

Thank you for your interest in the USAT South-Midwest Region Youth Finishers Award Program. On behalf of our membership, I want to thank you for introducing more Youth to the multisport environment. The athletes in your event(s) are the future of our sport. We are delighted to help recognize their outstanding achievement!

We have pledged to provide each Youth participant (6-15 years) in your event with a Finisher's award. We will provide, as of 1/1/12, eligible Youth events with two options:

**OPTION 1:**

To be eligible to receive up to 300 free awards you must sanction your race with USAT, provide a refundable \$200.00 deposit to the SMW Region and pay the award's shipping fees.

The Finisher's award will come in two (2) sizes: 5 7/8" circumference suitable for 4 -7 year olds. 7 3/8 circumference suitable 7+ year olds. Review your participants and request, as best as possible, the sizes needed. If you need additional awards, your cost will be \$.50 for each additional award in addition to the \$200.00 deposit. This policy change is effective 1/1/12

**OPTION 2:**

The Youth event may elect to provide their own type of Individual Finishers award .

The event must provide a listing of all participants that completed the event ( SEE

REQUEST PROCEDURE 2 below) and provide a W 9 IRS tax form. After USAT SMW has received this information, the Race Director will be sent a CASH CARD(S) in accordance with the following guidelines:

0-50 participants \$0

51-125 participants \$100

126-225 participants \$200

225+ participants \$300

If you need information regarding the USAT race sanctioning process please link to:  
<http://www.usatriathlon.org/Events/events.htm>

**REQUEST PROCEDURE:**

- Complete and return the attached Finishers award request form to the address listed below.
- Include a refundable \$200.00 deposit ( Option 1) made payable to USA Triathlon-SMW
- Submit your request at least four weeks prior to your event. Ensure that the delivery address is to a physical address, not a Post Office Box.

An email to confirm your request and an invoice for the shipping fees will be issued.

The \$200.00 deposit is completely refundable following your event, provided the following three items are completed.

1. All extra awards **IN THE SAME CONDITION AS RECEIVED** are returned to the address listed below.
2. A list of all participants in the event is sent to the Youth Committee head that must include: name, age, USAT# (if provided), **phone number**, and address. This can be sent via email (preferred) or mail- address below.
3. Items in 1 and 2 above (return of the awards and participants list) must be completed within **10 days** of your Youth event, as the awards may be needed for another Youth event. If the Race Director fails to comply with this **10 day** policy, a \$50.00 fee will be deducted from the \$200 deposit. If the Race Director fails to comply within **20 days**, a \$100 fee will be deducted from the \$200 deposit. Greater than **30 days**, the Race Director will forfeit his \$200 deposit, provided it will cover the cost of any unused awards and any shipping expenses. If the \$200 deposit does not cover these costs, the Race Director will be liable for the additional expense(s).

The Race Director will be charged \$1.00 for each unused award.

4. A summary of each Youth event's unacceptable performance with the USAT SMW Youth medal Request Procedure will be sent to the USAT event sanctioning committee for their review with regard to future Youth event sanction requests.

We commend you for your efforts. We hope that your race is a great success! Please contact us if we can be of greater assistance.

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