

USA Triathlon National Club Championship Scoring



EVENT QUALIFICATION

A club competition event must, 1) be sanctioned by USAT, 2) be non-drafting, and 3) require USAT certified officials*.

Note: USAT sanctioned draft legal events are expected to increase in the U.S. Thus, USAT sanctioned draft legal events hosting club competition are exempt from the non-drafting qualification requirement, *but are expected to have USAT certified officials familiar with the ITU Competitive Rules.

Events hosting club competitions are required to have two (2) USAT certified official and an additional official per 150 registered participants, beyond the first 250.

CALENDAR

The regions shall select and schedule club competition events at their discretion.

USA Triathlon shall recommend for approval to the USAT Board of Directors a National Club Championship event. The National Club Championship event shall be selected from sanctioned "high profile" events.

The date of the National Club Championship shall be the date of the selected sanctioned event.

EVENT DISTANCE

The National Club Championship shall be contested at the Olympic triathlon distance (1500m swim, 40k bike, and 10k run) and, if the selected event has one, the sprint distance (750m swim, 20k bike, and 5k run). Distances may be approximate, so long as they fall within the range for each distance designation.

Regions may elect to contest duathlon club competition and triathlon club competition at various distances.

CLUB DIVISIONS

The following club divisions shall apply to the National Club Championship. Regions may elect to adopt or modify the divisions for regional club competitions.

Division I:	>250	members
Division II:	249-130	
Division III:	129-89	
Division IV:	79-30	
Division V:	29-2	

CLUB ELIGIBILITY

A club must be a registered USAT club in order to participate in regional club competition or the National Club Championship.

All registered USAT clubs may compete in the National Club Championship.

Complete eligibility qualifications are listed in the "USA Triathlon National Club Championship Eligibility" document.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

A scoring club member must be an annual USAT member or a holder of a one-day license.

Regions may elect to exclude from the club competition scoring results out of region clubs or its members.

Regional club competition events electing to exclude out of region clubs or its members, from club competition scoring results, must detail the exclusion on all race related materials, especially the event entry form.

A club member holding a USAT Elite-Professional License may be awarded performance or participation points based on performance, within the appropriate competitive division, that shall apply to the overall club score.

For the National Club Championship ONLY; a club must provide USA Triathlon an electronic roster of all eligible club members 30 days prior to the date of the championship. No modifications to the submitted club membership roster will be allowed, unless approved by USA Triathlon.

PERFORMANCE SCORING

Individual

- Individuals will be ranked within their gender and age-group category.
- Points (6-2) will be awarded in descending order from 1st – 5th place according to the individual's overall finish in the respective gender and age group category.
- Example:
- Jane Doe, 1st place, female, 25-29 = 6 points
- Dawn Ray 3rd place, female, 45-49 = 4 points
- All club members not placing in the age-group categories shall receive one-half (1/2) PARTICIPATION POINT for completing the competition.

Club

- Clubs shall be ranked, within their respective club divisions (I-V), based on the club's aggregate performance and participation points for all age and gender, Physically Challenged Athletes, and Clydesdale – Athena categories.
- Club participation points shall be capped at;
- Division I = 125
- Division II = 60
- Division III = 25
- Division IV = 25
- Division V = 10

DISTANCE POINTS

The National Club Championship shall award distance points, on a per team basis, in accordance with the following distances. The distance shall be determined using airline miles from the domicile city of a club to the location of the National Club Championship.

>1000 miles =	5 distance points
999 – 600 miles =	4 distance points
599 – 300 miles =	3 distance points
299 – 180 miles =	2 distance points
179- 100 miles =	1 distance points
<99 miles =	0 distance point

AWARDS

The National Club Championship and regional club competitions shall be scored and awards presented on-site on the date of the competition.

A minimum of two (2) representatives, one from race management or assignee and a regional/national representative, shall validate club competition results on-site.

The Committee recommends that race management offer a 2nd and 3rd place club competition awards per club division contested at regional club competitions.

USAT will offer awards to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place clubs per division contested at the National Club Championship.

USA Triathlon encourages regions to create traveling trophies to be awarded to the regional club division champions. The trophies shall be defended or relished on an annual basis. The regions shall decide the method of competing for the traveling trophies.

CLYDESDALE – ATHENA and PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED ATHLETES

Scoring for club members competing in the Clydesdale, Athena and Physically Challenged Athlete divisions shall conform to the scoring procedures outlined here and in accordance with the USAT standards for the relevant competitive category.

RELAY TEAMS

Relay teams are not eligible for club competition scoring.

TIEBREAKER

The number of finishers shall decide a tie in favor of the club with the most finishers. This tiebreaker procedure shall apply to ties within club divisions.

APPEAL

A club may appeal the eligibility of a club and/or athlete to compete at the National Club Championship to the USAT Head Referee assigned to the competition 60 minutes prior to the scheduled awards ceremony. The USAT Head Referee may elect to convene a review committee consisting of her/himself, the race director, race timer, and a regional/national representative. The decision of the USAT Head Referee or committee shall be final.