# FIJI TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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Fiji Triathlon Association

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## **CONSTITUION**

# 1. TITLE

The Association shall be known as the FIJI TRITHLOAN ASSOCIATION referred to hereafter as the "FTA" or the "Association". The sport of Triathlon shall be defined as the event that

consecutively combine the three separate activities of swimming, cycling, and running.

The color of Association shall be Royal Blue

The logo of Association shall be Tri Fiji

- **2. OBJECTIVIES** The Objectives of Association are:
  - **2.1** to encourage and promote the sport of Triathlon throughout Fiji.
  - **2.2** to exercise complete control of the sport Triathlon, Duathlon, and Aquathlon in Fiji.
  - **2.3** to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the participation of the individuals and groups in Triathlon, Duathlon and Aquathlon.
  - **2.4** to provide and co-ordinate technical information of training, equipment design and coaching in the sport of Triathlon.
  - **2.5** to encourage research, development and dissemination of information in all areas including safety in relation to the sport of Triathlon.
  - **2.6** to provide advice to promoters of Triathlon events and approve all events that run under the auspices of the FTA.
  - **2.7** to affiliate to the International Triathlon Union.
  - **2.8** to recognize and abide by the rules and regulations of the sport of triathlon as defined by the International Triathlon Union
  - **2.9** to ensure that all unresolved disputes governing bodies of the sports comprising the triathlon in order to avoid any conflict of regulation in respect of the athletes or organizes of triathlon events.
  - **2.10** to liaise actively with the national governing bodies of the sports comprising the triathlon in order to avoid any conflict of regulation in respect of the athletes or organizes of triathlon events.
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  - **2.12** to actively support the formation of an Oceania Regional Triathlon Association.
  - **2.13** to affiliate with the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee.

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**3.** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Control of the Association shall be vested in the Annual General Meeting.

- **3.1** The Annual General Meeting shall be open to the 3 delegated form each club and all the financial; members as defined in para. 7 hereof who shall have the right to speak and vote.
- **3.2** The Annual General Meeting shall be called annually during January or February or at any other time at the written request of at least 75 percent of the financial members of the Association.
- **3.3** The quorum at an Annual General Meeting shall be no less than 6 persons.
- **3.4** At least three weeks' notice of an Annual General Meeting must be given to members.
- **3.5** Nominations for officers and items for the agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be in the hands of the Association Secretary no later than 14 days to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- **3.6** The Annual General Meeting agenda together with the Secretary's or Treasurer's report (if necessary) shall be distributed to the members no later than 7 days to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- **3.7** The Association President shall be the Chairman In his/her absence, one of the Executive Committee as chosen by the Annual General Meeting shall be the Chairman.
- **3.8** Voting at the Annual General Meeting shall be by poll for officers, other votes may be taken by the show of hands. The Chairman shall appoint the tellers to assist him in the counting of vote casts. A motion shall be carried by a simple majority.
- **3.9** The Annual General Meeting shall-
  - 3.9.1 receive the report of the Executive Committee
  - 3.9.2 review activities and plan future policies
  - 3.9.3 receive audited accounts
  - 3.9.4 consider motions if any of which due notices had been given
  - 3.9.5 elect office bearers
  - 3.9.6 appoint an auditor
  - 3.9.7 consider other business relevant and beneficial of FTA

### **4.** EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- **4.1** The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following posts. -
- **4.2** The President
- **4.3** The Vice President
- **4.4** The Secretary
- **4.5** The Treasurer
- **4.6** The Athletes Representatives (1) male or female
- **4.2** The Executive Committee shall. –
- 4.2.1 issue racing licenses
- 4.2.2 manage the Association finances
- 4.2.3 appoint necessary sub-committees
- 4.2.4 host annual and national championships
- 4.2.5 maintain and up-date a register of national and all-comers course records
- 4.2.6 ensure the members will observe the FTA rules and regulations
- 4.2.7 manage day to day affairs of the Association
- **4.3** The Executive Committee shall, where, necessary appoint. -
  - 4.3.1 a National Team Manger
  - **4.3.2** a National Team Coach
  - 4.3.3 a Medical/Safety Officer
  - **4.3.4** a Press/ Publication Officer
  - 4.3.5 a Chief Referee/ Administration Officer
  - **4.3.6** an Officer responsible for Junior Development
  - **4.3.7** an Officer responsible for Women
- **4.4** The Executive Committee shall hold officer for a period of one year and shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting.
- **4.5** Any member of the Executive Committee who is absent three consecutive committee meetings without good shall be deemed to have resigned

- **5. SPECIAL EXECUTIVE MEETING:** This meeting shall be convened by the President of the Association if and when necessary.
  - **5.1** The meeting will consist of. -
    - 5.1.1 the Executive Committee
    - 5.1.2 other delegates as deemed necessary
    - 5.1.3 The purposes of this meeting are. -
    - 5.1.4 To decided on a calendar of FTA events and venues, including the National Championships.
    - 5.1.5 To discuss the basis of selection for an individual or National Team members to participate outside Fiji.
    - 5.1.6 To resolve any disputes and disciplinary matters relating to FTA which may arise.
- **6.** <u>ADMINISTRATION:</u> The Executive Committee is authorized to enter into such a financial agreement on behalf of the Association as are necessary to ensure efficient management of the Association's administrivia business subject to any such agreements being ratified by the Annual General Meeting.
- **7.** <u>MEMBERSHIP:</u> The Following classes of membership are open to any individual after completion acceptance by the Executive Committee of an application form and payment of the appropriate subscription.
  - **7.1 Club Membership:** A member of a club in current affiliation with the Association.
  - **7.2** Associate Membership: An Associate member is entitled to receive all communications and newsletters issued by the Association. An Associate member has no voting right and may not hold a racing license.
  - **7.3 Honorary Membership:** Honorary membership may be awarded by the Association as may be determined by the Annual General Meeting to a member or an individual, who has given outstanding contribution to the sport of triathlon. The Honorary member has the right to speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
  - **7.4 Family Membership:** Family Membership is available to immediate members of the family providing that one member of the family is a club member. Family members may not hold a racing license and have no voting rights.
- **8.** <u>SUBSCRIPRION AND FEES:</u> The rate of subscription and fees (racing license) shall be determined by the Executive Committee, and shall normally run from 1<sup>st</sup> January 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.

**8.1** New members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> September in any one year may have their membership extended to 31<sup>st</sup> December the following year.

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- **9. RACING LICENCE:** All members of the Association competing in sanctioned events must hold a current Racing license which must renewed annually together with the subscription.
  - **9.1** Race Directors or their officials may hold the license the course of the race. Racing licenses are not inter-changeable.
- **10.** <u>SANCTION OF EVENTS:</u> Promoters of all events run under the rules of the Association must apply for a 'Letter of Sanction" from the Executive Committee".
  - **10.1** All sanctioned events must be covered by adequate safety measure acceptable to the Association.
  - **10.2** Competitors in all sanctioned evens must produce their racing license at registration. All persons, other than juniors, not able to produce a current a license shall pay a levy to the registration officials.
- **11.** <u>FINANANCE:</u> The financial year of the Association shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 32st December each year.
  - **11.1** The Treasurer shall prepare a Financial Forecast for the Annual General Meeting and the meeting shall not? Guidelines on expenditure.
  - **11.2** The Treasurer shall submit to the conference an audited statement of account on expenditure and income, together with a Balance Sheet as the end of a preceding financial year.
  - **11.3** All monies due to the Association shall be received by the Treasurer who shall deposit the same in the Bank to the credit of the Association.

# **12. STATES**:

- **12.1** Members shall not compete in any triathlon event is not sanctioned by the FTA
- **12.2** Members wishing to compete outside Fiji must apply for a "Certificate of Approval" from the Executive Committee.
- **12.3** Members wishing to participate in individual swimming, cycling or running events may do so without resources to the FTA, providing their

events are organized under the sanction of the governing bodies of the appropriate sport comply with their respective competition laws.

# **13. JUNOIRS:**

- **13.1** Members of the Association under 18 years of the age on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the January each year shall be classed as 'Junior" members.
- **13.2** Junior members shall compete in Senior events only upon the approval of the Executive Committee.
- **14.** <u>AMENDMENTS THE CONSTITUTION:</u> Any amendment to this constitution shall be made at the Annual General Meeting and shall be in accordance with the following provisions.
  - 14.1.1 Notice of the intended amendment is given in writing to the secretary no late than 14 days to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
  - 14.1.2 Seven Days (7) written notice be given to all members that the proposed amendment is to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.
  - **14.1.3** 75 percent of those attending the Conference vote in favor of the amendment.

THIS CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE FASNOC ON THE 23 DAY OF MARCH, 2004.

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