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Collegiate Triathletes,

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Sarah Breevoort and I have recently been granted the great honor of representing you as chairperson of the governing committee of the Southeast Collegiate Triathlon Conference (SECTC). The governing body of USA Triathlon recently established a national collegiate commission of officers representing various regions of the country, in an effort to expand, unify, and strengthen the sport at the collegiate level. It is the organization's hope to provide college students with the necessary tools to build and maintain a strong and long-lasting program at their school. SECTC, while working within a close partnership with the USAT SE region, will be its own entity devoted to the betterment of the team and athletes of our conference. There are no rigid boundaries to the SECTC conference; instead we will be allowing schools to join depending on the convenience and location. However, we envision that the SECTC will naturally be comprised of schools from GA, SC, TN, AL and the Florida panhandle. Of course, we will allow any school to join the conference if they so choose. The following is what SECTC is seeking to accomplish within this next calendar year:

- establish ourselves as the cohesive governing body of SE collegiate triathletes in correlation with the other national collegiate conferences
- set a race series that will closely follow the academic school year. The series calendar will begin after Collegiate Nationals (April) and the SECTC champion will be crowned at the following Collegiate Nationals each year.
- Name conference sponsors in an effort to offer all SECTC teams affordable gear and merchandise
- Begin a constructive dialog among conference team leaders in an effort to help one another build, strengthen, and maintain successful programs.

What I envision and hope for in the near future is a conference composed of mostly newly formed teams working together with the guidance and support of the SECTC governing committee, USAT-SE, and other leaders to initialize, build, and strength collegiate triathlon within our region. I also believe that SECTC will serve as a catalyst for the formation of new collegiate teams within the Southeastern region. By working together now, as collegiate team leaders helping one another establish solid programs, we will lay the necessary foundation from which the competitive spirit and reputation will naturally arise.

The governing committee of SECTC hopes to be a model for the rest of the newly formed collegiate conferences and prove that cooperation and solidarity among our conference is advantageous to all. Certainly one day soon, with the proper resources, guidance, and solidarity the teams comprising the SECTC will be a formidable threat at the national level.

Every team must be USAT sanctioned to participate in a conference. If you are the leader of a collegiate team and are not sanctioned please contact us. Also, if you are a college student interested in starting a team at your school and are looking for guidance and support we would like to help you out.

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