

What happens once a USAT official is assigned to my event?

Pre-race day

- Head Referee (HR) will contact the RD no less than 3 weeks prior to the event date
 - *Provided the sanction was received on time*
- Review the event sanction application, event website, course maps and any approved rules amendments.
- Provide cost estimate of officiating team, payment schedule, and if any lodging is needed
- Confirm number of motorcycles and review “Guidelines for motorcycles used to carry officials”
- Provide “Most Commonly violated rules” to be communicated to athletes
- Agree upon a deadline for turning in the penalties to the timer and where they will be posted

Note: Elite rules event, an elite start list will be required in advance in order to audit licenses

Race Day, Pre-race start

- Arrive at the agreed time
- HR will measure the water temperature and provide the temperature to the RD
- Work in the transition area:
 - Educate and inform athletes of possible rule violations and work with race management to resolve issues prior to the start of the race in order to avoid a penalty, such as:
 - Racking violations
 - Race numbers on the bike
 - Illegal Equipment
 - Bar-end violations
- The HR will give a short pre-race rules talk (typically at the swim start)
- Once race starts, officials re-inspect issues noted during pre-race inspection have been fixed.

**Remember, only race management or the athlete may fix racking or bar-end plugs*

Note: Elite rules event, a volunteer with a supply of helmet waivers to assist with helmet inspection

During the race:

- Watch the swim start and as much of that stage as possible
- The HR will stage and disperse the officiating team motorcycles
- Riding on the back of motorcycles officials will monitor the bike course for position fouls and rules violations
- Officials will monitor the run course on foot or by bicycle for rules violations
- Officials will observe, time and document behavior
- Communicate accidents

Prior to awards ceremony

- Officiating team will meet and de-brief
- Violation reports will be completed and submitted to the HR for review
- If after review the HR accepts the violation report, a penalty is assessed
- HR transfers all assessed penalties to the HR Report and submits to the timer for posting
 - The timer adds the penalty time to the participants’ total elapsed time
- HR posts HR Report next to the results board and is available for participants to discuss each penalty
- HR attends the awards ceremony to ensure results do not conflict with the assessed penalties
 - After the awards ceremony the HR will have final meeting with RD and receive payment