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# INTRODUCTION

## Authority

The Triathlon Australia Technical and Operational Risk Committee (TORC), a subcommittee of the Triathlon Australia Board, has the responsibility to ensure that the technical aspects of triathlon, duathlon, aquabike, and aquathlon are of the highest quality, with emphasis on the safety of each competitor and the fairness of each event.

Any difficulty in the interpretation or application of these Race Competition Rules (RCR) should be referred to the Triathlon Australia National Manager Events.

The rules outlined in this document are underpinned by the International Triathlon Union (ITU) Competition Rules. Any incidence not specifically covered in this document is, for rule interpretation, to be referenced by the current ITU Competition Rules document to be found at [www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org).

These rules apply to all events sanctioned by Triathlon Australia (TA).

## Reference

This document is to be read in conjunction with the TA Event Operations Manual and all applicable TA policies. All participants in sanctioned events are subject to the TA Member Protection Policy. All documents are available on the TA website at [triathlon.org.au](http://triathlon.org.au).

## Purpose

The TA Race Competition Rules (RCR) are intended to:

- a. create an atmosphere of sportsmanship, equality and fair play;
- b. optimise safety and protection;
- c. emphasise ingenuity and skill without unduly limiting the competitor's freedom of action;
- d. penalise competitors who seek to gain an unfair advantage; and
- e. endorse the principle that triathlon is an individual sport and encourage individual performance and initiative.

# 1. GENERAL CONDUCT

These rules are applicable across the entire course.

## 1.1. Competitors must:

- a. practise good sports conduct at all times;
- b. be responsible for their own safety, the safety of their own equipment and be considerate of the safety of others;
- c. be responsible for understanding and following the TA Race Competition Rules, and any Special Rules and conditions applicable to the event;
- d. obey instructions from event officials;
- e. obey traffic regulations unless otherwise instructed by an event official;
- f. treat other competitors, officials, volunteers and spectators with respect and courtesy;
- g. avoid the use of abusive language;
- h. be responsible for keeping on the designated course;
- i. not wear, use, or carry items deemed to be a hazard to self or others, e.g. a hard cast, jewellery, glass/metal containers or mirrors (reference to mirrors does not apply for athletes with a disability using a hand-cycle);
- j. not use any equipment that will distract the athlete from paying full attention to their surroundings:  
Athletes may not use communication devices of any type, including but not limited to mobile phones, smart watches, headphones and two-way radios, in any distracting manner during the competition. A “distracting manner” includes but is not limited to making and receiving phone calls, sending and receiving text messages, playing music, using social media, and taking photographs. Using a communication device in a distracting manner during the competition may result in disqualification;
- k. not obstruct or interfere with the forward progress of another competitor, or jeopardise the safety and welfare of another competitor, race official, spectator, or member of the public;
- l. not accept assistance from anyone, except as defined in Section 1.4;
- m. not discard any equipment on the course, except at the approved dedicated locations;

- n. not cause offence to others through deliberate acts of nudity, or personal toilet which might be seen in public;
- ~~e. wear a suit compliant with the TA RCR as defined in Appendix A. If front zipper is attached it may be undone but must be connected at the bottom at all times. The uniform must be worn over both shoulders for the duration of the competition.~~ Wear a suit which complies with the definition of a Race Suit in Appendix A

## 1.2 Drug Abuse

The ITU, the Australian Sports Commission and TA condemn the use of substances or practices which artificially enhance performance.

- a. Competitors will follow the TA Anti-Doping rules, as outlined in the TA Anti-Doping Policy ([www.triathlon.org.au](http://www.triathlon.org.au)).

## 1.3 Health

Triathlons and other multisport events are strenuous activities, and the health and welfare of competitors is of paramount importance.

- a. Competitors must withdraw immediately from an event if deemed and informed by the event medical personnel that the competitor appears to present a danger to the health or welfare of the competitor and/or others.
- b. Time limits for the swim leg, bike leg and overall finish time may be established for an event to ensure safe competition.

## 1.4 Outside Assistance

- a. Assistance provided by event officials, including volunteers, is permitted but such assistance is limited to the authorised provision of drinks, nutrition and medical needs.
- b. Assistance provided by other competitors is permitted, but is limited to the provision of, drinks, nutrition, pumps, tyres, inner tubes, puncture repair kits and the repair of equipment for safety.
- c. Any other assistance from anyone else is deemed to be Outside Assistance. This includes:
  - Provision of any items from another competition, which will render the donor competitor incapable of completing the race, will result in both competitors being subject to disqualification

- All mechanical repairs except where an event official, or event official mechanic, may instruct or guide an athlete to repair or adjust equipment to ensure the athlete can continue in a safe manner
- d. Provision of a replacement wheel or wheels once the event has started is deemed to be Outside Assistance.
- e. An athlete cannot physically assist the forward progress of another athlete on any part of the course. This may result in both athletes being disqualified

## 2. SWIMMING CONDUCT

- 2.1 When wetsuits are allowed, they must comply with the definition in Appendix A.
- 2.2 A competitor may use any swimming stroke for propulsion through the water. It is permissible to tread water or float.
- 2.3 A competitor may stand on the bottom or rest by holding an object such as a buoy or stationary boat, however, a competitor may not make use of the bottom or an object to make forward progress.
- 2.4 In an emergency, a competitor should raise an arm overhead and call for assistance. If further assistance is given to the competitor, beyond the use of an object on which to rest, the competitor must withdraw from the event.
- 2.5 The temperature parameters for the use of wetsuits and maximum time to be in the water for the varying swim distances are as follows:

a. Elite, Under-23, Open and Junior competitors

Swim Distance	Forbidden Above	Mandatory Below	Maximum Time
Up to 1500m	20° C	14° C	30 minutes
1501m – 3000m	22° C	16° C	1 hour 40 minutes
3001m and above	22° C	16° C	2 hours 15 minutes

b. Under-19 and Age Group competitors

Swim Distance	Forbidden Above	Mandatory Below	Maximum Time
Up to 1500m	22° C	14° C	1 hour 10 minutes
1501m – 3000m	24.5° C	15° C	1 hour 40 minutes
3001m and above	24.5° C	16° C	2 hours 15 minutes

An interim water temperature reading should be taken 24 hours before race start, and a final water temperature reading should be taken 1 hour before race start. A wetsuit ruling will then be advised. If the variation in water temperature is known to be negligible, and the measured temperature is not on the cusp of the wetsuit determination temperatures, then it is acceptable to carry out only one water temperature reading.

## 2.6 Modifications

The Technical Delegate, following consultation with the Medical Director or Event Organiser, may amend the wetsuit determination temperatures for competitor safety reasons.

The swim distance can be shortened or even cancelled using the following table as a guide:

Original swim distance (m)	Adjusted Water Temperature (°C)						
	Above 32.0	31.9 to 31.0	30.9 to 16.0	15.9 to 15.0	14.9 to 14.0	13.9 to 13.0	Below 13.0
<b>750</b>	Cancel	750m	750m	750m	750m	750m	Cancel
<b>1500</b>	Cancel	750m	1500m	1500m	1500m	750m	Cancel
<b>3000</b>	Cancel	750m	3000m	3000m	1500m	750m	Cancel
<b>4000</b>	Cancel	750m	4000m	3000m	1500m	750m	Cancel

Note that the temperatures above are not always the water temperature used in the final decision.

If the water temperature is lower than 22°C and the air temperature is lower than 15°C, then the adjusted value is to decrease the measured water temperature according to the next chart:



		Air Temperature (°C)										
		15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
Measured Water Temperature (°C)	22	18.5	18.0	17.5	17.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	Cancel
	21	18.0	17.5	17.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	Cancel
	20	17.5	17.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	13.0	Cancel
	19	17.0	16.5	16.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	13.0	12,5	Cancel
	18	16.5	16.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	13.0	12.5	12.0	Cancel
	17	16.0	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	13.0	12.5	12.0	Cancel	Cancel
	16	15.5	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	13.0	12.5	12.0	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel
	15	15.0	14.5	14.0	13.5	13.0	12.5	12.0	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel
	14	14.0	14.0	13.5	13.0	12.5	12.0	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel
	13	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.5	12.0	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel	Cancel

2.6. A competitor must wear the swim cap if provided by the Race Director on the outside of all other swim caps. For aquathlons or other multi-swim events the wearing of the swim cap if provided is compulsory for the first swim leg and optional in subsequent swim legs.

2.7. Competitors must not use:

- a. artificial propulsion devices;
- b. flotation devices;
- c. swimwear that covers the hands or feet, except socks may be used when wetsuits are mandatory
- d. wetsuits, or any part of the wetsuit, when they are forbidden because of the water temperature
- e. any clothing containing rubberised material in a non-wetsuit swim.

## 2.8. Swimskins

- ~~a. Swimskins must be 100% textile material within the body of the suit, which is defined as materials consisting of natural and/or synthetic, individual and nonconsolidated yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting and/or braiding (this generally refers to suits made only from nylon or lycra that do not have any rubberized material such as polyurethane or neoprene);~~
- ~~b. Swimskins are defined as a smaller, thinner and non-buoyant replacement for a wetsuit that is worn over a race suit when the water is too warm for a wetsuit. They must not extend past the elbows or below the knees.~~

Swimskins may be worn and need to meet the same requirements as a race suit. Please see definition of a Race Suit in Appendix A.

## 3. CYCLING CONDUCT

- 3.1 A competitor is not permitted to cycle without appropriate footwear or with a bare torso.
- 3.2 A competitor is not permitted to make any forward progress without the bicycle and all of its component parts.
- 3.3 Bicycle helmets are compulsory and must be approved by a testing authority which is recognised by a national federation that is an affiliate of the ITU.
- 3.4 An alteration or addition to any part of the bicycle helmet, including the chin strap, or the omission of any part of the helmet, including an outer cloth cover, is prohibited.
- 3.5 The bicycle helmet must remain securely fastened on the head of the competitor at all times once the bicycle is removed from the bicycle rack, while on the bicycle course and until the bicycle is replaced on the bicycle rack.
- 3.6 A competitor must clearly display their race identification number at all times on the bicycle course. Those not complying may incur a Yellow Card Stop-Start penalty. However if the Technical Official considers that the identification number has been unintentionally lost, then the competitor will not be penalised.

### ***Rules 3.7 to 3.13 inclusive apply to non-drafting events only***

#### 3.7 Illegal Pass

A competitor passing on the inside (left hand side) of another competitor will receive a Blue Card Time penalty for illegal pass.

### 3.8 Blocking

A competitor who impedes the forward progress of another competitor will receive a Yellow Card Stop-Start penalty for blocking. A blocking penalty can be avoided by safely moving to the left of the cycle lane at every opportunity. Course conditions and the proximity of other competitors will be considered in deciding whether to issue a blocking penalty.

### 3.9 Bicycle or Motorcycle Draft Distance

- a. For all events with a cycling distance up to and including the standard distance, the bicycle or motorcycle draft zone is a distance of 10 metres. The front edge of the front bicycle or motorcycle wheel defines the start of the draft zone. Competitors have 20 seconds to pass through this zone. Also, see Clause 3.11(g) below.
- b. For all events with a cycling distance greater than a standard distance, the bicycle or motorcycle draft zone is a distance of 12 metres. The front edge of the front bicycle or motorcycle wheel defines the start of the draft zone. Competitors have 25 seconds to pass through this zone.

### 3.10 Vehicle Draft Zone

- a. For all events, the vehicle draft zone is 35 metres. The front edge of the vehicle defines the start of the draft zone.
- b. The driver of any race participation vehicle is deemed responsible to ensure that this zone is not overlapped by the draft zone of a competitor.

### 3.11 Drafting

- a. The draft zone of a competitor may not overlap the draft zone of another competitor, motorcycle, or vehicle except in the following circumstances:
  - (i) when the competitor is in the process of legally passing another competitor, motorcycle or vehicle;
  - (ii) for safety reasons;
  - (iii) for an aid station;
  - (iv) for entrance to or departure from a transition area; and
  - (v) in making an acute turn.
- b. When passing a forward competitor or motorcycle, the rear competitor is allowed a maximum of 20 seconds to pass through the 10 metre draft zone and 25 seconds to pass through the 12 metre draft zone. Failure to observe this

may result in a Blue Card Time penalty for drafting. Also, see Clause 3.11(g) below.

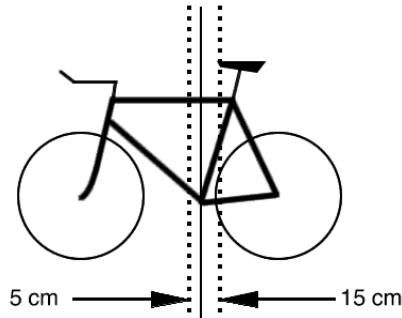
- c. When passing a forward vehicle, the rear competitor is allowed a maximum of 90 seconds to pass through the draft zone. Failure to observe this may result in a Blue Card Time penalty for drafting.
- d. At every instance during the overlapping of draft zones, the rear competitor must be seen to be gaining on the forward competitor, motorcycle or vehicle. Failure to observe this may result in a Blue Card Time penalty for drafting.
- e. Once passed, a competitor must immediately commence to drop back out of the draft zone of the forward competitor, before attempting to re-pass. A competitor is deemed to have been passed once the leading edge of the front wheel of the passing bicycle has moved in front of the leading edge of the front wheel of the passed competitor's bicycle. Failure to observe this may result in a Blue Card Time penalty for drafting.
- f. Professional Athletes – Prior to entering the draft zone of another athlete, professional athletes must safely move to the side of the athlete being passed and remain there during the passing action (ie. no slipstreaming). Failure to do so will result in a Blue Card Time penalty for drafting. Course conditions and the proximity of other competitors will be considered in deciding whether to issue a drafting penalty.
- g. Determination of Draft Zone for events with a cycling distance up to and including the standard distance – If the Technical Delegate considers that the design of the cycle course, combined with large competitor numbers, cannot accommodate a 10 metre draft zone, then the TD can approve a Special Rule, allowing a 7 metre draft zone and a maximum of 15 seconds to pass through the draft zone. If enacted, the Special Rule must be communicated to all competitors prior to the race.

### 3.12 Bicycles must have all of the following characteristics:

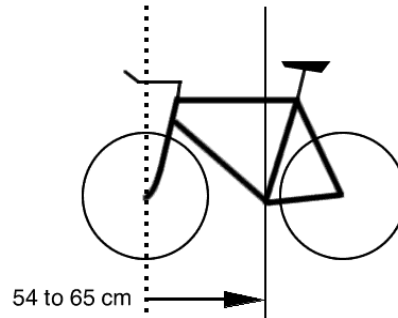
- a. no more than 1.85 metres long
- b. measure at least 24 centimetres from the ground to the chain wheel axle;
- c. a vertical line touching the front most point of the saddle will be no more than 5 centimetres in front of and no more than 15 centimetres behind a vertical line passing through the centre of the chain wheel axle (**Diagram 6**), and a competitor must not have the capability of adjusting the saddle beyond these lines during competition;
- d. measure no less than 54 centimetres and no more than 65 centimetres between a vertical line passing through the centre of the chain wheel axle and a

vertical line through the centre of the front wheel axle (**Diagram 7**). Exceptions may be given only by the Technical Delegate for the bicycles of very tall or very short competitors;

**Diagram 6** Saddle Fore-Aft Position



**Diagram 7** Front to Centre Distance



- e. fairings which reduce air resistance are prohibited;
  - f. the front wheel may be a different diameter from the rear wheel but must be of spoke construction;
  - g. disc wheels or covers are allowed on the rear wheel only, however this provision may be changed by the Event Organiser and / or the Technical Delegate in the interests of safety (e.g. in the case of the potential for high winds);
  - h. no wheel may contain mechanisms which are capable of accelerating it;
  - i. fixed-gear bicycles (or fixed-wheel bicycles, sometimes known as a fixie) are not permitted. This is a bicycle that has no freewheel, meaning it cannot coast — the pedals are always in motion when the bicycle is moving;
  - j. handlebar ends must be plugged, tubular tyres securely glued, headset tight and wheels true;
  - k. there must be an operational brake on each wheel.
- 3.13 The following equipment restrictions apply for all junior athletes aged up to and including 13 years who are competing in age group categories:
- a. The bicycle may be on-road, off-road or youth style. No “time trial” style bikes are allowed. No recumbent style bicycles are allowed.
  - b. Only standard drop, straight, or curved handlebars are allowed. No clip-on or time trial bars may be attached to the bike or used during competition.
  - c. For all events wheels must have at least 16 spokes and the construction of the rim shall exclude the use of composite fibres.

- d. No disc wheels or wheel covers are allowed.
- e. Only detachable tyres and tubes shall be used - commonly referred to as “clincher” tyres. A detachable tube means that the tube is detachable from the tyre casing. Tyres where the tube is not detachable from the tyre – commonly known as “singles” – shall not be allowed.
- f. Time trial style helmets are not permitted.

### 3.14 Draft legal events for Elite, U23, Junior, Youth, and TA Approved Teams

a. The [ITU Competition Rules](#) apply including, but not limited to:

- Only traditional drop handlebars are permitted
- Clip-on bars are permitted provided that they do not exceed the foremost line of the brake levers
- Straight forward-facing clip-on bars must have a factory bridge or be touching each other
- Disc wheels are not permitted

b. Only wheels that are included in the [Union Cycliste Internationale \(UCI\) non-standard wheels lists, UCI and ITU Wheel List Overview](#), OR traditional wheels are allowed to be used. Traditional wheels have the following characteristics:

- A diameter between 70cm and maximum and 55cm minimum, including the tyre
- Both wheels must be of equal diameter
- Wheels shall have at least 20 metal spokes
- The maximum rim dimensions will be 25mm on each side
- The rim must be alloy
- All components must be identifiable and commercially available

### 3.15 Draft legal events for Age Group competitors

a. The [ITU Competition Rules](#) apply including, but not limited to:

- Wheels having at least 12 spokes;
- Disc wheels not being permitted in draft legal events
- Only traditional drop handlebars are permitted

- The handlebars being plugged
- Clip-on bars are not being permitted

b. A competitor passing on the inside (left hand side) of another competitor will receive a Blue Card Time penalty for an illegal pass.

## **4. RUNNING CONDUCT**

- 4.1 A competitor may not crawl.
- 4.2 A competitor may not run with a bare torso or without shoes on any part of the run course of an event.
- 4.3 A competitor must clearly display the race identification number on their front at all times on the run course. Those not complying may incur a Yellow Card Stop-Start penalty, however if the Technical Official considers that the identification number has been unintentionally lost, then the competitor will not be penalised.
- 4.4 A competitor cannot be accompanied by any non-competing athletes, team members, team managers or other pacemakers on the course or alongside the course. A competitor cannot be accompanied by any non-competing person in the finish chute (unless an exception has been issued by the use of a special rule approved by the sanctioning officer or Technical Delegate).

## **5. TRANSITION AREA CONDUCT**

- 5.1 A competitor may only have a bare torso when moving from the swim exit to their designated transition area or moving from their designated transition area to the swim entry, the latter in a multi swim event.
- 5.2 A competitor must mount and dismount the bicycle at the respective designated mounting and dismounting zones. Competitors must mount their bicycles after the mount line by having one complete foot in contact with the ground after the mount line and must dismount their bicycles before the dismount line by having one complete foot in contact with the ground before the dismount mount line.
- 5.3 A competitor must at all times rack their own bicycle only at their designated bicycle rack location and leave it in a stable position. It must be racked by either the seat or both brake hoods.
- 5.4 A competitor must at all times place all their equipment at their bicycle rack location.
- 5.5 A competitor must not interfere with another competitor's equipment, but where accidental interference occurs the offending competitor must replace the equipment to its former position and state before proceeding.
- 5.6 Marking by an athlete of a position in the transition area is forbidden. Marks and objects used for marking purposes will be removed and the competitors will not be notified.



- 5.7 Only equipment to be used in the competition can be left in transition. All other belongings and equipment are to be removed before competition starts.

## 6. PENALTIES

### 6.1 General Rules

Failure to comply with the TA RCR may result in a competitor being penalised, disqualified, suspended, or expelled.

The nature of the rule violation will determine the subsequent penalty. Technical Officials are allowed to assess penalties even if the infringement is not listed in the RCR:

- if the Technical Official deems that an unfair advantage has been gained, or
- if an unsafe situation has been created.

An infringements flow chart is included in Appendix I – Infringements Flow Chart.

### 6.2 Issuing of a Warning

The purpose of a warning is to alert an athlete about a possible rule violation and to promote a "proactive" attitude. A Technical Official can administer a warning to an athlete to correct a minor infringement provided:

1. A Technical Official believes a violation is about to occur.
2. An athlete violates a rule unintentionally **and**
3. No advantage has been gained.

The Official will attract the attention of the athlete (no card will be shown), the athlete will be stopped if necessary, asked to modify their behaviour, and be allowed to continue the race immediately afterwards. Failure to modify or rectify the behaviour may result in issuing a yellow, blue or red card.

### 6.3 Issuing of Yellow, Blue and Red Cards

A Technical Official should carry out the following actions when issuing a yellow, blue or red card to a competitor:

- a. gain the attention of the competitor;
- b. confirm with the competitor their race number;
- c. show the competitor a Yellow, Blue or Red Card and inform the competitor of the rule infringement; and
- d. advise the competitor what action needs to be taken.

If the Technical Official considers that a Red Card penalty cannot be issued safely, it is not mandatory for that Technical Official to penalise the competitor in person. Despite this, the competitor may still be subject to disqualification by the Race Referee.

#### 6.4 Competitor Conduct

When shown a Yellow, Blue or Red Card by a Technical Official, a competitor must:

- a. confirm with the Technical Official their race number; and
- b. acknowledge and obey any instruction from the Technical Official.

A competitor may complete the event even if shown a Yellow, Blue or Red Card by a Technical Official.

#### 6.5 Yellow Card Stop–Start Penalty

This is a stop-start penalty for a minor infringement, which is served with a Technical Official anywhere on the course. This penalty involves the display of a Yellow Card by a Technical Official and advice on when and where the competitor is to serve the penalty. The competitor may resume racing only after being instructed to do so by a Technical Official.

If the competitor is instructed to proceed to a bike course penalty box to serve a Yellow Card Stop-Start penalty, then the competitor is required to attend the next penalty box. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Whilst in the penalty box the competitor will be required to sign a Penalty Box Register. The competitor may resume racing only after being instructed to do so by the Penalty Box Technical Official. Appendix B lists examples of Yellow Card Stop-Start penalty infringements.

#### 6.6 Blue Card Time Penalty

This is a time penalty for an infringement, which is served by a Technical Official anywhere on the course. This penalty involves the display of a Blue Card by a Technical Official and advice on when and where the competitor is to serve the penalty. The competitor may resume racing only after being instructed to do so by the Technical Official.

If the competitor is instructed to proceed to a bike course penalty box to serve a Blue Card Time penalty, then the competitor is required to attend the next penalty box. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Whilst in the penalty box the competitor will be required to sign a Penalty Box Register.

While in the bike penalty box, athletes may consume only the food and/or water that is on the athlete's bike or person;

Athletes while in the penalty box are prohibited from:

- Using the restroom while serving a penalty in the bike penalty box. If the matter is of an urgent nature the official has the discretion to pause the time of the penalty while an athlete uses the restroom
- Making adjustments to equipment or performing any type of bike maintenance.

The competitor may resume racing only after being instructed to do so by the Penalty Box Technical Official. Appendix B lists examples of Blue Card Time penalty infringements. The duration of the time penalty is determined in Section 6.7.

#### 6.7 Duration of Blue Card Time Penalty

The duration of the time penalty will vary according to the length of the bicycle course segment.

	<b>Duration of Time Penalty</b>
Bike Course ≤40 km	3 minutes
Bike Course >40 km	5 minutes

#### 6.8 Multiple Blue Card Time Penalties

If a competitor receives multiple Blue Card Time penalties then the competitor must serve those penalties but may complete the event. For events with a bicycle course distance less than 80km, two or more Blue Card Time penalties may result in the competitor being disqualified by the Race Referee at the completion of the event. For events with a bicycle course distance equal to or greater than 80km, three or more Blue Card Time penalties may result in the competitor being disqualified by the Race Referee at the completion of the event.

#### 6.9 Red Card Penalty

A red card shall be issued for a violation, which is a major infringement. After receiving a red card, the competitor is not required to serve a time penalty and may complete the event. At the completion of the event the Race Referee will rule on the violation. Appendix B lists examples of red card violations.

#### 6.10 Violation Report

A Technical Official must provide a Violation Report to the Race Referee in the following situations:

- if the Technical Official has issued a Red Card to a competitor, or
- due to circumstances, the Technical Official was unable to issue a Red Card in person, or
- if a Blue Card Time Penalty was not served (example: an athlete who was penalised for drafting fails to report to the Penalty Box to serve the time penalty). In this situation the Official responsible for reconciling the blue card penalties shall complete the Violation Report. The name of the Official who issued the blue card shall be included in the report.

#### 6.11 Disqualification

This is a penalty given by the Race Referee:

- on the personal observation, or
- as a result of a Violation Report or Reports made by a Technical Official(s), or
- as a result of a protest, or
- other evidence, such as information provided by a timing company.

This penalty removes a competitor as a finisher from the results of an event.

The burden of proof required for the Race Referee to make a ruling, based on the evidence at hand, is “beyond reasonable doubt”. Where the Race Referee’s decision is to disqualify a competitor during or immediately following completion of the race, the Race Referee must post the ruling (competitor race number and rule infringed) on the Penalties Notice Board, which is to be displayed in a prominent location that competitors will have access to at the finish e.g. the athlete recovery area. The Race Referee may wish to personally meet with a disqualified competitor to discuss the ruling but this is not a mandatory requirement. Race-day disqualifications not posted within one hour of the last competitor finishing the event are invalid.

#### 6.12 Suspension and Expulsion

These are penalties awarded for more severe infringements by either by the Board of the State/Territory Triathlon Association (STTA), or by the TA Board, whichever is applicable. The process is initiated by the Race Referee via the referral of the details of the infringement, through the Technical Delegate, to the relevant authority. Severe infringements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. conduct of an unusual, protracted, violent or severe nature;

- b. fraud;
- c. participating when ineligible; and
- d. violation of TA's Anti-Doping Policy

Further information on suspension and expulsion is available in TA's Member Protection Policy.

## 7. PROTESTS

A competitor may file a protest with the Race Referee provided that the matter under consideration has not previously been ruled upon by the Race Referee. A protest cannot be made on any matter involving a judgment call by a Technical Official. Matters relating to the lodging and consideration of protests are explained in Appendix G – Protest Procedures.

## 8. APPEALS

A competitor may file an appeal with the Technical Delegate (or STTA representative if the Technical Delegate is also performing the role of Race Referee) against a ruling of the Race Referee, provided that the decision appealed against is not a judgment call, and has not previously been the subject of an appeal and ruled upon by the Race Competition Jury. Matters relating to the lodging and consideration of appeals are explained in Appendix H – Appeal Procedures.

## 9. TEAM AND RELAY EVENTS

### Types of Events:

**Mixed relay:** A team is composed of 4 athletes: 2x males and 2x females, who will compete in the following order: female, male, female, male. Each of them will cover a complete aquathlon, triathlon, cross triathlon or duathlon. The total time for the team is from the start of the 1st team member to the finish of the 4th athlete. Time is continuous and the timing does not stop between athletes.

**2x2 Mixed Relay:** A team is composed of 2 athletes: 1x male and 1x female, who will compete in the following order: female, male, female, male. Each of them will cover a complete twice an aquathlon, triathlon, cross triathlon or duathlon. The total time for the team is from the start of the 1st team member to the finish of the second leg of the 2nd athlete. Time is continuous and the timing does not stop between athletes.

**3x Relay:** A team is composed of 3 athletes of the same gender. Each of them will cover a complete aquathlon, triathlon, cross triathlon or duathlon. The total time for the team is from the start of the 1st team member to the finish of the 3rd athlete. Time is continuous and the timing does not stop between athletes

**Team Relay:** A team is composed of 3 athletes regardless of gender. The first athlete will cover the swim segment, the second one the bike segment and the third one the run segment. The total time for the team is from the start of the 1st team member to the finish of the 3rd athlete. Time is continuous and the timing does not stop between athletes.

**Eligibility:** The general eligibility rules based on competitor age apply in regard to race distances:

a) Categories for Age Group specific races will be as the following: 15-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years 40-49 years 50-59 years, 60-69 years, 70 and above years. All athletes in the team need to be within the range of the age category of the team.

**Competition Day Check-in:** All the team members must check in together. Team members can use the same bike.

**Relay Exchange:** The relay exchange from one team member to another will take place inside the exchange zone, which is 15 meters long; The exchange is completed by the in-coming athlete, using their hand to contact the body of the out-going athlete within the relay zone; If the exchange occurs unintentionally outside the exchange zone, the team will receive a stop/go penalty. If the relay Exchange was done intentionally outside the relay zone, the team will be disqualified. If the exchange is not completed, the team will be disqualified; Prior to the relay exchange, the athletes will wait in a pre-relay exchange area until the Technical Official tells them to enter the exchange zone

**Infringements:** Infringements due to starting before the official start signal will be served by the first athlete in Transition 1; All other time penalties will be penalised with a Yellow Card Stop/Go Penalty.

**Finish:** Only the last team member is allowed to cross the finish line.

## 10. PARATRIATHLON CONDUCT

Rules for conduct of paratriathlon events can be found in the ITU Competition Rules on the ITU website ([www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org)).

## 11. CROSS TRIATHLON/WINTER TRIATHLON

Rules for the conduct of these types of competitions can be found in the ITU Competition Rules on the ITU website ([www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org)).

## **12. MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES**

These rules will apply to all events that fall within the jurisdiction of TA. To that end, throughout these RCR, unless otherwise specified, the term 'triathlon' is used in its generic form to imply any of those events.

It is important to know the intent and purpose of a rule so that it may be intelligently applied in a given situation. A competitor must not be permitted an advantage not intended by a rule, or to place the health or welfare of anyone in jeopardy. To implement this philosophy, many of the rules are written in general terms. This practice minimises the necessity for a multiplicity of rules and provides the Technical Officials with ample authority to adapt their application of the rules to fit conditions. Technical Officials must base their determination on whether an advantage, not intended by the rules, has been gained or health or welfare of any athlete has been jeopardised.

## **13. EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES**

- 13.1 These TA RCR will be applicable to all events sanctioned by TA. Where the TA RCR conflict with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the event is to be held, those laws will override the TA RCR to the extent of the inconsistency, and competitors must be notified of the implications of these laws as early as possible and not later than prior to the start of the event.
- 13.2 Exceptions for special circumstances in a particular event may only be gained from TA, through the National Events Manager, with prior approval.

## **14. SPECIAL RULES**

- 14.1 The Technical Delegate may approve the addition of special rules for a particular event, provided that:
- a. Participants are informed of each additional special rule before the event; and
  - b. Each additional special rule and the reasons for its inclusion are advised to the TA National Manager Events before the day on which the event is to be conducted.

## **15. UNAUTHORISED EXCEPTIONS OR ADDITIONS**

If an exception or addition, of a race completion rule is not authorised, the event, cannot be sanctioned. Any existing sanction may be invalidated. This could result in legal complications, particularly in the case of accidents during the event and in subsequent requests for approval from state/territory and/or municipal authorities

to use roads and waterways. Insurance authorities have also warned that claims made under such circumstances may be considered invalid.

## **16. RULE CHANGES**

The RCR may be changed from time to time by the TA Board, at its absolute discretion. Any such rule change shall not take effect until 14 days after it has been posted on the TA website.



## APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

<b>Appellant</b>	A competitor submitting an appeal.
<b>Aquathlon</b>	The term recognised by the ITU and TA for a sport which combines swimming and running skills in continuum
<b>Aquabike</b>	The term recognised by the ITU and TA for a sport which combines swimming and cycling skills in continuum
<b>Assistance</b>	Any attempt by an unauthorised or unofficial source to help or to stabilise a competitor.
<b>Bicycle Course</b>	That part of the race route over which it has been defined in the race brief that the bicycle is to be ridden, walked or carried. The bicycle course commences at the Bicycle Mount Zone and concludes the Bicycle Dismount Zone.
<b>Blue Card</b>	This is shown by a technical official to a competitor who has committed an infringement (see also <i>Time Penalty</i> )
<b>Duathlon</b>	The term recognised by the ITU and TA for a sport which combines cycling and running skills in continuum
<b>Elite</b>	Elite category competitors who hold a professional membership, which in Australia includes Triathlon Australia membership.
<b>Finisher</b>	A competitor who completes the entire race course within the rules and crosses the finish line, with any part of their body.
<b>Interference</b>	A deliberate block, charge or abrupt motion which impedes another competitor.
<b>Judgement Call</b>	Any assessment of events, circumstances or the race environment by a technical official. For the avoidance of any doubt a judgement call is, but is not limited to, a determination that a competitor is guilty of drafting, blocking, or <b>behaviour resulting in the competitor</b> gaining an unfair advantage.
<b>Open</b>	Open category competitors can hold any level of TA membership.
<b>Pass</b>	When one competitor's bicycle draft zone overlaps another competitor's bicycle draft zone, makes continual forward progress through that zone and passes within a maximum period specified in

Rule 3.11. A competitor cannot pass another competitor on the left hand side in a non-draft legal event.

**Penalty Box**

One or more designated areas on the course where competitors may be required to serve a time penalty for a rule violation.

**Race Suit**

~~In accordance with TA and STTA Sun Protection Policies or for religious reasons, a competitor may wear a one piece or two piece suit. The suit may cover the shoulders and arms but not extend above the neck or past the wrist or ankle, with the exception of a suit worn for religious reasons when it may cover the head or hair. The face may not be covered. The top section of a two piece suit must not extend above the neck, past the wrist or the waist/hips. The bottom section of a two piece suit must extend from the waist/hips and not past the ankle as one continuous garment. The bottom section of a suit worn for sun protection cannot be worn without the top section. The body of the race suit must be comprised of 100% textile material such as nylon or lycra but must not include rubberised material such as polyurethane or neoprene.~~

Competitors may wear any type of race suit (comprising of 100% textile material) throughout the race except where detailed below:

- a. During the swim segment the race suit must not cover hands or feet, and must not contain any material which assists in buoyancy, such as polyurethane or neoprene.
- b. During the bike and run segments, the race suit must cover the torso. If front zipper is attached it may be undone but must be connected at the bottom at all times.

**Race Referee**

A Technical Official who is responsible to the Technical Delegate to hear and make final decisions on all rule infringements reported by Technical Officials and on all protests.

**Red Card**

This is shown by a technical official to a competitor who is suspected of committing a violation (or major infringement). In association with this, the technical official submits a Violation Report to the Race Referee, who makes a ruling at the completion of the race. Meanwhile, the competitor is permitted to complete the race.

**Results**

The timed finish positions of all competitors after infringement reports have been ruled on, protests and appeals have been heard, and penalties have been awarded.

**Run Course**

That part of the race route over which it has been defined in the race brief that the competitor is to run or walk. In triathlons and aquathlons, the run course commences at the exit from the Transition

Zone boundary and concludes at the finish line. In duathlons, the first Run Course commences at the start line and finishes at the entry to the boundary of the Transition Zone; the second Run Course commences at the exit from the Transition Zone boundary and concludes at the finish line.

<b>Sanction</b>	A permit issued by the authority of TA for the conduct of a national championship, or a race of a national race series, or for an international event staged in Australia, and by a state/territory association, through the authority delegated to it by TA, for all other events. The issue of such a permit is a declaration by the sanctioning authority that plans for the event have been thoroughly inspected and provide the greatest potential for the conduct of a safe and fair event.
<b>Sports Conduct</b>	The behaviour of a competitor during competition. Previously referred to as 'sportsmanship', good sports conduct is interpreted as fair, rational and courteous behaviour, while bad sports conduct is any behaviour on the part of a competitor which is judged to be unfair, unethical or dishonest, a violent act, intentional misconduct, abusive language, intimidating behaviour, or persistent infringement of the rules.
<b>Stop-Start Penalty</b>	A Yellow Card Penalty which imposes a brief delay on a competitor who is assessed by a race official to have committed a minor infringement.
<b>Swim Course</b>	That part of the race route over which it has been so defined in the race brief. In triathlons and aquathlons, the swim course commences at the start line and concludes at the entry to the boundary of the Transition Zone.
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	A Technical Official who is qualified by TA as delegated to state/territory associations, who is responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the TA Race Competition Rules and Race Operations Procedures are fulfilled in preparation for, during, and after the event. Where appeals are lodged, the TD is responsible for convening and chairing the Race Competition Jury. The TD may be responsible for conducting or overseeing the conduct of race sanctioning. At lower end events where no TD is specifically appointed, the senior official present may also fulfil the role of TD.
<b>Technical Official</b>	Accredited race officials who are qualified by TA as Technical officials, and are appointed to be responsible for observing, assessing and reporting on the performance of competitors in a sanctioned event in relation to TA Race Competition Rules.

<b>Time Penalty</b>	A Blue Card Penalty which imposes a time penalty on a competitor who is assessed by a race official to have committed an infringement.
<b>Transition Zone</b>	A location within a defined boundary which is not a part of the swim course, the bicycle course or the run course and within which each competitor is allocated an area for the storage of individual items of clothing and equipment.
<b>Yellow Card</b>	This is shown by a technical official to a competitor who has committed a minor infringement (see also <i>Stop-Start Penalty</i> )

## APPENDIX B: EXAMPLES OF YELLOW, BLUE AND RED CARD INFRINGEMENTS

Common examples of yellow, blue and red card infringements are listed below. This list is intended as a guide only and is not exclusive. Note that the same infringement may attract different penalties, depending on the competitive environment the context of the event, and the severity of the offence.

Conduct	Yellow Card Stop-Start	Blue Card Time Penalty	Red Card
Bicycle helmet not securely fastened	x		
Discard equipment (littering)	x	x	x
Mounting before the mount line	x		
Dismounting after the dismount line	x		
Illegal pass		x	
Blocking	x		
Drafting		x	
Deliberately not wearing race numbers provided	x		
Use of gloves, socks, swimwear below the knee in the swim leg			x
Not completing the entire course			x
Using a communication device, eg. mobile phone			x
Failure to obey a Technical Official's instructions			x
Offensive behaviour such as nudity or personal toilet			x
Outside assistance			x
Abusive language or violent behaviour*			x

\*Abusive language and/or violent behaviour displayed by members of the public will not be tolerated. Such altercations will be handled on a case by case basis by the event organiser and could lead to disqualification.

## APPENDIX C – AGE DETERMINATION

Age determination for all categories is determined by age on December 31<sup>st</sup> during the season of the triathlon competition. For the categories Under 23, Junior and Youth Draft legal competition, age determination is by age on December 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of the coming ITU World Championship competition.

## APPENDIX D – COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Category	Description		
	<b>High Performance Pathway Categories</b>		
Professional or Elite	An event with Prize money that is only available to appropriate licenced athletes under the TA Professional/Elite Licence Policy. This category must be defined as either "Professional" or "Elite".		
Under 23 Development	This category is reserved for triathletes who are turning 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 or 23 in the year of competition, and requires a TA Professional Membership.		
ITU Junior	This category is reserved for triathletes who are turning 16, 17, 18 or 19 in the ITU Competition year, and are endorsed by their STTA to compete in draft legal triathlon.		
ITU Youth	This category is reserved for athletes who are turning 14 & 15 in the ITU competition year and are endorsed by their STTA to compete in draft legal triathlon.		
	<b>Age Group Categories</b>		
Open	A category that has prizemoney below the "Professional/Elite" threshold as per the TA Professional/Elite Licence Policy. This category is open to professional and age group athletes.		
Under 19	This category is reserved for triathletes in the 7 - 19 years age groups. See U19 triathlon, duathlon and aquathlon prescribed race distances.		
Age Groups	a. 16 - 19 years	g. 45 – 49 years	m. 75 – 79 years
	b. 20 – 24 years	h. 50 – 54 years	n. 80 – 84 years
	c. 25 – 29 years	i. 55 – 59 years	o. 85 – 89 years
	d. 30 – 34 years	j. 60 – 64 years	p. 90 – 94 years
	e. 35 – 39 years	k. 65 – 69 years	q. 95 – 99 years
	f. 40 – 44 years	l. 70 – 74 years	

TA maintains national distance recognition of the 14 – 15 years and 16 – 19 years age groups for Sprint Distance competition.

TA maintains national distance recognition of the 16 – 19 years age group for Standard Distance competition.

TA maintains the national distance recognition of the 18-19 years Middle distance championships competition.

## APPENDIX E – RACE DISTANCES

Distances in each table are maximum distances permissible for each discipline, however, events can be of any configuration within these maximums (eg. Duathlon = Run / Bike / Run; Aquathlon = Run / Swim / Run; Triathlon = Enduro).

No course segment of an event may exceed the course segment distance for a particular category as listed in Tables 1 to 3, even if the distances of the other course segments are less than those segments stated.

**TABLE 1: - UNDER 19 TRIATHLON – MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RACE DISTANCES**

AGE GROUP	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	COMMENT	RELAY (one leg of distance stated)
Under 7	100m	1km	500m	Non-Competitive /Novelty	100m/1km/500m
7yo	100m	3km	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	200m/6km/1km
8yo	100m	3km	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	200m/6km/1km
9yo	100m	3km	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	200m/6km/1km
10yo	200m	6km	1.5km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	300m/10km/2km
11yo	200m	6km	1.5km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	300m/10km/2km
12yo	300m	10km	2km	Competitive	400m/15km/4km
13yo	400m	15km	4km	Competitive	750m/20km/6km
14yo	750m	20km	5km	Competitive	1.5km/40km/10km
15yo	1.5km	40km	10km	Competitive	1.5km/40km/10km
16yo	1.5km	40km	10km	Competitive	1.5km/40km/10km
17yo	1.5km	40km	10km	Competitive	1.9km/90.1km/21.1km
18yo+	3.8km	180.2km	42.2km	Competitive	

**TABLE 2: - UNDER 19 DUATHLON – MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RACE DISTANCES**

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>RUN</b>	<b>BIKE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>RELAY (one leg of distance stated)</b>
Under 7	500m	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	500m/1km
7yo	1km	3km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	1km/6km
8yo	1km	3km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	1km/6km
9yo	1km	3km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	1km/6km
10yo	2km	6km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	2km/10km
11yo	2km	6km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	2km/10km
12yo	4km	10km	Competitive	4km/15km
13yo	5km	15km	Competitive	5km/20km
14yo	7.5km	20km	Competitive	7.5km/20km
15yo	10km	40km	Competitive	10km/40km
16yo	10km	40km	Competitive	10km/40km
17yo	15km	40km	Competitive	



**TABLE 3 - UNDER 19 AQUATHLON – MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE RACE DISTANCES**

<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>SWIM</b>	<b>RUN</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>RELAY (one leg of distance stated)</b>
Under 7	100m	500m	Non-Competitive/Novelty	100m/500m
7yo	100m	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	200m/1km
8yo	100m	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	200m/1km
9yo	100m	1km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	200m/1km
10yo	200m	2km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	300m/2km
11yo	200m	2km	Non-Competitive/Novelty	400m/4km
12yo	300m	4km	Competitive	750m/6km
13yo	400m	6km	Competitive	1km/8km
14yo	1km	8km	Competitive	1.5km/10km
15yo	1.5km	10km	Competitive	1.5km/10km
16yo	1.5km	10km	Competitive	1.5km/10km
17yo	1.5km	10km	Competitive	

## APPENDIX F – RACE COMPETITION JURY

The Race Competition Jury is to be chaired by the Technical Delegate (TD) and is to comprise two other members as outlined below:

International Events – in accordance with ITU rules.

National Series Events - two other persons who are either:

- Member of TA Board; or
- Member of an STTA Board; or
- Accredited Technical Official with a minimum RTO qualification.

State/Territory level championship events – two other persons, each of who are either:

- Member of TA Board; or
- Member of an STTA committee; or
- Accredited Technical Official with a minimum RTO qualification.

All other events – two other persons, each of who are either:

- Accredited Technical Official with a minimum RTO qualification ; or
- Member of an STTA Board; or
- Member of the committee of a triathlon club affiliated with TA ; or
- Member of an STTA with an understanding of the rules of triathlon.

For all TA Events, if a TD has not been appointed then their replacement should also be someone meeting the above criteria.

The TD is responsible to the Race Sanctioning Authority to determine, hear and rule on all appeals against decisions handed down by the Referee, including decisions on protests.

## APPENDIX G – PROTEST PROCEDURES

### Types of Protest

#### a. Protest Concerning the Course

A protest that the course does not conform to the requirements of the Sanctioning Authority, or is unsafe, must be made in writing to the Race Referee at least 24 hours before the start of the race.

#### b. Protest Concerning Eligibility

A protest concerning the eligibility of a competitor must be made in writing to the Race Referee (or delegate) within 30 minutes of the completion of the event. The affected

competitor may compete. However if the event is a national championship event then a state or territory association may protest a competitor's eligibility within 7 days after the completion of the event, in writing, to the National Manager (Events and Technical), who shall refer the protest to the TA Board for consideration.

c. Protest Concerning Equipment

A protest concerning a competitor's equipment being in violation of the conditions set out in these Race Competition Rules must be made in writing to the Race Referee no later than 30 minutes after the protesting competitor's finish time.

d. Protest Against the Race

A protest against the actions of another competitor or official carried out before, during or after the race must be made in writing to the Race Referee within 30 minutes of the protesting competitor's finish time. Such a protest may be submitted only if the protesting competitor claims that the action of the alleged offender was detrimental to the performance of the protester.

e. Protest Concerning Timekeeping

A protest concerning an error in timekeeping must be made in writing to the Race Referee (or delegate) within 48 hours after the completion of the event. However, if the event is a national championship event then a state or territory association may protest an error in timekeeping within 7 days after the completion of the event, in writing, to the National Manager (Events and Technical), who shall refer the protest to the TA Board for consideration.

## Consideration of a Protest

A protest will not be considered unless:

- a. The protest is submitted to the Race Referee within the time laid down in the foregoing paragraphs;
- b. The protest is accompanied by a Protest Fee of AUD\$100 for all events unless the sanctioning authority imposes a lesser fee, and which will be refunded only if the protest is upheld;
- c. The protest is submitted in writing, preferably on a TA Race Protest Form which may be obtained from the Race Referee; and
- d. A protest cannot be made on a judgement call by a Technical Official.

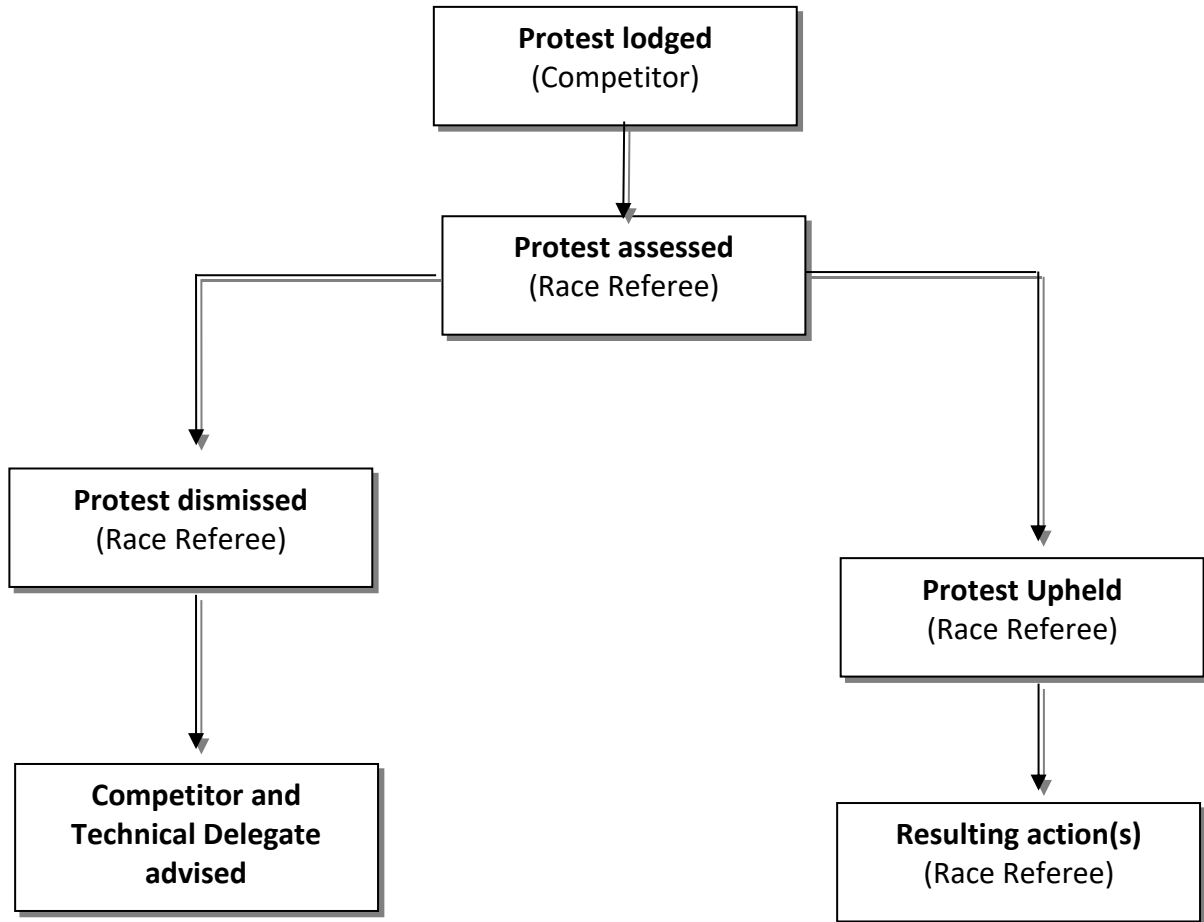
## Protest Procedures

The following procedures are to be observed in the handling of protests:

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- a. The Protest shall be signed by the protester and submitted to the Race Referee (or delegate) within the time limits specified and accompanied by the Protest Fee;
- b. Upon receipt of the Protest, the Race Referee shall consider the Protest and render a decision within 24 hours. The burden of proof required for the Race Referee to make a ruling, based on the evidence at hand, is “beyond reasonable doubt”;
- c. The decision shall be formally advised to the protester and the Technical Delegate immediately, and if necessary, the official results shall be amended on the event webpage within 24 hours;
- d. The protest documentation, including the reasons for the Race Referee’s decision, shall be retained by the Race Referee for at least 30 days.

## Protest Flow Chart



## **APPENDIX H – APPEAL PROCEDURES**

### **Appeal to the Race Competition Jury**

An appeal to the Jury is a request for a review of a decision made by the Race Referee. An appeal will not be considered unless:

- a. The Appeal is submitted by a party that is adversely affected by the Race Referee's decision; and
- b. The Appeal is accompanied by an Appeal Fee of AUD\$100 for all events, which will be refunded only if the Appeal is upheld; and
- c. The Appeal is submitted in writing, preferably on a TA Race Appeal Form ([www.triathlon.org.au](http://www.triathlon.org.au)), and
- d. The appeal is submitted within the following timeframe:
  - (i) If the Decision is based on the consideration of a Violation Report – 24 hours following the conclusion of the race, or
  - (ii) If the Decision is based on the consideration of a Protest – 24 hours following the decision being notified to the affected parties

After an Appeal is lodged, the following shall occur:

- a. The Technical Delegate shall convene and chair the Jury;
- b. The Technical Delegate shall schedule the Appeal Hearing for a time which he/she considers fair and reasonable for both the appellant, the Race Referee and the Jury, and a copy of the appeal shall be made available to all parties at least 30 minutes prior to the Hearing. The Hearing may involve one or more parties participating in a virtual meeting format.
- c. The Hearing will not be open to the public or the media;

### **The Hearing Procedure**

The Hearing shall be chaired by the Technical Delegate, who shall appoint a fellow member of the Jury to take minutes of proceedings.

- a. Following introductions, the Chair shall request each Jury member to declare any conflict of interest. At this point the Jury shall determine whether to continue with the Hearing or postpone the Hearing pending the appointment of a new Jury member(s).

- b. If the Appellant (or representative approved in writing) does not attend the hearing, the Jury at its discretion may dismiss or postpone the Hearing.
- c. The Chair shall outline the Hearing Procedure to those present, then read the Appeal to the Jury, then the Chair shall read the Race Referee's reasons for the Decision (including, if applicable, the original Violation Report)
- d. The Appellant shall be allowed five minutes to address the Jury, and an additional five minutes for up to two supporting witnesses to address the Jury.
- e. Following this, any member of the Jury may question the Appellant or the Appellant's supporting witnesses.
- f. The Race Referee (if present) and/or up to two supporting witnesses shall be allowed a total of ten minutes to address the Jury.
- g. Following this, any member of the Jury may question the Race Referee or the Race Referee's supporting witnesses.
- h. The Race Competition Jury will privately consider all of the evidence provided and then reach a decision by a simple majority. The burden of proof required for the Jury to make a ruling, based on the evidence presented, is "beyond reasonable doubt";
- i. Upon reaching a Decision, the Chair shall immediately advise the Appellant and the Race Referee. If the Appeal is dismissed, the Appellant shall be advised that he/she will have 48 hours to lodge an appeal to the TA Board.
- j. The appeal documentation, including the reasons for the Race Competition Jury's decision (which must be confirmed by all members of the Jury), shall be retained by the Technical Delegate for at least 30 days.

#### Appeal to the Triathlon Australia (TA) Board

A competitor whose appeal is dismissed by the Race Competition Jury may appeal to the TA Board.

- a. The only ground of appeal available is that the Appeal Procedures were not sufficiently followed, to the extent that the Appellant was denied a fair hearing;
- b. Any appeal under this section must be lodged with the CEO of TA within 48 hours of receipt by the Appellant of the Decision of the Race Competition Jury;
- c. Appeals under this section must be in writing stating precisely the ground of appeal;
- d. The timetable and procedure for any appeal to the TA Board will be set by the President of TA or his/her nominated representative. Such timetable and procedure shall take into consideration the need for expediency and finality in regard to race

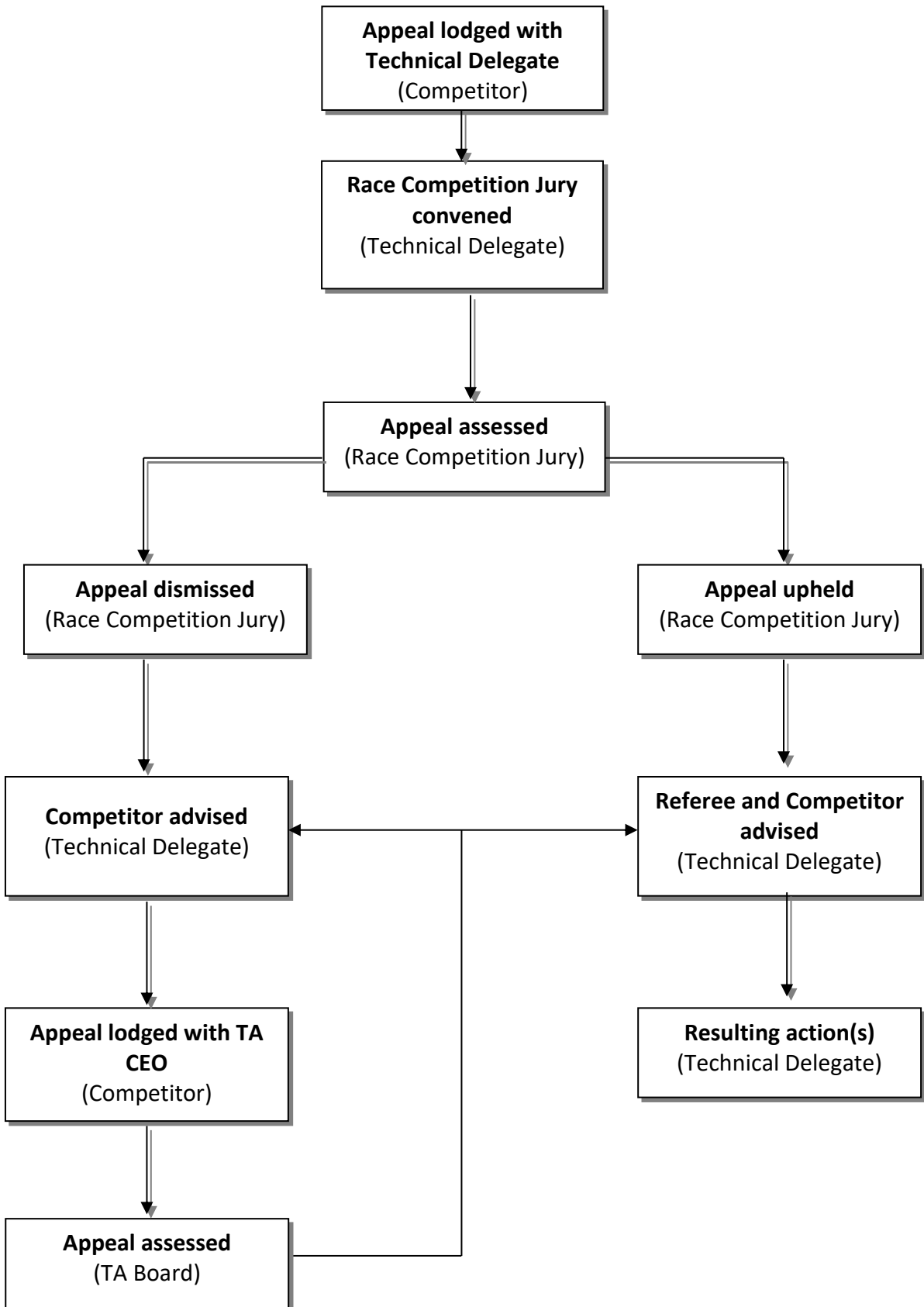
results in addition to any other matter deemed significant by the President (or nominee) in the circumstances of the appeal;

- e. When considering whether the ground of appeal has been made out the TA Board shall focus solely on whether the procedure that was followed denied the Appellant a fair hearing. Any technical breach of the Appeals Procedure which in their opinion had no bearing on the outcome of the Appeal shall be disregarded.

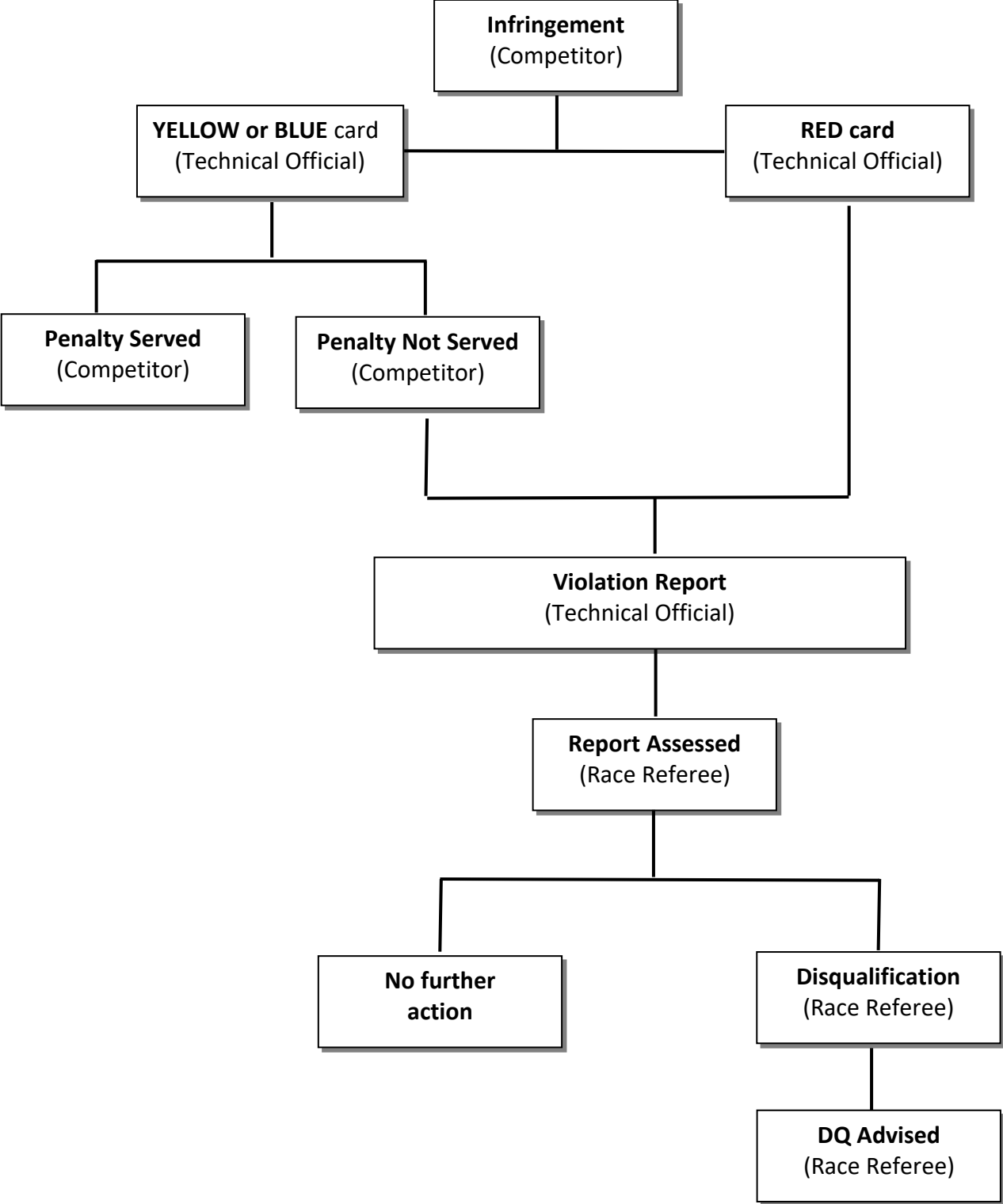
Any appeal to the TA Board against the decision of the Race Competition Jury must include a fee of AUD\$500 made payable to Triathlon Australia which is non-refundable should the appeal to the TA Board be dismissed.



## Appeal Flow Chart



# APPENDIX I – INFRINGEMENT FLOW CHART



## APPENDIX J – TIMING AND RESULTS

- a) A competition will be won by the athlete who has the shortest time from the start signal to the moment when the athlete finishes the competition, except if the event is conducted under the “rolling start system”.
- b) Where electronic timing is used and an athlete loses their timing device they may be given a time using a manual backup system, provided they recorded a time on at least one point of the course.
- c) Where no timing point is recorded the athlete will be recorded in the results as Did Not Finish (DNF). This decision may be overturned on appeal by the Race Competition Jury if it is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the athlete has completed the course and can provide accurate start and finish times.
- d) The official results will list the athletes according to their finish time and in the competition category they are competing in.
- e) Results will include the following Invalid Results Markers (IRM)
  - a. DNS Did not start
  - b. DNF Did not finish
  - c. DSQ Disqualified
- f) For disqualified athletes the final results should not be displayed.
- g) Results will be official once the Race Referee signs them. Incomplete results can be declared official at any time. The Race Referee will use all the resources available to decide the final position of every athlete. The information from technology will be used to assist in the decision-making process. The Race Referee may decide, based on the available evidence, that a competition is tied if there is no way of defining which athlete crossed the line first. Results of tied athletes will be sorted according to race numbers.
- h) Official results may be modified by the following bodies,
  - a. Race Referee up to 48 hours after the completion of the event;
  - b. Competition Jury;
  - c. Race Referee as the result of a protest concerning timing and results;
  - ~~d. Technical Delegate as the result of an appeal~~