



## Thank you for hosting the 2019 USA Triathlon State Championships!

This is a new format relative to what has been done in recent years and we wanted to share with you some general guidelines to help make this event go smoothly.

If you have any questions not covered by these guidelines do not hesitate to reach out to Jessica Welk [jessica.welk@usatriathlon.org](mailto:jessica.welk@usatriathlon.org) 719.955.2824 or Alex Kultgen [alex.kultgen@usatriathlon.org](mailto:alex.kultgen@usatriathlon.org) 719.679.2241, we are here to help.

**Race Distances:** High school division should be run as its own wave/division and on a sprint or shorter distance course. Adults can be placed in to waves in whatever format you prefer on the Olympic distance course. Only these triathlon races are currently being designated as state championships *\*With approval, some state championships are using a sprint course for adults as well. In this case the high school division should still be given their own wave.*

**Age Group National Championships (AGNC) Qualification:** If you are hosting an Olympic race before July 1 the top 25% of each age group (or top 5 finishers, whichever is greater) will qualify for AGNC in 2019. If you are hosting an Olympic race between July 1 and August 2, 2019 the top 25% of each age group (or top 5 finishers, whichever is greater) will qualify for AGNC in 2019 and 2020. Events hosted after August 2, 2019 will qualify for AGNC in 2020.

**Residency requirement:** To be crowned State Champion an athlete must be a resident of that state. An athlete who wins the race but does not reside in said state will still receive the AGNC automatic qualification, but the State Champion will be awarded to the highest placing finisher who has residence in the state.

**High School Ages:** USAT defines eligibility for high school students as June 1st after 8th grade graduation until September 1st after Senior year.

**Awards:** USA Triathlon will be sending a total of 12 State Championship awards: places 1-3 for High School Boys; places 1-3 for High School Girls; places 1-3 for Overall Adult Male; places 1-3 for Overall Adult Female. To be crowned the state champion, an athlete must meet the high school eligibility criteria or the state residency requirement.

**High School Socks:** Competitors who finish in the top 5 of the high school division will receive USAT High School Program socks. These socks will be shipped prior to the event with the awards.

**Sponsorships:** While USAT partners have the opportunity to activate at your event designated as a state championship, at this time no national level partner has chosen to activate at this event; therefore, you have the ability to sell sponsorships in all categories. Should this change USAT will notify you of the change and any implications to your event.

**USAT Promotion:** Your event will be featured on 3 different parts of the USAT site:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-triathlon/events/regional-and-state-championships>  
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-triathlon/about/multisport/high-school-program>  
The region-specific page in which your state resides: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Triathlon/Regions>

Your event will be featured on the official regional Facebook pages.

