What is USA Triathlon?

USA Triathlon, based in Colorado Springs, Colo., is the National Governing Body for the sport of triathlon — as well as well as duathlon, aquathlon, aquabike, winter triathlon and paratriathlon — in the United States and falls under the umbrellas of the International Triathlon Union and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

USA Triathlon coordinates grassroots and elite multisport events across the country and works to create interest and participation in those programs. USA Triathlon also writes the competition rules and trains the officials for the races.

USA Triathlon’s membership is comprised of athletes of all ages, coaches, officials, parents and fans striving together to strengthen the sport.

On the elite level, USA Triathlon is responsible for the selection and training of teams to represent the United States in international competitions, including the world championships, Pan American Games and Summer Olympic Games. It conducts national camps and clinics and provides coaching education programs.

On the developmental level, USA Triathlon fosters grassroots expansion of the sport, which is facilitated by the sanctioning of age group events and triathlon clubs, as well as the certification of race directors and coaches. National and regional championships are held for triathletes from junior to senior age divisions.

USA Triathlon sanctioned 4,300 multisport events in the United States in 2011, and its annual membership total reached 150,000 multisport enthusiasts.

USA Triathlon’s mission is to encourage, support and enhance the multisport experience in the United States. The organization’s vision is to engage every American in the multisport lifestyle.

USA Triathlon’s core values:
• We value our members and other constituents
• We value safety, fairness, motivation and achievement in competition
• We value fitness and health through exercise, the spirit of competitiveness and the pursuit of excellence — the multisport lifestyle.