

# Technical - Sanctioning Committee Report

## Triathlon Manitoba 2004 Annual General Meeting

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The Sanctioning Committee's roles are as follows:

- Review and update Triathlon Manitoba's Sanctioning Application.
- Examine sanctioning applications and provide feedback and advice to race directors during the planning stages on technical matters relating to the field of play; safety of participants, volunteers and bystanders; fairness to all athletes.
- Meet with the race directors at the end of the season to review the sanctioning process and assist in preparing the event calendar for the upcoming season.
- Support race directors in order to deliver high quality events.

This year's committee, comprised of Martha Laverock, Don Ewing and committee chair Laurent Lacroix, worked closely with the Officiating Committee.

A small number of changes were made to the application this year, including a critical overhaul to the waiver. After two years of tweaking, there should be very few minor changes to make to the application next year. The board finalized this year's version of the sanctioning package in early April, and it was not made available soon enough for early season events.

2004 saw an increase in the committee's workload with the implementation of new sanctioning requirements for Kids of Steel events. This was the first year that KOS event organizers were obliged to complete sanctioning forms similar to those of other events.

The Committee recommended the purchase of a consumer-grade GPS, which was used primarily to measure swim courses. We made sure that we got one that floats. Several swim courses were measured and/or marked with a GPS this year.

A good number of sanctioning applications were submitted at least 45 days prior to the event. Notable exceptions were the KOS events which were often incomplete pending final arrangements with Triathlon Manitoba. Sanctioning applications arrived en masse in June.

### Challenges For 2005

The committee will need to meet earlier to seek board approval for the 2005 sanctioning package (no later than the March board meeting).

The Morden course is due for verification, its accuracy has not been checked for some time. I have already offered to verify the split locations and overall accuracy of the course for 2005.

Improve communication between office staff, KOS directors and the Sanctioning Committee with regard to the sanctioning package.

Don and Martha have decided not to continue their involvement in the committee for 2005. I have valued their insights and their input these last two years. It has been a joy to work with them both!

I have decided to step down as chair of the committee, but will remain involved with the sanctioning process to ensure a smooth transition.