

The Competitive Rules are intended to provide for the orderly and consistent administration of events sanctioned by BTA and are not designed to establish standards of care for the safety of participants or other persons. Every participant, official, volunteer, and spectator should consider all safety issues and make related decisions prudently without reliance upon the Competitive Rules.

BTA makes no express or implied warranty, guarantee, or representation regarding the degree of safety which may or may not result from compliance with the Competitive Rules. Examinations or inspections of equipment at sanctioned events are undertaken solely to monitor compliance with the Competitive Rules and do not guarantee or ensure safety from personal injury or property damage. The safety of race equipment is the sole responsibility of each and every participant.

Article I. Scope, Purpose, and Construction

1.1 Scope. These Competitive Rules ("Rules") are adopted by the Bermuda Triathlon Association ("BTA") and govern the administration of all races and events sanctioned by BTA. These Rules are binding on all members of BTA and all persons who enter or participate in any event sanctioned by BTA.

1.2 Purpose. These Competitive Rules are designed to set forth a standard set of parameters within which athletes can participate in triathlons, duathlons, and other endurance events and compete in a positive atmosphere of equal opportunity. These Rules are intended: (a) To promote and maintain sportsmanship, equal opportunity, and fair play; (b) To encourage and reward individual performance and initiative; (c) To protect the health, safety, and well-being of participants; (d) To promote the integrity of sport and triathlons as a positive cultural force in modern day society; and (e) To foster the foregoing ideals through the establishment and enforcement of punitive rules.

1.3 Construction. These Rules shall be interpreted and construed in a manner consistent with their purpose. Wherever the context so indicates, the masculine or feminine gender, and the singular or plural number, shall be construed to include the other.

1.4 Rule Exceptions and Additions. For any particular event, a race director may request from BTA a specific exception or addition to these Rules. Any such request should be made with consideration of the participants' safety as the highest priority. All requests for Rule changes must be made in writing. All exceptions or additions to these Rules must be expressly approved in writing by BTA and must be announced to all participants prior to the event. For race safety, it may be necessary to make changes on the day of the race. This should be avoided, however at the discretion of the race director, if conditions warrant such changes, the change(s) must be announced to all participants at the race briefing.

Article II. Non-member's. Single Event Permits. At the discretion of BTA, persons who are not members of BTA may be allowed to participate in certain sanctioned events through the issuance of a single event permit. BTA shall determine the fee and establish the requirements necessary to obtain a single event permit. Any person obtaining a single event permit shall be subject to all of the Rules, regulations, and policies of BTA.

Article III. General Rules of Conduct and Penalties

3.1 Preparation and Training. No person shall participate in a triathlon or other multi-sport event unless such person (a) is trained adequately for that specific event, as might be expected of a prudent person entering a similar competition, and (b) is in excellent health, based on recent training, physical examinations, if any, and generally accepted standards of good health.

3.2 Age Group Competition. All age group athletes must participate and compete in the age group division corresponding to the athlete's actual age on the date of the event.

3.3 General Conduct. At or during an event, all participants must: (a) Act in compliance with these Competitive Rules; (b) Conduct themselves in a manner that is not offensive in any way to fellow participants, spectators, officials, or volunteers and is considered reasonable and acceptable in the community; (c) Treat all competitors, officials, volunteers, and spectators with fairness, respect, and courtesy; (d) Refrain from the use of abusive language or conduct; and (e) After violation any of the Competitive Rules, report such violation to the Race Director or retire from the event.

3.4 Race Conduct. All participants in BTA sanctioned events must adhere to the rules in this Section 3.4: (a) Entire Course. Participants must cover the prescribed race course in its entirety. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification, unless the Race Director in his sole discretion determines that (i) the violation was insignificant and did

not result in a time advantage, and (ii) the violation did not endanger any participant. In the event that the Race Director makes such a determination, a one (1) minute time penalty shall be imposed in lieu of disqualification. (b) Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Participants shall refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, including the improper use of language or conduct directed toward an official. Violations of this Section shall result in disqualification or a one (1) minute time penalty depending upon the severity of the violation as determined in the sole discretion of the Race Director. (c) Obstruction. Participants shall refrain from intentionally or accidentally blocking, charging, obstructing, or interfering with the forward progress of another participant. Any violation of this Section shall result in a variable time penalty. (d) Unauthorized Assistance. No participant shall accept from any person (other than a race official) assistance in any form, including food, drink, equipment, support, pacing, a replacement bicycle, or bicycle parts, unless an express exception has been granted and approved by BTA. The receipt of information regarding the progress, split times, or location of other competitors on the race course shall not be considered the acceptance of unauthorized assistance. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification or a variable time penalty depending upon the severity of the violation as determined in the sole discretion of the Race Director. (e) Re-entry. Upon leaving the course, a participant shall re-enter the course at the same point of departure. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification. (f) Race Numbers. Participants shall plainly display their race numbers at all times and shall maintain the race number in an unaltered and readable state at the start and finish gates, in the transition areas, and on the course. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1) minute time penalty. (g) Unfair Advantage. No participant shall use his body, arms, or legs to gain an unfair advantage, or to push, pull, hold, strike, or force through one or more participants. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1) minute time penalty. (h) Abandoned Equipment. No participant shall leave any equipment or personal gear on the race course. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1) minute time penalty. (i) Unauthorized Accessories. No participant shall, at any time during the event, use or wear a hard cast, headset, radio, headphones, or any other item deemed dangerous by the Head Referee. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification. (j) Glass Containers. No participant shall utilize any glass water bottles or glass containers of any kind at any time during the event. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification. (k) Unauthorized Equipment. No participant shall use any equipment which the Race Director determines to be improper, including but not limited to equipment which might provide an unfair advantage or endanger any participants. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification. (l) Endangerment. No participant shall commit any dangerous act which could cause injury to any participant. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification.

3.5 Unregistered Participants. Any person who participates in any portion of a sanctioned event without first properly registering and paying any required registration fee shall be suspended or barred from membership in BTA and barred from participating in any sanctioned event for a period of one year. Any second violation of this Section shall result in a life-time suspension or ban from membership in BTA.

3.6 Penalties and Prohibited Conduct. Penalties, including disqualification and suspension, may be imposed upon race participants or members of BTA who violate any of these Competitive Rules or who solicit, encourage, or assist a violation of these Rules. Except as otherwise noted in these Rules, the specific penalty to be imposed in any given case shall depend upon the nature and severity of the violation as determined by the Race Director or BTA. The following penalties may be imposed for violation of these Rules: (a) Assessment of a time penalty; (b) Disqualification; (c) Written reprimand or censure; (d) Monetary fines; (e) Suspension from membership in BTA (including retroactive suspension); and (f) Permanent expulsion from BTA.

3.7 Time Penalties. (a) In General. A time penalty may be imposed for a violation of any Section of these Rules in which a time penalty is expressly authorized. In the event that a participant is assessed a time penalty, the applicable time period shall be added to that participant's aggregate finishing time in calculating official race results. Time penalties shall be cumulative and a participant may be assessed more than one time penalty for violations of the same Rule. (b) Variable Time Penalties. A "variable time penalty" as used in these Rules shall mean a time penalty that varies in accordance with the distance category of the event. The variable time penalty for each of the distance categories shall be the following:

Distance Category	Time Penalty in Minutes
Short or Sprint	1:00
Olympic or International	3:00
Long	6:00

3.8 Acts Warranting Suspension. In addition to other penalties which may be imposed at the discretion of BTA, the following acts may be grounds for suspension for a period of time designated by BTA: (a) A flagrant or willful violation of the competitive rules; (b) Gross or continued unsportsmanlike conduct; (c) Physical violence directed toward a race official, participant, volunteer, spectator, or other person; (d) Any fraudulent act, such as falsifying name or age; filing a

false affidavit or protest, or providing false information to BTA, the Board of Hearings and Appeals, or race officials; (e) Intentionally participating in an event despite, failure to register, lack of membership, or ineligibility for the relevant membership class; (f) Repetitive or recurring violations of the Competitive Rules; (g) Failure to notify a race official after withdrawing from a race; (h) Violation of the Medical Control Rules as set forth in Article VIII; (i) Refusal to abide by the final determination by BTA of any matter relating to these Rules or the sport of triathlon; and (j) Any act which disgraces or brings discredit to the sport of triathlon.

3.9 Effect of Suspension. Any person suspended from membership in BTA shall be ineligible to compete in any BTA sanctioned event and shall be disqualified from any event during the suspension period and until such time as that person has applied for and received written notice of reinstatement from BTA.

3.10 Reinstatement. Any person who has been suspended must apply in writing to BTA for reinstatement after or immediately preceding expiration of the suspension period.

3.11 Notice of Disciplinary Actions. Any person reprimanded, censured, suspended, or expelled from BTA shall be entitled to receive reasonable notice of such disciplinary action.

3.12 Acts of Agents. The conduct of any agent acting with apparent authority on behalf of a participant shall constitute grounds for penalizing such participant if such agent's conduct violates any of these Rules.

Article IV. Swimming Conduct

Permissible Strokes. A swimmer may use any stroke to propel himself through the water and may tread water or float. A participant may stand on the bottom or rest by holding an inanimate object such as a buoy, boat, rope, or floating object. Excluding the bottom, a participant shall not use any inanimate object to gain forward progress. A violation of this Section shall result in disqualification.

Emergencies. A swimmer experiencing difficulty and in need of assistance shall raise an arm overhead, pump it up and down, and call or seek assistance. A swimmer who has received official assistance, whether voluntary or involuntary, must retire and withdraw from the remainder of the race unless such assistance did not aid the swimmer in making forward progress. No swimmer shall return to the race if the official rendering assistance requests that the participant withdraw from the race or receive medical assistance.

Official Equipment. A swimmer shall wear the proper swim cap provided by race officials. If no official cap is provided, all swimmers shall wear their own brightly colored swim cap. Goggles. Swimmers may wear, but shall not be required to wear, swim goggles or face masks. Wetsuits. The Race Director will provide whether or not a wetsuit will be allowed.

Illegal Equipment. Any swimmer wearing any artificial propulsion device, including but not limited to fins, gloves, paddles, or floating devices of any kind shall be disqualified.

Article V. Cycling Conduct

5.1 Propulsion. All bicycles shall be propelled only by human force and human power. Any propulsive action brought on by use of the hands is prohibited. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification.

5.2 Forward Progress. Participants shall not make any forward progress unaccompanied by their bicycle. If a bicycle is rendered inoperable, a participant may proceed on the cycling course, running or walking, while pushing or carrying the bicycle, so long as the bicycle is pushed or carried in a manner not to obstruct or impede the progress of other participants. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification.

5.3 Knowledge of the Course. The sole responsibility of knowing and following the prescribed cycling course rests with each participant. No adjustments in times or finishing results shall be made for participants who fail to follow the proper course for any reason whatsoever.

5.4 Traffic Laws. All participants must obey all traffic laws while on the cycling course unless otherwise specifically directed by a BTA official, race monitor, or designee with actual authority. In no case shall a cyclist cross a double yellow or center line, unless directed to do so by race instructions. A violation of this shall result in disqualification.

5.5 Endangerment. No cyclist shall endanger himself or another participant. Any cyclist who intentionally presents a danger to any participant or who, in the judgment of the Race Director, appears to present a danger to any participants shall be disqualified.

5.6 Accidents. All participants shall exercise extreme caution and shall decrease speed if necessary in passing the site of any cycling accident. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification.

5.7 Dismounting. A participant may dismount, but shall not interfere with other cyclists. A violation of this Section which does not also constitute a violation of Section 5.5 shall result in a one (1) minute time penalty.

5.8 Illegal Equipment. Any participant who at any time wears or carries a headset, radio, headphones, or any other item prohibited by section 3.4(i) shall be disqualified.

5.9 Helmets. (a) Type of Helmet. All participants shall wear a protective head cover, undamaged and unaltered, which meets or exceeds the safety standards of the American National Standard Institute (ANSI Z-90.4) or the Snell Memorial Foundation (Protective Headgear for Bicycle Users) and which is clearly labeled by the manufacturer as satisfying such standards. Removal of a helmet cover, if required for that helmet to meet such safety standards, shall constitute an impermissible alteration in violation of this Section. Any violation of this Section 5.9(a) shall result in disqualification. (b) Chinstrap Violations. The helmet must be fastened before the participant first mounts the bicycle, at all times when the participant is on the bicycle, and must not be unfastened until the participant has dismounted. A violation of this Section 5.9(b) shall result in disqualification.

5.10 Position Fouls. In accordance with the Rules as set forth in this Section, a participant is not permitted to position his bicycle in the proximity of another moving vehicle so as to benefit from reduced air resistance. While on the cycling course, no participants shall work together to improve performance, efficiency, or position by teamwork or other joint conduct. A variable time penalty shall be imposed for any violation of this Section. (a) Illegal Positioning. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, while on the cycling course, no participant shall permit his drafting zone to intersect with or remain intersected with the drafting zone of another participant or that of a motor vehicle. With respect to a motor vehicle (including authorized race vehicles), it is the athlete's responsibility to move out of the vehicle's drafting zone or to continually communicate to the vehicle to move away. (b) Definition of Drafting Zone. The term "drafting zone" shall refer to a rectangular area seven meters long and three meters wide surrounding every bicycle. The longer sides of the zone begin at the leading edge of the front wheel and run backward parallel to the bicycle; the front wheel divides the short side of the zone into two equal parts. The drafting zone therefore extends 1.5 meters to each side of every bicycle and seven meters behind every bicycle. With respect to a moving motor vehicle, the "drafting zone" is a rectangular area extending 5 meters to each side of the vehicle and 35 meters behind the vehicle. (c) Right-of-Way. A participant is generally entitled to assume any otherwise proper location on the cycling course provided that the participant arrives in position first without contacting another participant. When taking a position near another participant, however, a cyclist shall not crowd the other participant and shall allow reasonable space for the other participant to make normal movement without making contact. (d) Blocking. Cyclists who have established the right-of-way must not block or obstruct the progress of another participant. (e) Overtaking. A participant who approaches another cyclist from the rear or from another unfavorable position bears primary responsibility for avoiding a position foul even if the cyclist being approached decreases speed. (f) Position and Passing. Except for reasons of safety and when no advantage is gained, all cyclists shall keep to the left of the prescribed course unless passing. A participant must not attempt to pass another cyclist unless adequate space is available and he is confident of his ability to overtake and pass the other cyclist. The passing lane is to the right unless otherwise specified. (g) Being Overtaken. When the leading edge of the front wheel of one cyclist passes beyond the front wheel of another cyclist, the second cyclist has been "overtaken" within the meaning of these Rules. A cyclist who has been overtaken bears primary responsibility for avoiding a position foul and must immediately move to the side or to the rear of the passing cyclist. The overtaken cyclist shall first move completely out of the drafting zone before attempting to re-pass the other cyclist. In no case, however, shall a participant move into the path of another participant possessing the right-of-way. (h) Exceptions. A participant may enter the drafting zone without penalty only under the following conditions: (1) When entering the drafting zone from the rear, closing the gap, and overtaking all within no more than 15 seconds; (2) When cyclists reduce speed for safety reasons, for course blockage, for an aid station, for an emergency, when entering or exiting a transition area, or when making a turn of 90 degrees or more; or (3) When BTA or the Race Director expressly excludes a section of the bicycle course from the position foul rules because of overly narrow lanes, construction, detours, or a similar reason. (i) Illustrations. The proper application of some of the position foul Rules is illustrated in the following diagrams:

(iii) the draft zone of one competitor may not overlap the draft zone of another competitor

Diagram #2: Distance of Zone for Age Groups

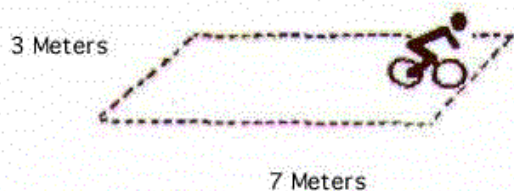
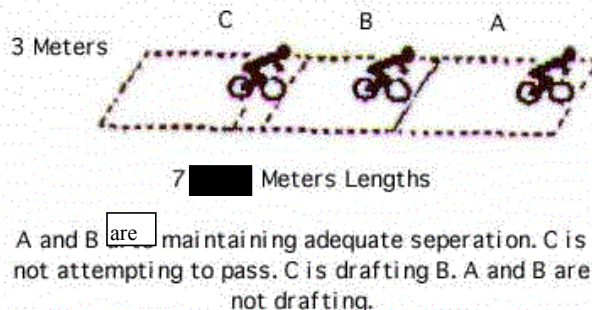


Diagram #3: Drafting Example



5.11 Bicycle Specifications. All bicycles used in BTA sanctioned events must conform to the specifications set forth in this Section. Any participant using a nonconforming bicycle or otherwise violating this Section shall be disqualified. (a) Length cannot exceed two meters, and width cannot exceed 75 centimeters. (b) The distance from the ground to the center of the chain wheel axle must measure at least 24 centimeters. (c) A vertical line touching the frontmost point of the saddle may be no more than 5 centimeters in front of and no more than 15 centimeters behind a vertical line passing through the center of the chain wheel axle, and the cyclist must not have the capability of adjusting the saddle beyond these limits during competition. (d) The "front-to-center" distance, which is defined as the distance between a vertical line passing through the center of the chain wheel axle and a vertical line passing through the center of the front axle, must measure not less than 54 centimeters and no more than 65 centimeters, except that in the case of bicycles for taller participants (where the distance between the center of the chain wheel axle and the top of the saddle is greater than 80 centimeters), the front-to-center distance cannot exceed 68 centimeters and, in the case of bicycles for shorter cyclists (where the distance between the center of the chain wheel axle and the top of the saddle is less than 71 centimeters), the front-to-center distance cannot be less than 50 centimeters. Applicability of the two foregoing exceptions is determined by measuring from a point on top of the saddle which is 14 centimeters behind the frontmost point of the saddle. (e) There must be no protective shield, fairing, or other device on any part of the bicycle (including frame, wheels, handlebars, chain wheel, and accessories) which has the effect of reducing resistance. This section forbids any device "on" any part of the bicycle (including on accessories) which has the effect of reducing resistance. There is no difference between (1) a device on an accessory on a bicycle and (2) a device on a person on a bicycle. (f) No additional equipment, whether it is worn under the competitor's clothing, or is otherwise attached to the athlete's body, which has the effect of reducing wind resistance is permitted. An exception is the use of safety helmets as described in section 5.9. Such helmets may have the effect of reducing the wind resistance of the head only. (g) Except as otherwise determined by the race director in the interest of safety, the front wheel may be of a different diameter than the rear wheel, but the front wheel must be of spoke construction. The rear wheel may be either spoke or solid construction. Wheel covers shall only be permitted on the rear wheel. (h) No wheel may contain any mechanism which is capable of accelerating the wheel. (i) Handlebars and stem must be fashioned to prevent any danger. All handlebar ends must be solidly plugged to lessen the possibility of injury. (j) There must be one working brake on each of the two wheels. (k) All aspects of the bicycle must be safe to the user and to other participants in the event. Minimum safety standards include, but are not limited to, properly glued and sealed tires, tight headset and handlebars, and true wheels.

Diagram #5: Saddle Fore-Aft Position

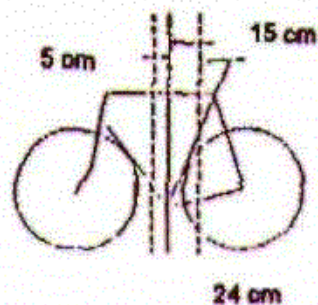
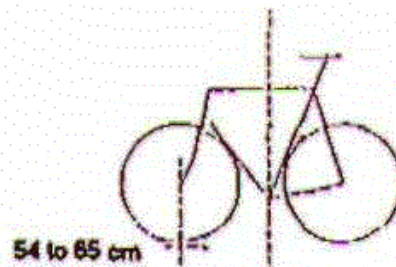


Diagram #6: Front to Center Distance



5.12 Untraditional or Unusual Bicycle Equipment. Any unusual bicycle construction or equipment to which the specifications in Section 5.11 cannot easily be applied shall be illegal unless prior approval is received from the Race Director before the equipment is used in the event. Any violation of this Section shall result in disqualification.

Article VI. Running Conduct

6.1 Permitted Conduct. A participant must run or walk the entire portion of the run course. Except for reasons of safety and when no advantage is gained, all runners shall follow and remain within the prescribed course. A participant who gains forward progress by crawling or otherwise violates this Section shall be disqualified.

6.2 Knowledge of the Course. The responsibility of knowing and following the prescribed course rests with each participant.

6.3 Permitted and Illegal Equipment. Any participant who at any time wears or carries a headset, radio, headphones, or any other item prohibited by Section 3.4(i) shall be disqualified. A participant may carry a water bottle on the run portion of the course, provided that such container is not made of glass. Glass containers are prohibited.

Article VII. Transition Area Conduct

7.1 Entering and Exiting. A participant must reduce cycling speed to an acceptable and safe level when exiting and entering the transition area. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification. If a cyclist fails to enter the transition at the designated area after completing the final bike loop, he must continue along the prescribed course for an additional loop before attempting to re-enter.

7.2 Placement of Equipment. All participants shall place equipment only in the properly designated and individually assigned bicycle corral and shall at all times keep their equipment confined to the such properly designated areas. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1)minute time penalty.

7.3 Bicycle Placement. All participants must return their bicycles to an upright position in the properly designated bicycle corral after completion of the cycling course and before beginning the next segment of the event. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1)minute time penalty.

7.4 Obstruction and Interference. No participants shall impede the forward progress of another participant or interfere with another participant's equipment while in the transition area. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1) minute time penalty.

7.5 Glass Containers. Any participant who brings any glass container into the transition area may be disqualified.

7.6 Indecent Exposure. Public nudity in the transition area or at any time during the event is prohibited. Any violation of this Section shall result in a one (1) minute time penalty.

Article VIII. Medical Control Rules (reserved)

Article IX. Race Officiation

9.1 Race Officials. The race officials at all events shall consist of a Race Director, Marshals, Judges, and a Head Timer. The race officials shall conduct each event in accordance with these Competitive Rules and shall uphold and enforce these Rules and any other regulations or policies of BTA in an impartial manner.

9.2 Race Director. Beginning with the start of the event and until all scores are finalized, the decisions of the Race Director are final and binding with respect to all competition matters pertaining to the event, with the exception of decisions by the Protest Committee.

9.3 Powers of the Race Director. The Race Director shall be empowered: (a) To interpret and enforce these Competitive Rules and any other regulations or policies of BTA; (b) To supervise and control the general conduct of all participants, to require that a participant withdraw from an event, and to intercede during a competition at any stage to ensure that the Competitive Rules are observed; (c) To invoke and impose penalties for violations of these Rules and to prominently post a list of all violations and penalized participants designated by race number at a site located near the finish of the event; (d) To make decisions on any point not specifically covered in these Rules; (e) To instruct, direct, assign duties to, and delegate authority to all other race officials; (f) To inspect the race course with respect to race safety and to recommend to the race director, but not to decide ultimately, whether to implement contingency plans prior to the start of the event; (g) To examine the equipment or other items of any participant at any time to check compliance with these Rules, and to make the final and binding decision as to whether any equipment or other item is improper or unauthorized; (h) To overrule any Judge, Marshal, or other race official on any point of interpretation of these Rules, and to resolve differences of opinion between or among Marshals, Judges, or other race officials; (i) To establish all aspects of protest procedure, including the time and place of hearing, to impose sanctions for noncompliance with established procedure, and to assess penalties in accordance with the resolution of any protests; and (j) To prepare a report of actions taken and decisions rendered by the Protest Committee and to make recommendations on improving race operations.

9.4 Duties of the Race Director. The Race Director shall have the following duties and responsibilities: (a) The Race Director shall wear distinctive clothing or other means of identification; (b) The Race Director shall establish an officials' headquarters located near the finish of the event; (c) The Race Director shall use and maintain a violation posting board erected by race management; (d) The Race Director shall process violations reported by Marshals diligently and as soon as possible and shall review every violation with the appropriate reporting Marshal; (e) The Race Director shall determine the relative severity of any offense or violation; (f) The Race Director shall assess an appropriate penalty; (g) The Race Director shall retain the results of reported violations and decisions and shall review the information in connection with all protests; and (h) The Race Director shall submit all appropriate data which affects final results to the Head Timer for incorporation into final race results.

9.5 Official Race Results. Final results will reflect all decisions made by the Race Director and the Protest Committee.

9.6 Race Marshals. Race Marshals will be assigned to the swim, cycle, and run portions of the event and to the transition areas and will follow all instructions of the Race Director. Race Marshals shall have jurisdiction over all persons in their respective areas of assignment. Race Marshals shall enforce these Competitive Rules by reporting violations to the Race Director in writing. The Race Director, and not the Race Marshal, shall assess penalties.

9.7 Judges. Judges shall hear and rule on all protests as members of the Protest Committee. Judges shall also assist other race officials as instructed by the Race Director.

9.8 Head Timer. The Head Timer is responsible for collecting and processing all data relevant to the calculation and determination of official race results.

Article X. Protests

10.1 Proper Subject of Protest. No protest may be filed with respect to matters which were observed by or previously ruled upon by a race official. No person may file a protest which requires a judgment call. A "judgment call," as used in these Rules, means the resolution of a dispute involving one or more material facts which cannot be determined with certainty solely through the production of tangible physical evidence. The term "judgment call" shall include but shall not be limited to a resolution of: (a) any purported violation of the cycling position foul Rules (including alleged drafting

violations); (b) allegations of blocking, obstruction, or interference; or (c) allegations of unsportsmanlike conduct. Any protest filed in contravention of this Section shall be summarily dismissed under Section 10.4.

10.2 Protests Involving Eligibility. Protests contesting the eligibility of any participant to compete or to represent an organization in an event shall be made in writing to BTA or to the Race Director before the event begins. A Participant may be allowed to compete under protest if BTA or the Race Director deems it appropriate.

10.3 Standing to File Protest. Protests may only be filed by participants who directly observed the subject of the protest, who were directly and personally involved in any incident relevant to the protest, and who possess direct, detailed, and personal knowledge of the subject of the protest.

10.4 Summary Dismissal of Protest. With respect to each protest filed, the Race Director shall make an initial determination as to whether the protest complies with all of the provisions of the Article and whether the protest is factually sufficient to support a ruling by the Protest Committee. If the protest is improper or deficient in any respect, the Race Director shall summarily reject and dismiss the protest and shall not be required to submit the matter to the Protest Committee. If the defect is curable in the opinion of the Race Director, the Race Director may allow the protest to be resubmitted within a reasonable time, even if the time period in Section 10.5 has already expired.

10.5 Time for Filing Protests. All protests must be filed in writing and submitted to the Race Director within thirty (30) minutes after the person filing the protest has completed the event.

10.6 Contents of Protest. All protests must be factually sufficient to support a just ruling by the Protest Committee and must contain the following: (a) the specific Competitive Rule or Rules alleged to have been violated; (b) the location and approximate time of the incident; (c) the person or persons involved in the incident; (d) A detailed statement of the specific facts, including a diagram if necessary or appropriate; and (e) The signature of the person filing the protest, which shall constitute an affirmation that the facts stated therein are true. Failure to comply with any aspect of this Section shall subject the protest to summary dismissal.

10.7 Notice of Protest. All persons involved in or affected by a protest shall be notified thereof and shall have access to the contents of the protest.

10.8 Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall be comprised of the Race Director and two, disinterested, non-BTA Executive Judges appointed solely by the Race Director. The Race Director shall serve as chairperson of the Protest Committee and shall have full authority to conduct the protest and maintain order. The Protest Committee will issue a final determine with respect to all protests timely filed and not subject to summary dismissal.

10.9 Protest Hearing. In hearing a protest, members of the Protest Committee shall weigh the evidence and testimony impartially and shall render a decision in accordance with their best judgment. During all protests: (a) the Race Director will read the protest; (b) the person who filed the protest and all participants involved in the incident must be present, unless medically unable to attend in which case the Race Director shall postpone the hearing or allow a representative to participate on behalf of the injured person; (c) all persons required to be present shall be allowed three minutes to relate their accounts of the incident, or such additional time as the Race Director may allow; (d) a maximum of two witnesses for each participant involved in the protest may be allowed to speak for three minutes each; and (e) no spectators or partial observers shall be allowed to participate in the hearing.

10.10 Protest Ruling. After dismissing all parties, the Protest Committee shall review the evidence and render a prompt decision. The decision will be personally presented to the protestor and posted immediately.

10.11 Effect of Protest Decision. The summary dismissal of a protest by the Race Director or the decision of a Protest Committee shall be final, and official race results shall reflect those determinations. Official results and the determination of any Race Director or Protest Committee can be subsequently modified only by BTA pursuant to an appeal duly filed in accordance with Article XI of these Rules.

10.12 Announcement of Unofficial Results. Until all protest are finally determined, the official results of any event shall not be announced, and no prizes for that event shall be awarded unless any outstanding protest is officially withdrawn.

10.13 Presence of Participants. All race participants are required to be present and to participate in the hearing of any protest in which they were involved. A Protest Committee may render a decision in the absence of any participant who fails to appear timely. Except for medical reasons, all participants shall remain available for participation in any protests until such time as official race results are announced, the period for filing all protests has expired, or permission to leave the vicinity is granted by the Race Director.

Article XI. Hearings and Appeals.

11.1 Board of Hearings and Appeals. BTA shall establish an ad-hoc Board of Hearings and Appeals which shall consist of a panel of three disinterested members of the BTA who shall be selected by or under the direction of the BTA President. The Board of Hearings and Appeals shall be empowered: (a) To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the Competitive Rules or other policies or regulations of BTA; (b) To review any punitive action or decision taken against any person and to affirm, reverse, stay, or modify such action or decision; (c) To investigate any pertinent matter as directed by the BTA President or the BTA Executive; (d) To determine the eligibility of any person to compete in BTA sanctioned events; (e) To determine the BTA membership status of any person and to reinstate or revoke membership rights; (f) To issue conditional orders prohibiting or requiring certain conduct or action as a condition to maintaining membership rights; (g) To interpret any Competitive Rule, regulation, or policy of BTA ; and (h) To conduct hearings and determine any appeal properly filed with BTA.

11.2 Proper Subject of Appeal. No person may file an appeal with respect to a judgment call as defined in Section 10.1. Members may appeal the final decision of a Protest Committee, and punitive action affecting their membership in BTA, or any other matter involving an interpretation of the Competitive Rules of which an appeal is not otherwise prohibited by this Article.

11.3 Appeals of Protests and Other Matters. Except for appeals governed by appeals from disciplinary hearing which must be made under Section 11.5, all appeals shall be made and processed in accordance with the Section. (a) Time and Fee for Filing Appeal. An appeal must be filed in writing with the BTA President postmarked within 20 days after the date of the decision or determination being appealed and must be accompanied by a \$50 filing fee. The filing fee shall be refundable only if the appeal is finally determined in the appellant's favor. (b) Contents of Appeal. The appeal shall be in the form of a petition and shall contain the following: (1) The petitioner's name, address, and telephone number; (2) a detailed description of the factual background including the date, time, and precise location of any relevant incidents and an identification of the decision being appealed and the person or persons who rendered the decision; (3) any relevant Rules, regulations, or policies and an application of the facts to those Rules, regulations or policies; (4) a detailed explanation of all of the grounds for the appeal (5) all of the evidence that the athlete wishes to be considered and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any witnesses; (6) a request to participate orally at the hearing if so desired; and (7) a request for additional time if desired, not to exceed 14 days, within which to submit additional materials. Requests to participate orally at hearings will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, and all petitioners should therefore ensure that their appeal contains all relevant information when submitted. (c) Determination of Appeal. The appeal shall be heard and determined by a panel of three disinterested members of the Board of Hearings and Appeals who shall be selected by or under the direction of the BTA President. If the petitioner has requested to participate orally at the hearing, the panel, with advice of counsel, shall determine whether such oral participation will be permitted and, if permitted, the panel shall notify the appellant of the hearing time and date. If the request for oral participation is denied, the panel shall notify the appellant of such denial and shall proceed with a determination of the appeal based upon the submitted materials. (d) Hearing of Appeal. The BTA President shall appoint, or the panel shall elect, a chairperson to conduct the hearing. Hearings may be conducted by an attorney at law retained or appointed by BTA for that purpose, but any such attorney shall have no vote in the panel's decision. Any hearing may be conducted by telephone conference call or otherwise at the discretion of the panel. The appellant shall have the right to be represented by counsel. (e) Appellate Decision. The appellate panel shall issue a written memorandum explaining and containing its decision within fourteen (14) days after the appeal has been duly filed or the hearing has been concluded, whichever is later. The appellant shall receive a copy of the decision. The decision of an appellate panel under the Section shall be final and there shall be no further right to appeal.

11.4 Disciplinary Hearings. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, and whenever the time and circumstances permit, a disciplinary hearing will be held to determine whether an athlete should be fined, sanctioned, censured, suspended, expelled, or otherwise rendered ineligible to compete in BTA sanctioned events. Disciplinary hearings shall be conducted in accordance with this Section. (a) Notice. The proposed subject of the hearing (the "respondent") shall be given written notice personally delivered or sent to his last known address by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall apprise the respondent of the specific charges made against him, the specific Rules, regulations, or policies alleged to have

been violated, the potential penalties which may be imposed, and the date, time, and place where a hearing will be held. The hearing date shall be set for a date not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the date of the notice. The hearing panel may continue or postpone the hearing in its sole discretion for good cause shown. (b) Answer. The respondent shall file a written answer to all of the charges not later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing addressed to the BTA President. Any statements submitted by the respondent or other parties in support of the answer shall be in the form of a sworn affidavit and shall contain a certification that the statement is true and correct. (c) Right to Counsel. The respondent shall have the right to the assistance of legal counsel in the preparation of a defense and the right to be represented by counsel at the hearing. (d) Hearing Panel. The hearing shall be held before a panel of three disinterested members of the BTA who shall be selected by or under the direction of the BTA President. Any hearing may be conducted by telephone conference call or otherwise at the discretion of the panel. In no case, shall elected members of the BTA Executive constitute a majority of the hearing panel. The chairperson of the hearing panel shall be elected by the panel members or appointed by the BTA President. Hearings may be conducted by an attorney at law retained or appointed by BTA for that purpose, but any such attorney shall have no vote in the panel's decision. (e) Hearing Decision. The hearing panel shall issue a written memorandum explaining and containing its decision within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the Hearing. The respondent shall receive a copy of the decision and notice of any right to appellate review by the BTA Executive.

11.5 Appeal to the BTA Executive. Any respondent adversely affected by a disciplinary hearing convened under Section 11.4 shall have the right to appeal to the BTA Executive by filing a written petition along with a non-refundable \$50 filing fee within twenty (20) days after mailing of the panel's decision. Upon timely petition to the BTA President, and for good cause shown, the time for appeal may be extended. The BTA Executive shall appoint at least three disinterested members to decide any appeal under this Section. Oral hearings will be granted only in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Board, and petitions should therefore contain all relevant information when submitted. Any hearing may be conducted by telephone conference call or otherwise. An appellate hearing, if any, shall be scheduled not less than thirty (30) days not more than sixty (60) days after the filing of the petition.

11.6 Emergency Hearings and Appeals. If the circumstances require a speedy determination of any appeal or disciplinary matter such that compliance with the procedures outlined in Sections 11.3 or 11.4 would not be feasible, an emergency hearing or appeal may be conducted by a member or members of the Board of Hearings and Appeals. Notice (which may be oral) and an opportunity to respond shall be provided to all affected participants as may be reasonable under the circumstances, but in all cases, procedure shall be designed to safeguard the due process rights of participants. The emergency hearing may be conducted at the site of any athletic competition or by telephone conference, if necessary. If an emergency appeal of a Protest Committee's decision is conducted and decided, there shall be no right to further appeal that decision. If an emergency disciplinary hearing is held in lieu of the normal procedure under Section 11.4, within fourteen (14) dates after the emergency hearing, the decision shall be reduced to writing and mailed to the interested participants along with notice of a right to appeal under Section 11.3. The time period for filing an appeal under Section 11.3 shall commence on the date the written decision is mailed.

11.7 Investigations and Inquiries. The BTA Executive or the BTA President may appoint members of the BTA to investigate, report, and issue a decision or recommendation with respect to any matter deemed relevant to BTA. All persons shall cooperate with any such investigation and shall comply with all reasonable requests and inquiries made by any such panel.

11.8 Compliance with Final Ruling. All persons shall abide by the final determination by BTA of an appeal or any other matter relating to the Competitive Rules or the sport of triathlon. In the event BTA resolves an issue in a manner that changes official race results or the order in which athletes are deemed to have finished an event, all affected athletes shall abide by such ruling and shall return or agree to return any prize monies or awards in such manner and at such time as BTA may request. Failure to comply with this Section shall be grounds for suspension from BTA .