

## **USA Triathlon 2015 Call for Nominations**

To the USA Triathlon Membership:

USA Triathlon invites members to run for an available seat on the National Board of Directors or the member's Regional Council. Open National Board seats will be elected from the four regions listed below; Regional Council seats will be elected from all ten USAT regions described below. The Board of Directors and Regional Councils seek candidates of all backgrounds, who share our passion for the sport of triathlon and wish to assist the National Governing Body provide the resources required so that all members of the triathlon community can reach their full potential. For more information about board and regional volunteer service, or the election process, please contact the Nominating & Governance Committee Chair:

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Please help us “grow and inspire the triathlon community.”

### **National Board of Directors**

USA Triathlon elections are conducted in accordance with Article XX of USA Triathlon's Bylaws. Nominations are open for volunteers to serve as General Directors on the National Board of Directors. For the 2015 election, directors will be elected from the following four (4) regions:

- Mid-Atlantic Region, which shall include the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.);
- Northeast Region, which shall include the States of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont;
- South Midwest Region, which shall include the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas; and
- Midwest Region, which shall include the States of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

The director from each of these regions will be elected to serve a four (4) year term.

Nominations for General Directors. All persons meeting the following requirements shall be included on the ballot for the post of General Director in the Board region in which he or she resides. Candidates not meeting all requirements will not be placed on the ballot.

- (1) Incumbents. Any incumbent who is a member in good standing of USA Triathlon and who is not subject to term limits shall be placed on the ballot in the Board region in which he or she resides provided he/she submits the information required in paragraphs (2)(i),(ii) and (iv) below by the date nominations close.
- (2) Non-incumbents. An annual member in good standing of USA Triathlon who is also a citizen of the United States may submit a petition for his or her nomination to the General Directors post in the Board region in which he or she resides. The petition shall include the following:
  - (i) The name, complete address, day and evening phone numbers, e-mail address, and annual membership number of the nominee;
  - (ii) A written description of the nominee and his or her platform; the description shall not exceed 500 words;
  - (iii) A passport-type photo of the nominee;
  - (iv) One other photo of the nominee's choice;
  - (v) The signatures of at least 50 annual members in good standing of the USA Triathlon who reside in the region to be represented by the nominee. These signatures shall be accompanied by the printed name, complete address, day and evening phone numbers, e-mail address, annual membership number, and expiration date of said membership for each person signing the petition.

Petitions and candidate information must be received by USA Triathlon by August 31, 2015.

Petitions may be mailed to:

**USA Triathlon National Office**  
5825 Delmonico Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
or emailed to [election@usatriathlon.org](mailto:election@usatriathlon.org).

## **Election Timeline, Procedure, and Rules**

### Election schedule

July 15	Call for Nominations posted on USA Triathlon website.
July 31	Nominations open for upcoming year.
August 31	Nominations close.
September 15	Ballots made available to members, and ballots and candidate information posted on USA Triathlon website.
October 15	Final day for ballots to be postmarked or electronically recorded.
October 31	Election results announced.
November 15	Deadline to protest election.
December 15	Deadline to hear and decide any protest.
December 16	Election results certified.
January 1	New Board takes office.

Election Procedure and Rules. USAT elections are conducted in accordance with Article XX of the USAT Bylaws. For more detailed information regarding voter eligibility, the form of the ballot, ballot counting procedures, and the term limitation provisions governing this election, please refer to the USAT Bylaws, available online at: [www.usatriathlon.org](http://www.usatriathlon.org).

## **Regional Councils**

Nominations are also open for volunteers to serve as members of all 10 Regional Councils. The 10 Regional Council regions are:

- Florida Region, which includes Florida except for the Panhandle west of the Apalachicola River;
- Mid-Atlantic Region, which includes Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C. and West Virginia;
- Midwest Region, which includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio;
- Midwest Region, which includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin;

- Northeast Region, which includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont;
- Pacific Northwest Region, which includes Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington;
- Rocky Mountain Region, which includes, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas (only El Paso County), Utah, and Wyoming.
- Southeast Region, which includes Alabama, the Florida Panhandle west of the Apalachicola River, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee;
- South Midwest Region, which includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas (excluding El Paso County);
- Southwest Region, which includes Arizona, California, and Nevada.

The terms for council members shall be staggered. Every two years, one half of the council seats shall come up for election. Council member terms are four years. Ballots shall specify the number of years of term remaining for each seat up for election. Winning candidates shall be seated in the order of number of votes received, with those gaining the highest number of votes filling seats with the longest terms.

Nominations for Regional Council Members. All persons meeting the following requirements shall be included on the ballot for the post of Council Member in the Region in which he or she resides:

(1) Incumbents. Any incumbent who is an annual USAT member in good standing of the region will be placed upon the ballot provided they submit the information required in paragraphs (2) (a), (b) and (c) below.

(2) Non-incumbents. An annual USA Triathlon member in good standing of the region who is also a citizen of the United States may submit a petition for his or her nomination to the Council in the region in which he or she resides. The petition will include the following:

- a) The name, complete address, day and evening phone numbers, e-mail address, and annual membership number of the nominee.

- b) A written description of the nominee and his or her platform; said description will not exceed 200 words.
- c) A passport-type photo of the nominee.

Candidate information must be received by August 31, 2015 and may be mailed or emailed to either address above.