

USAT Southeast Region Announces Formation of Collegiate Triathlon Conference

Under the auspices of the USAT-SE region, a coalition of collegiate triathlon teams from across the Southeast have announced the creation of the SouthEast Collegiate Triathlon Conference (SECTC)

Last year, USAT enacted a National Collegiate Triathlon Committee to aid in the development of collegiate triathletes and to facilitate regional competition among schools. The Southeast Region (GA, TN, SC, AL, NC, and MS) will preside over the SECTC.

The mission of the Southeast Collegiate Triathlon Conference is to administer, develop, promote, and support the sport of triathlon at the collegiate level within the Southeastern United States of America. SECTC is dedicated to promoting the sport of triathlon at the collegiate level within the Southeast region, facilitating constructive dialog among member teams, and developing regionally and nationally competitive athletes. An official season with team and individual rankings will encourage participation by teams across the conference.

Initial members of the conference include Clemson University, Emory University, University of Georgia, University of Alabama, University of Tennessee, the Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Tech., Furman University and Georgia State University.

A points - based scoring system will be used to rank both teams and individual athletes over the course of the season. Points are awarded to the first 50 male and female finishers of each race. Team rankings are determined by adding the individual points that each team scores. Conference champions will be crowned at an award ceremony at the conclusion of the season.

Collegiate teams interested in joining the SECTC are required to be officially recognized by their post-secondary institution. All SECTC teams are required to be registered with USAT. Individuals must be full-time students at their respective institution and are required to hold an USAT Annual Membership to participate in SECTC competitions.

The SECTC is governed by an Executive Board. The Executive Board is composed of one Team Representative from each SECTC Team and two conference advisors. One advisor is a member of the triathlon community at large who serves on the SECTC executive board in an honorary advisory role. One advisor is a USAT-SE Board member. The Conference Director is the primary administrator of the conference. Sarah Breevoort from the University of Georgia is the current Conference Director. Sarah can be reached at sara2745@uga.edu

For additional details about the SECTC, including conference teams, upcoming races, race results, conference standings and other news, visit the Southeast Region website: www.usat-se.org