

## **What is a Triathlon England (TE) Regional Committee?**

To be recognised as a Regional Committee of TE, a committee must have a constitution which complies with the requirements of the TE Regulations (a template is available) and be selected by the TE membership within the relevant region in accordance with that constitution. The regional committees are recognised are not controlled by TE or formally part of TE (which is itself a division of the BTF). The Regional Committees have a vital role in appointing and supervising the TE Management Board through the TE Council as so are an essential element in the national governance structure of triathlon.

### **Essential elements**

These are the essential hallmarks of a regional committee without which there is will be doubt that the committee is able to fulfil the functions of a regional committee:

- At least three officers being chair, treasurer and secretary
- Own bank account to manage its own funds
- Nominate a person to sit on the TE Council
- AGM to which all regional members are invited

There are a small number of other activities in respect of which reliance is also placed on the regions and which it is expected that every Regional Committee with participate in such as organising nominations for regional and national annual awards and keeping committee details on TE website up to date.

### **Core activities**

These are the core activities which TE and its members rely on the regional committees to discharge:

- Junior series and IRC representation
- Academy organisation
- Representing regional members within the TE structure through representation on TE Council

Note that in particular a regional committee is not formally obliged to undertake these activities although, for example, if it does not oversee a regional academy structure then there will be no academy in the region and the available funding will be lost.

## Major roles

These are major roles where it is considered that the development of triathlon within a region will be impaired if the activities are not undertaken:

- Race officials coordination
- Senior series and/or regional championships

## Other activities

As autonomous bodies the Regional Committees may undertake whatever activities within their Region which they consider to be appropriate to further the interests of triathlon and TE members (provided the activities are not inconsistent with the activities of TE/the BTF). Examples include:

- Obtaining Sponsorship to support region's activities
- Organising events such as awards evenings etc
- Sanctioning county championships
- Website (through TE website and/or separate website linked to TE website)
- Organising races

Regional Committees have wide discretion in using their surplus funds to help develop triathlon in their region. For example, surplus funds may be used to support the Academy and to facilitate the training of officials and coaches.

## Support available

- Each Regional Committee receives grant funding from TE's Sport England funding. Since this is public money the Regional Committees need to account for how this money is spent. These funds are split into various categories, including the academy, quality events, governance etc.
- Each region also keeps any surplus generated from organising coach education courses in their region.
- Academy head coaches and their CPD are funded centrally.
- Regional committees are able to send emails to TE members in their Region in accordance with the TE membership email protocol.

## TE Development team

The development team is entirely funded by Sport England and is represented in the regions by nine Regional Programme Managers. In order to equalise the workload of the RPMs, the areas which they cover are defined by counties and do not correspond directly to the areas covered by the ten TE Regions. However, as the RPMs are operating within the Regions they do report on their activities to the Regional Committees and hopefully achieve a level of

cooperation and coordination with them (although they are not a resource available to the Regional Committees directly). The RPMs report in to the National Delivery Manager.

RPMs undertake specific projects in the counties that they cover and will often be able to access development funding from central resources to finance these projects. Regional Committees are encouraged to engage with their RPMs to maximise the opportunities within their region.