

# TECHNICAL---OFFICIATING COMMITTEE

## 2005 AGM REPORT

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*By Debb Brethauer*

I was the chair of the *TECHNICAL---OFFICIATING COMMITTEE*. I also consulted with Jaclyn Vallis, Executive Director of Triathlon Manitoba and David Markham (Technical Director for Triathlon Canada).

### **GOALS**

1. To provide continued recruitment and development of Officials throughout Manitoba.
2. To provide Officials with high quality training programs.
3. Ensure the course conductors are highly skilled.
4. To ensure that all events are conducted in a safe and fair manner, and comply with National and International rules.

### **STRENGTHS & HIGHLIGHTS**

- Another Level 3 official has become certified-Marc Teillet attended the Level 3 clinic in Vancouver in September 2005.
- Our Level 2 and Level 3 officials attended races outside of the province. This is a crucial component of the certification process.
- Kelly Mahoney (Level 3) was the Technical Delegate at the 2005 Canadian Triathlon Championships in Kelowa, B.C.
- Don Ewing (Level 2) and Marc Teillet (at the time Level 2) officiated at the ITU World Cup in Edmonton, Alberta
- Debb Brethauer (Level 3) officiated at the Canadian Iron Distance Triathlon & Duathlon in Ottawa, Ontario.
- David Markham, continued his role as the Technical Director for Triathlon Canada. He assumed a Team Leader role at both Junior National and Nationals. He was also the Technical Delegate for a number of ITU events.
- All of the officiating administrative documents continue to be available on the Triathlon Manitoba web site.
- The Points System implemented 2 years ago also continues to be successful. This system allows our officials to both officiate and compete.
- This is the second year Debb Brethauer has been a member of the Sanctioning Committee. The purpose was to increase communications between officials, the Director of Sanctioning and the Race Directors. This continues to be a success.
- Head Official and Head Referee reports have been received for all the races, many submitted typed via email.

- Parents were very co operative this year in remaining out of the transition area. We also had several parents offer to help volunteer in the transition area during the KOS races.
- A draft legal race for the Junior Sprint category was once again successful at the St Malo Race. St Malo also held the first U23 Development Series Triathlon in Manitoba. This too was well received by the athletes and spectators.
- The end of season “Official’s Windup” will be held in October 2005.
- The Sanctioning package was sent to most of the Head Official/Referee prior to each race.
- Officials were able to meet prior to each race start with the Head Official/Referee to review the race course and duties for that race.

### **AREAS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

- Increase the number of Level 1 Officials. There were only a few new officials at this level for this year.
- Increase the number of Level 1 Officials in the regions--offer a Level 1 clinic in February or March.
- Offer a Level 1 clinic in Winnipeg in early spring.
- More incentives are needed for out officials. There were 3 races this year in which I had great difficulty in obtaining officials. At the Lac du Bonnet race, I assumed an officiating role prior to racing. At Morden, Angie Douklias officiated for the Half Ironman in the early morning and then raced the Foilman.
- Provide an Official's Directory with email addresses and phone numbers.
- Develop a one page monthly newsletter for the off season months--could include a case scenario for discussion.
- Establish water temperature guidelines for KOS race
- Officials requested that 15 minutes be allotted before each race for the Head Official/Referee to meet with the Race Director to discuss any last minute changes to the course .