly 80/20 between team slots and individual slots.

### **3. CONFERENCE OMNIUM STANDINGS – NATIONALS QUALIFICATION**

- 3.1 All conference individual and team spots for Collegiate Nationals not distributed at the Conference Championships will be allocated through the Conference Omnium Standings from just the Summer Race Schedule (from the conclusion of Collegiate Nationals to the last summer race).
- 3.2 Conference team and individual standings will be kept in accordance to scoring and procedures.
- 3.3 Final spots will be distributed following the final race of the Summer Racing Season.

### **4. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

- 4.1 If a team has any individual slots that it does not intend on filling them, the team should notify the Collegiate Commissioner or Conference Director by February 15th. If a team has already registered and purchased the slot, it can no longer be transferred and the conference does not have the ability to re-allocate it. The conference does not have the power to grant any refunds or transfers of a registration. USAT's current policy is to not grant any refunds or transfers once the transaction has taken place. So a team should only purchase an awarded slot if it intends to fill it.