



Sanctioning and Safe Sport

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Triathlon Saskatchewan (Tri Sask) is a membership type of not-for-profit corporation that accepts legal duties and responsibilities on behalf of annual members, including athletes, coaches, board members, race directors, and officials.

One purpose of Tri Sask as a Provincial Sport Organization is to regulate triathlon in Saskatchewan to ensure programs and events are safe and sanctioned according to internal policies and procedures and external standards. For triathlon and multisport events, World Triathlon Rules provide important standards for organizing, sanctioning and officiating events. On the training program side, Triathlon Canada and the Canadian Coaching Association provide the theory and practice surrounding the individuals who are trained and certified to deliver safe athlete development programs.

Post Covid, Tri Sask invested significantly in leadership capacity building at the local level to support the return of programs and events. To this end, we held a leadership retreat, sponsored a race director conference in Vancouver, BC, developed a local event management course, officials and coach training, and introduced new forums for communication and problem solving.

In 2024, Safe Sport regulations emerged at the federal and provincial levels in Canada in response to a growing problem of athlete abuse, harassment, and toxicity in sport. These policies, designed to protect athletes, prevent conflicts, establish standards of behavior and methods to investigate claims by an independent third party, were adopted by Sask Sport in Saskatchewan. While it has always been Tri Sask's purpose to ensure programs and events are safe, the implementation of Safe Sport comes with additional requirements to ensure compliance.

What are the implications for Clubs organizing local programs and events?

Tri Sask requires programs and events to be sanctioned as safe according to standards along with Club adoption of Sask Sport's Safe Sport Manual. Clubs that choose not to adopt the Safe Sport Manual are not eligible to receive Member Assistance Program Grant funding.

Below are responses to questions about sanctioning, which includes references to the implementation of Safe Sport by Tri Sask to monitor compliance.

1. *What are the requirements to sanction and ensure a safe event or program?*

- Submission of the Tri Sask sanctioning application within CCN Bikes.
- Payment of the sanctioning fee within the CCN Bikes sanctioning application (\$50 for training programs, \$200 for events).
- Event registration content consistent with sanctioning application, World Triathlon rules, and Tri Sask annual membership and Day License rules applied within CCN Bikes registration.
- Registration content consistent with reported Tri Canada LTAD level in Sanctioning Application and Tri Sask annual membership rule for all training programs within CCN-Bikes program registration.
- Race Directors, LOC leaders, Coaches, Officials and Board Members are annual members of Tri Sask. Note, Tri Sask is implementing Safe Sport with annual membership as the gateway to Safe Sport requirements (e.g. Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check, NCCP training and certifications etc.).
- Tri Sask access to CCN Bikes Event Registration allows for the review of event/program registration content and rules. Please add sanctioning@triathlonsaskatchewan.org or send a note to CCN to have Phil Deguise add it.

2. *What is involved in sanctioning a local event or training program?*

- 1. Sanctioning Application:** Submission of a completed (no TBD in fields) event sanctioning application, found online at [Login | CCN \(ccnbikes.com\)](https://ccnbikes.com). The application should be submitted a month prior to registration opening and at least three months prior to the event to allow for the sanctioning process, which involves multiple people and organizational functions (policy, procedure, human resources, and the availability of a Technical Delegate as the “head” official for the event.
- 2. Sanction Fee Payment:** Payment is collected within the CCN Bikes sanctioning application. Paying the fee does not guarantee sanctioning, rather to engage Tri Sask in the sanctioning process.
- 3. Initial Application and Registration Form Review.** TRI SASK requires participants to register individually for sanctioned events and programs through the CCN Bikes

online registration application (no bulk registrations are allowed). The sanctioning process requires Tri Sask sanctioning team

(sanctioning@triathlonsaskatchewan.org) access to the event registration application in CCN-Bikes. All event registrations will be reviewed for membership rules (Annual Membership and Day License Option) as well as those of TRI SASK, Triathlon Canada (“TriCan”), and World Triathlon competition rules and race guidelines. Competition ages are computed using December 31 of the event year.

- 4. Application Review Process:** The Tri Sask Executive Director, Technical Officials Coordinator will conduct the initial review. Expect communication by email as to the results of the review, which typically takes place in stages—initial review of the registration and application. Follow-up review in response to specific issues and challenges raised in the initial review or as needed basis. A high degree of professionalism is expected in online and offline interactions with the individuals involved in the sanctioning process. Once the initial review has been conducted, a Technical Delegate (TD) will be assigned to your event to review the operational aspects of your event against what’s been planned and approved.
- 5. Event Sanctioning Decision:** Once the sanctioning process is complete, a recommendation to formally sanction the event will be made by the TOC or TD to the Tri Sask Executive Director. These decisions can be revoked prior to or during the event if the event does not meet standards or conditions deemed it to be unsafe.

3. *How do I obtain a Certificate of Insurance for my program or event?*

- Once your event has been sanctioned, you can request a Certificate of Insurance (COI) from the Tri Sask Executive Director, who will follow-up with a form required by the Insurance Broker. This process can take a week or more to complete—submit your request early.

4. *Who assigns officials to my event?*

- TRI SASK assigns officials to events. Officials work closely with but are independent of the Race Director and Local Organizing Committee. Event RDs and LOCs should declare any real or potential conflicts of interest with assigned event officials (e.g. family members, employers, friends). Technical Officials will be required to do the same.
- Your event is responsible for reimbursing any transportation and accommodation costs TRI SASK officials incur. To reduce the cost of officiating, contact us to schedule an official’s course with volunteers local to your area. You can assist this

process by passing along the names of volunteers who would like to become trained Provincial Technical Officials to the Technical Officials Coordinator, who will follow up with training.

- TRI SASK officials are considered representatives of TRI SASK. Their work is informed by World Triathlon rules and relevant Tri Sask policies and procedures, including internal reporting as well as decisions that require modification and cancellation of the event in the event of extreme weather or air quality.

For more information, please see Triathlon Saskatchewan's [policies and procedures](#) concerning sanctioning, [safe sport](#) as well as [Triathlon Saskatchewan race sanctioning information](#).