

## **Technical - Sanctioning Committee Report - 2007 AGM**

The Sanctioning Committee for 2007 was comprised of Laurant Lacroix, Kelly Mahoney, Debb Brethauer who acted as liaison with the Technical - Officiating Committee, and chair Marc Teillet.

The committee met in January 2007 and made revisions to the existing sanctioning package. Sections were included which related to special considerations for athletes with a disability, as well as other more minor adjustments. In addition, the Kids of Steel sanctioning application was expanded considerably to maintain consistency with Triathlon Manitoba documents.

Over the course of the triathlon season twenty-one sanctioning applications were received and reviewed by the committee. Twenty applications were approved, most with supportive recommendations being well received by the various organizing committees. One race was cancelled before the sanctioning process was satisfactorily completed. No races were refused sanction. One KOS race proceeded without submitting a sanctioning document. Turnover time from receipt of the documents by the committee members to final approval averaged approximately one week, which is felt to be acceptable.

Current work by the committee includes the examination of a proposal by Triathlon Alberta that a reciprocal agreement be drawn up amongst the western canadian triathlon associations which would allow athletes to compete in other provinces and carry the insurance of their home association with them. Thus an athlete competing in another western province would not have to pay the daily membership fee in order to race. This proposal involves a review of each province's sanctioning package, with the goal of homogenizing them to avoid any concerning discrepancies. This review is ongoing and will be further discussed with the other associations in November.

The committee will be involved in a race directors meeting scheduled for later in October to review the sanctioning process and address any issues arising from the directors efforts to deliver high quality events.

In 2008 the committee will continue in its mandate to provide supportive feedback and advice to race directors related to issues of safety and fairness during the planning stages of their events. Future direction for the committee will involve further refinement and revision of the current sanctioning document. The committee anticipates reviewing, amongst other things, the required medical procedures and personnel at our events in comparison to those mandated by other provinces. In addition the KOS document will see further revisions in 2008 to reflect changing recommendations from Triathlon Canada related to age appropriate distances and equipment, etc.

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
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