

## Athlete Committee Meeting : January 15, 2021

**Attending :** Tamas Toth, Claire Michel, Gergely Markus, Jonothan Goerlach, Ai Ueda, Lisa Nordon, Rachel Klamer, Sally Pilbream, Simon DeCuyper, Yannick Bourseaux

### Discussion :

- Tamas: Welcomes and gives floor to Gergely to give an update on restart of the qualification.
- Gergely: The new board has met twice already and some provisional discussions have already taken place.
  - First things that has been decided is that qualification will not start before March 15, 2021, but it could be later depending on circumstances. We will speak with all committees and hope to make a proposal by Jan 29.
  - Several events were missed when we were forced to freeze the rankings on March 15, 2020.
    - For elites: 2 WTChamps missed, 7 world tri cups, 3 continental champs, 1 Mixed Team Relay qualification event
    - For para: 1 world champ, 2 WTPS, 5 WTPC
  - Proposed Calendar:

## Events



Date		Elite		Para	
13-Mar	14-Mar			Sarasota, USA	Americas
20-Mar	21-Mar	Miyazaki, JPN	Cup	Miyazaki, JPN	Cup
27-Mar	28-Mar				
3-Apr	4-Apr	Sharm, EGY	Africa	Sharm, EGY	Africa
10-Apr	11-Apr				
17-Apr	18-Apr	Huatulco, MEX	Cup		
24-Apr	25-Apr	Hatsukaichi, JPN	Asia	Hatsukaichi, JPN	Asia
		Samana, DOM	Americas		
1-May	2-May	Chengdu, CHN	Champs + MR		
8-May	9-May	Osaka, JPN	Cup	Milan, ITA WCH	Champs
15-May	16-May	Yokohama, JPN	Champs	Yokohama, JPN	Series
22-May	23-May	Europe	Cup		
29-May	30-May	Arzachena, ITA	Cup		
5-Jun	6-Jun	Leeds, GBR	Champs	Leeds, GBR	Series
12-Jun	13-Jun			Besancon, FRA	Cup
19-Jun	20-Jun	Kitzbühel, AUT	Europe MR	A Coruna, ESP	Cup
26-Jun	27-Jun	Montreal, CAN	Champs + MR	Montreal, CAN	Series

- Regarding world rankings: it will take 2 years for the calendar year again match the points given. From the moment the unfreeze takes place, those number of weeks will always be subtracted out from an athlete's total world ranking score with 52 weeks in Previous period worth 1/3 score and 52 weeks' worth full points.
- The Re-Start principles are the same as before: have sufficient access to training and allowed to travel to any country where events are held. We may have to operate as a bubble as well – such as chartering a group bus or transport to 1 hotel and return to airport via 1 transport, but this would also represent a significant extra cost that would have to be absorbed by federations.
- Original cutoff date for Olympic ranking & new IOC/IPC requirements

- Elite: 11 May ☐ IOC no later than 28<sup>th</sup> June
- Para: 30<sup>th</sup> June ☐ IOC no later than 15<sup>th</sup> July
  - Of course, we prefer to finish the criteria earlier than 4 weeks before the games.
- There is room for some exceptions, such as continental champs for example, which could take place before the world restart of the world ranking. I.e. Let's say May 1 starts the unfreeze of world ranking and Africa Champs take place in April and all confederations agree, then those points can count, but won't be added until world rankings reopen
- Jono: Is it still on the table to have previous continental champs (prior to May 2018) potentially count towards the rankings?
- Gergely: Yes, it is written in the principles document as a possibility if we are not able to restart. For example, in Elites, Americas and Europe were able to have 2 continental champs; Asia, Africa and Oceania have not had 2 yet. If we are not able to hold them, adding a previous one in retrospectively has the drawback of course that athletes didn't know it could happen.
- Tamas: What about the Mixed Team Relay?
- Gergely: the plan from last year is to have 1 Mixed Team Relay (Abu Dhabi) and 1 Mixed Team Qualification event (Chengdu). The first priority is to have the qualification event and the second priority is to have another opportunity to race the MTR. One option is to also use the Kitzbühel event as the qualification event as a MTR, but then non-Europeans should also be able to race the individual.
- Claire: Would the obligation of a 2-week quarantine prior to Tokyo change the latest date to close the ranking?
- Gergely: The qualification event is top priority because without that we would have to change the whole criteria. Ideally, we want to have Continental champs and finish with Leeds and start with Huatulco, and for para we can go until end of June.
- - - > Claire had to leave meeting and unable to finish the minutes. If you were able to stay until the end please add additional notes below.