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#### **Local Race Director Appointed by USAT Board of Directors to the USA Triathlon Race Director Committee**

Andy Vidro has made his mark in the triathlon community at both a local and national level. Co-Director of the Grand Rapids Triathlon and Michigan Titanium Triathlon, he is getting Grand Rapids noticed. The GR Tri, has been chosen three times now to host a National Championship Event by USA Triathlon, bringing over \$2MM in economic impact to the community. That is quite an accomplishment, seeing how only a handful of national championships are given out each year and there are thousands of triathlons to choose from.

Most recently, Andy has been given the honor of being appointed by the USAT Board of Directors to the USA Triathlon Race Director Committee. This select group of race directors contribute to the success of triathlon and help to build the momentum of the sport. Andy is one of only three level 2 race directions in Michigan with his co-directors, Ann Vidro and Doug Tuttle being the other two.

The Grand Rapids Triathlon is a Sprint, Olympic and Half-Iron distance event held on June 12, 2016 and will be the host of the Clydesdale and Athena National Championships for second year in a row. The MI Titanium is Michigan's only full-iron distance event in the state will be held on August 12, 2016 and also offers a half-iron and Olympic distance as well. The MI Titanium was recently recognized as one of the top 5 toughest triathlons in the world by Triathlon Business International and Active's list of the "Best Long-Distance Triathlons You've Never Heard Of"!

USA Triathlon is proud to serve as the National Governing Body for triathlon, as well as duathlon, aquathlon, aquabike, winter triathlon, off-road triathlon and paratriathlon in the United States. Founded in 1982, USA Triathlon sanctions more than 4,300 races and connects with 500,000 members each year, making it the largest multisport organization in the world. In addition to its work with athletes, coaches and race directors on the grassroots level, USA Triathlon provides leadership and support to elite athletes competing at international events, including International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championships, Pan American Games and the Olympic and Paralympic Games. USA Triathlon is a proud member of the ITU and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).

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