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USAT SMW DESCRIPTION

USA Triathlon is divided into 10 Regions each with its own council. Regional councils are very important to the multisport population because they provide many benefits to the athletes of their Region and they can and do tailor their efforts to be compatible with the wants and needs of their Region's athletes. The Regional Council assists in the development and growth of multisport within the designated states of the Region and acts as a liaison between USAT members and USA Triathlon. The Regional Councils serve under the guidance and authority of the USAT Board of Directors.

Regional Councils are composed of members in that Region and are funded by USA Triathlon. This Council directs and administers policies and procedures of USA Triathlon, and administers and legislates procedures at the Regional level. Volunteered time commitments for council members are generally not more than 10 hours per week. USA Triathlon funds money to the Regions based on a budget approved by USAT's Board of Directors.

The Regional Council is made up of between five to twelve people and is required to meet twice a year. USAT SMW currently has 12 elected Council members. Each Council member is elected for a 4 year term (since 2009). They can serve two 4 year terms, and then must have a 2 year absence. In order to preserve continuity on the Council, one half (6) of the Council will stand for election every 2 years.

The Regional Council is composed of: Regional Council Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. These officers will serve 2 year terms. Council members designated as Committee Chairs handle certain areas of the Council's business functions.

In addition to the elected Council members, the Council also has non-voting members: Regional Council Staff Assistant (paid employee of USAT), Regional Official Coordinator, Regional Athletic Development Coordinator, and the Past Regional Council Chairperson.

To become an elected member of the Council, one must be a current USAT member in good standing, submit a personal policy statement of 200 words or less, personal contact information, and a recent picture to USAT stating why one wants to become a Council member and what that person plans to do while on the Council. The person needs to go to the USAT website and follow the instructions on how to submit their policy statement and announce their desire to stand for election on or before the stated election deadline.