Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Triathlon Conference (MACTC) Bylaws

1. MACTC Board
   1.1. Purpose
      1.1.1. The purpose of the Board is to set the competitive rules for collegiate triathlon in the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Triathlon Conference, foster the growth of collegiate triathlon in the Mid-Atlantic Region, and determine the qualification standards for participation at Collegiate nationals
   1.2. Membership
      1.2.1. The Board shall be made up of a Chairman and a Race Coordinator.
   1.3. Election of Board
      1.3.1. The Chairman and Race Coordinator shall be elected in a rotating fashion by majority vote, with each seat being vacated every two (2) years.
      1.3.2. There shall be no term limits placed on Board members.
2. MACTC Series
   2.1. Race Selection
      2.1.1. Number of Races
         2.1.1.1. The number of MACTC races per season shall not be fewer than four (4) nor more than ten (10), inclusive of the MACTC Championship.
      2.1.2. Geographic Distribution of Races
         2.1.2.1. No one state shall host more than two-thirds of MACTC races in a given season.
         2.1.2.2. At least one (1) MACTC race per season shall be located no further than 100 miles from each member institution's campus.
      2.1.3. Race Distances
         2.1.3.1. Only Sprint and Olympic distance races shall be included in the MACTC Series.
      2.1.4. Voting Process
         2.1.4.1. Date of Selection
            2.1.4.1.1. MACTC series will be determined by a vote of club representatives per established voting rules on the second Monday after USAT Collegiate Nationals of the previous season.
         2.1.4.2. Quorum
            2.1.4.2.1. Quorum shall consist of three-fourths of MACTC-registered teams from the previous season.
            2.1.4.2.2. Should quorum not be reached by the second Monday after USAT Collegiate Nationals, the voting period shall be extended one week, at which point the results will be considered final so long as one-half of the MACTC-registered teams from the previous season have voted.
   2.2. Scoring
      2.2.1. Number of Races Scored

2.2.1.1. See Appendix A.

2.2.1.2. The MACTC Championship shall be a mandatory Scored Race for the purposes of Individual and Team Scoring

2.2.1.2.1. Any Individual or Team that fails to compete at the MACTC Championship shall receive zero points for one of their Scored Races

2.2.2. Scoring by Gender

2.2.2.1. For purposes of both Individual and Team Scoring, males and females will be separate

2.2.3. Individual Scoring

2.2.3.1. Individual Scoring is based on the linear formula:

Score (S) = 100 – [2(p-1)], where *p* = Collegiate Place, for Series races

AND

Score (S) = 200 – [2(p-1)], for the MACTC Championship race

2.2.3.2. See Appendix B for Series examples.

2.2.3.3. See Appendix C for MACTC Championship examples.

2.2.4. Team Scoring

2.2.4.1. Team Places at each race shall be determined by summing the individual scores of up to four team members.

2.2.4.2. Team Scores will be allocated according to the linear formula:

Score (S) = 100 – [10(t – 1)], where *t* = Team Place, for Series races

AND

Score (S) = 200 – [10(t – 1)], for the MACTC Championship race

2.2.4.3. See Appendix D for Series examples.

2.2.4.4. See Appendix E for MACTC Championship examples.

2.2.5. Individual and Team Omnium Standings

2.2.5.1. Individual and Team Omnium Standings shall be generated by summing Individual and Team Scores, respectively, while following the rubric for Number of Races Scored outlined in Appendix A.

2.2.5.1.1. In the event that an Individual or Team exceeds the Number of Races Scored during a given season, Omnium Standings will reflect the highest combination of points earned over the course of the maximum Number of Races Scored.

3. MACTC Championship Race

3.1. Race Selection

3.1.1. The MACTC Championship race shall be selected annually as a part of the process outlined in Section 1.1.

3.1.2. The MACTC Championship race shall be of standard Olympic distance.

3.2. Championship Scoring

3.2.1. To qualify as an official men's team, a team must have a minimum of four (4) men.

3.2.2. To qualify as an official women's team, a team must have a minimum of four (4) women.

3.2.3. To qualify as an official overall team, a team must have a minimum of four (4) men AND four (4) women.

3.2.4. The ranks of the first four (4) finishing women from each collegiate team will be added to make the women's team score. The lowest women's team score will win the women's team competition.

3.2.5. The ranks of the first four (4) finishing men from each collegiate team will be added to make the men's team score. The lowest men's team score will win the men's team competition.

3.2.6. For a total team score, the women's team score will be added to the men's team score to create the overall team score. The lowest overall team score will win the overall team competition.

3.2.7. Only the first four (4) finishing women and the first four (4) finishing men from each collegiate team will be counted toward the overall team competition. However, all team members will be included in the individual results and will be eligible for individual awards.

3.2.8. The ranking of women and men will be separate, so both the first woman and the first man will have a rank of 1.

3.2.9. Although athletes finishing 5th or lower on a male or female team will not count towards the overall team score, they will act as place holders in the team rankings pushing other teams' scoring athletes down in the ranking.

3.2.10. Individuals who are NOT part of a full team will NOT be assigned a point total and will be removed from the determination of team scores.

3.2.11. Any full Men's or full Women's Team assessed three (3) or more penalties during the National Championships will be treated as an "individual" entity and will be disqualified from the respective Team rankings, pursuant to Section 3.6 of the USA Triathlon Competitive Rules. Individual athletes will remain eligible for awards unless assessed three (3) penalties themselves, or otherwise disqualified.

4. USAT Collegiate Nationals Eligibility

In order to be eligible to compete at USAT Collegiate Nationals, an Individual must satisfy ALL of the following.

4.1. Participation

4.1.1. Compete in any combination of at least two (2) of the following:

4.1.1.1. MACTC Series race

4.1.1.2. MACTC Championship race

4.1.1.3. USAT Collegiate Nationals of preceding year

4.2. Standing

4.2.1. Be a member-in-good-standing with their team as certified by team president or representative to MACTC.

4.3. USAT Guidelines

4.3.1. Satisfy all requirements stated by USAT for competition at USAT Collegiate Nationals (http://www.usatriathlon.org/events/usat/2012/04/collegiate-national-championship/eligibility.aspx)

4.4. Exceptions and Grievances

4.4.1. Exceptions and grievances will be considered by the MACTC Board for reasons including, but not limited to, medical or family hardship, participation in study abroad programs, and individuals new to triathlon.

4.4.2. Appeals must be received by the MACTC Board via email one (1) week prior to the allocation of USAT Collegiate Nationals slots.

4.4.3. All appeals must include empirical evidence (i.e. relevant race results).

4.4.4. The MACTC Board reserves the right to deny any appeal.

5. USAT Collegiate Nationals Slot Allocation

5.1. Date of

5.1.1. The allocation window shall open each January and closed each March, the particular dates of which are established annually by USAT

5.1.2. In early April, on a date to be determined annually by USAT, unused slots from all conferences will be made available for purchase on a first-come-first-served basis

5.2. Teams

5.2.1. MACTC is allocated a certain number of men's and women's Team slots each year based on participation and placing at the previous year's Nationals.

5.2.2. Team Slots will be allocated by the MACTC Board to MACTC men's and women's Teams according to the final MACTC Series Team Omnium Standings.

5.2.3. Each Team Slot consists of seven (7) Individual Slots to be allocated at the discretion of each Team, providing that the Individuals chosen are eligible per Section 3.

5.2.4. Unused Team Slots shall be made available to Individuals and Teams with more than seven (7) eligible and capable triathletes.

5.3. Individuals

5.3.1. MACTC is allocated a certain number of men's and women's Individual slots each year based on participation and placing at the previous year's Nationals.

5.3.2. Individual Slots will be allocated by the MACTC Board to Individuals according to the final MACTC Series Individual Omnium Standings, having removed from consideration all those Individuals that are members of Teams that were allocated Team Slots

5.3.3. Unused Individual Slots shall be made available to Teams with more than seven (7) eligible and capable triathletes.

6. Amendments

6.1. Beginning May 21, 2013, amendments to the MACTC Bylaws shall require the support of greater than 75 percent of member institutions.

Appendix A

Number of Races	Number of Races Scored
4	2 + MACTC Champ.
5	2 + MACTC Champ.
6	3 + MACTC Champ.
7	3 + MACTC Champ.
8	4 + MACTC Champ.
9	4 + MACTC Champ.
10	5 + MACTC Champ.

Appendix B

Collegiate Place (Series Race)	Individual Score
1st	100
2nd	98
3rd	96
4th	94
5th	92
6th	90
7th	88
8th	86
9th	84
10th	82
11th…	80…

Appendix C

Collegiate Place (MACTC Championship)	Individual Score
1st	200
2nd	198
3rd	196
4th	194
5th	192
6th	190
7th	188
8th	186
9th	184
10th	182
11th…	180…

Appendix D

Team Place	Team Score
1st	100
2nd	90
3rd	80
4th	70
5th	60
6th	50
7th	40
8th	30
9th	20
10th	10
11th +	0