

## THE ROLE OF THE TECHNICAL OFFICIAL ON EVENT DAY

The role of the Technical Official (TO) is built around ensuring safety and fairness of all elements of triathlon racing and are an important part of delivering a satisfying and enjoyable experience for competitors, course marshals and spectators.

In Australia, TOs wear a fluorescent-green vest and are typically stationed at the bike check-in, swim start, in and around the transition area, at the bike mount and dismount lines, on the back of a motorbike on the cycle route and at the finish line.

The Race Referee (RR) has ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding the accuracy of race results and whether any race rules have been broken. Race competition rules can be viewed via this link:

[http://www.triathlon.org.au/Technical/Race\\_Competition\\_Rules.htm](http://www.triathlon.org.au/Technical/Race_Competition_Rules.htm)

### HOW MIGHT YOU INTERACT WITH A TO ON EVENT DAY?

- » If the weather/temperature is unusually high, the RR will determine whether wetsuits can or should not be worn and this is communicated early on the morning of the race.
- » When you first enter the transition area to rack your bike, a member of the TO team will inspect your bike helmet for correct fit and a basic bike safety check will also be performed.
- » The RR will provide a race briefing just prior to supervising the swim start.
- » You will see TOs at the bike mount and dismount lines helping to ensure that cyclists mount after the mount line and dismount before the dismount line.
- » You may also see a TO on the rear of a motorbike on the cycle route ensuring that rules regarding blocking, drafting and illegal passing are complied with.
- » The following video resource helps explain these rules:  
[http://www.triathlon.org.au/Technical/Race\\_Competition\\_Rules.htm](http://www.triathlon.org.au/Technical/Race_Competition_Rules.htm)



To help ensure a safe and enjoyable race day event,  
you should familiarise yourself with the basics of race day rules.

**If in doubt on the day, ask a TO!**