

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS' AWARD REFERENCE

JOHN ISON AWARD FOR TECHNICAL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

The John Ison Award for Triathlon Australia Technical Official of the Year is presented annually in recognition of the outstanding contribution of an accredited Triathlon Australia Technical Official of Local Technical Official (LTO), Regional Technical Official (RTO), National Technical Official (NTO) level. The acknowledgement of the incredible commitment of triathlon's technical volunteers, and the fundamental role they play in the operation and development of our sport is important to recognise.

HISTORY OF THE AWARD

The award was proposed at the 2000 Triathlon Australia Technical Committee Annual Conference. The award was officially named The John Ison Award for Triathlon Australia Technical Official of the Year, in recognition of John Ison's immense contribution to the technical side of triathlon in Australia and internationally. The proposal was ratified by the TA Board the following year.

JOHN ISON

John Ison's legacy to the development of the technical side of triathlon in Australia is vast. He was the inaugural Chair of the Triathlon Australia Technical Committee when it was formed (incorporating the former Officials Committee) in late 1991. John also joined the Board of Triathlon Australia in 1991 and was elected as Vice-President at the AGM in early 1992. He was elected to the ITU Technical Committee at the 1992 Triathlon World Congress. John went on to serve as Triathlon Australia President from the end of 1992 until 1994. He redrafted the Triathlon Australia Race Competition Rules into the structure we still work with today, and developed Triathlon Australia's first course for accreditation of technical officials (then known as race judges). He conducted several technical accreditation courses for officials, including Australia's first international Level 3 TO course in conjunction with the Sydney World Cup in 1995. Without John's contribution in the formative stages of the technical program, the great work that continues today would simply not be possible.

ROB GEORGE AWARD

The award has been added to our framework to honour the late Rob George - Rob George a valued long term member of the Triathlon Australia technical program having joined in 2004. Nominees were received from the State and Territory Associations. The Awards Committee reviews all nominees, and agree upon the inaugural winners.

TECHNICAL OFFICIAL YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

The Triathlon Australia Technical program plays an integral part in supporting 'safe, fun and fair' triathlon events in Australia. The Technical Official Years of Service recognition has been in place with Triathlon Australia since 2007 to recognise any Technical Official who has maintained active continued service (i.e. has not spent any time as inactive) over a period of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years. Service beyond the 20-year mark is to be recognised in 5-year increments on a case by case basis.

We thank all of our dedicated Technical Officials who have maintained active continued service and we are pleased to recognise their contribution to our sport.