



TECHNICAL OFFICIAL

What Does the Technical Delegate's role and what should I expect them to do at the event?

According to the Tri NZ Rules, the Technical Delegate is responsible for the following:

Rule 10.2 a (i)

The Tri NZ Technical Delegate (TD) shall lead the team of technical officials and ensure that the event is conducted in accordance with Tri NZ competition rules and standards. For sanctioned and endorsed events the TD shall ensure that the event is delivered in accordance with the undertakings made by the LOC in their sanctioning or endorsement application. In conjunction with the Head Referee, and the Competition Manager, deliberate on all safety and fairness matters relating to the course, the transition, the race organisers equipment and the competitors. In consultation with the Tri NZ Technical Manager and/or TAG the TD shall appoint the Technical Officials assigned to the event to their specific roles. The TD shall also complete the post-race report based on their observations and those of the Technical Officials assigned to the event.

What does that mean in terms of actual jobs? The Technical Delegate will:

- Make contact the LOC and arrange meetings
- Review all necessary documentation and follow up in regard to any missing documentation
- Review the course and ensure that it is safe and fair
- Review the Athlete guides
- Confirm that there are no rule changes that require confirmation from TAG
- Make arrangements for supply of Radios and Motor Bikes
- Arrange that all necessary TO Equipment is available
- Prepare the Run Sheet
- Confirm the make up of the Competition Jury

What should we expect of the Technical Delegate in regard to leading the TO Team?

The Technical Delegate is responsible for leading the Technical Team. They will confirm your availability to attend the event, in conjunction with Tri NZ they will assign your role, and then ensure that you are fully prepared to undertake that role and that you have all the equipment you require.

So the before the race the Technical Delegate will:

- Make contact with TO's to confirm their availability
- Assign Roles to the TO Team
- Provide pre-event information to the TO Team in order that you can prepare for your role
- Arrange and conduct a pre-event Zoom Call to discuss the specifics of the race and answer any questions. This call should include a Health and Safety Briefing and also cover Tri NZ's Member Protection Policy.
- Arrange separate calls with Chief Officials to brief them on their roles
- Ensure that TO's are provided the necessary equipment to undertake their roles
- Be available to answer any questions that TO's may have regarding their roles or about the event in general

On Race Day the Technical Delegate should:

- Answer any questions from Officials or Athletes
- Confirm that the LOC has everything set up in accordance with their Sanctioning document, that it is safe to start the race and that the race will be conducted fairly
- Check-in periodically with Officials to ensure they are happy. This should at least include the Chief Officials (who in turn should be checking in on their assistants) but TD's should also pay attention to new officials
- Ensure that all Officials are taking breaks. This should include deputising (where possible) for officials who need to take a break
- Convene the Competition Jury if necessary

After the race the Technical Delegate should:

- Gather feedback from TO's (either on site or via email)
- Collect all of the equipment ready to go on to the next race, including re-ordering items that have been used up.
- Complete the post-race reporting
- Conduct a feedback session via Zoom with all the officials at the event