



Self-Funded Technical Officials (SFTO) Program

What is the SFTO Program?

The SFTO program provides opportunities for technical officials to apply to officiate internationally to further their experience and knowledge. The program is run by World Triathlon and applications to events are done through the National Federations. Officials applying to events through this program are required to fund all expenses incurred to take part.

Where to find events

Events can be found on the World Triathlon Events Calendar on their website. Please note that even if an event is listed on the website, it does not guarantee that applications for technical officials will be available. The Technical Program Executive will notify you if the event is open for applications.

Process of applying

If you are interested in applying to an international event outside of Ireland through the SFTO program, please contact the Technical Program Executive and clearly state which event(s) you would like to apply for.

You may contact the contact person listed for the event for general information but you still need to inform Triathlon Ireland that you are interested in applying for the event so you can be entered in the online World Triathlon database to the waitlist for the event.

Guidelines for applying

- Deadline for registration is 75 days before the event
- Only 2 SFTO applications can be submitted for an event in a different continent than the applicants
- A TO who has been approved to officiate in an event and does not attend without any prior notice to the TD will be removed from the next event they have applied to

Selection

An application to an SFTO event does not guarantee your selection. Officials are usually selected two months in advance of the event and the TD will notify the TO directly of their selection. Notification of selection to a World Championship is usually done earlier. Triathlon Ireland will also notify any officials who have been moved from the waitlist to the startlist for an event.

The number of spots World Triathlon reserves per event depends on the type of event. World Championships typically have 30 spots available whereas WTCS or similar events may have zero to twenty.

Travel

It is recommended to hold off on booking travel until you have received confirmation from World Triathlon of your selection to the event. Any costs associated with travelling (i.e. flights, accommodation, food, etc.) are the responsibility of the technical official and not the National Federations or World Triathlon.