

2022 Abu Dhabi Para NFs Meeting

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Agenda

1. Events
2. Classification
3. IPC Updates
4. Participation and Figures
5. Mixed Relay
6. Development
7. Int. Para triathlon Conference
8. AOB

World Triathlon 2023 Calendar

Para Cups:

2023 World Triathlon Para Cup A Coruna

2023 World Triathlon Para Cup Besancon

2023 World Triathlon Para Cup Long Beach*

2023 World Triathlon Para Cup Paris*

Working with 3 more possible candidates

Para Series:

2023 World Triathlon Para Series Devonport

2023 World Triathlon Para Series Yokohama

2023 World Triathlon Para Series Swansea*

Working with 1 more possible candidates

World Championships

2023 World Triathlon Championship Finals Pontevedra*





2023 Calendar - Continental

Continental Para Cups:

2023 Americas Triathlon Para Cup St. Peters Missouri

2023 Africa Paratriathlon Cup Sharm El Sheikh

2023 Africa Triathlon Paratriathlon Cup Sharm El Sheikh*

Continental Championships

2023 Americas Triathlon Para Championships Sarasota

2023 Europe Triathlon Championships Madrid*

2023 Africa Triathlon Championships Sharm El Sheikh



Year	Cont. Para Cup	Continental Championships					Para Cups	Para Series	Para Champs	
		Oceania	Africa	Asia	America	Europe				
2017	--	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	14
2018	--	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	1	15
2019	--	1	1	1	1	1	7	3	1	16
2020	--	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7
2021	--	0	1	1	1	1	4	2	1	11
2022	2	1	1	0	1	1	4	3	1	14
2023	3	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	1	20
			Sharm		Sarasota	Madrid	Besancon	Devonport	Pontevedra	
							A Coruna	Yokohama		
							Long Beach	Montreal		
							Paris	Swansea		
							<u>Alanya</u>			
							Bari			
							Abu Dhabi			

CLASSIFICATION



IPC Classification Code Review

- 1st Round of Consultation: June to September 2021
- Lengthy review of feedback
- July 2022: compiled feedback and release of 2nd round of consultation until December 15th 2022
- Consultation Calls, HoC, IFs, Athlete representatives



Classification Costs and figures



	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI	PI	VI
Number of events	8	2	7	2	7	2	2	0	5	5*	4	2
Events with Protest Panel	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Total Costs (\$ USD)	19275	3428	9430	5060	12233	2779	2440		5106	536	6552	8970
Number of Athletes classified	203	10	77	22	71	16	16	0	43	14	47	23
Cost per Athlete (\$ USD)	94,95	342,8	122,5	230	172,3	173,7	152,5		118,7	38,29	139,4	390
PI Average=	133,39\$		(*) 5 Events, 4 Out of Competition, shared with other IFs and IPC									
VI Average=	234,95\$		The cost is significantly when shared, We are pushing IPC in this direction									
Athlete Avrg	185\$											

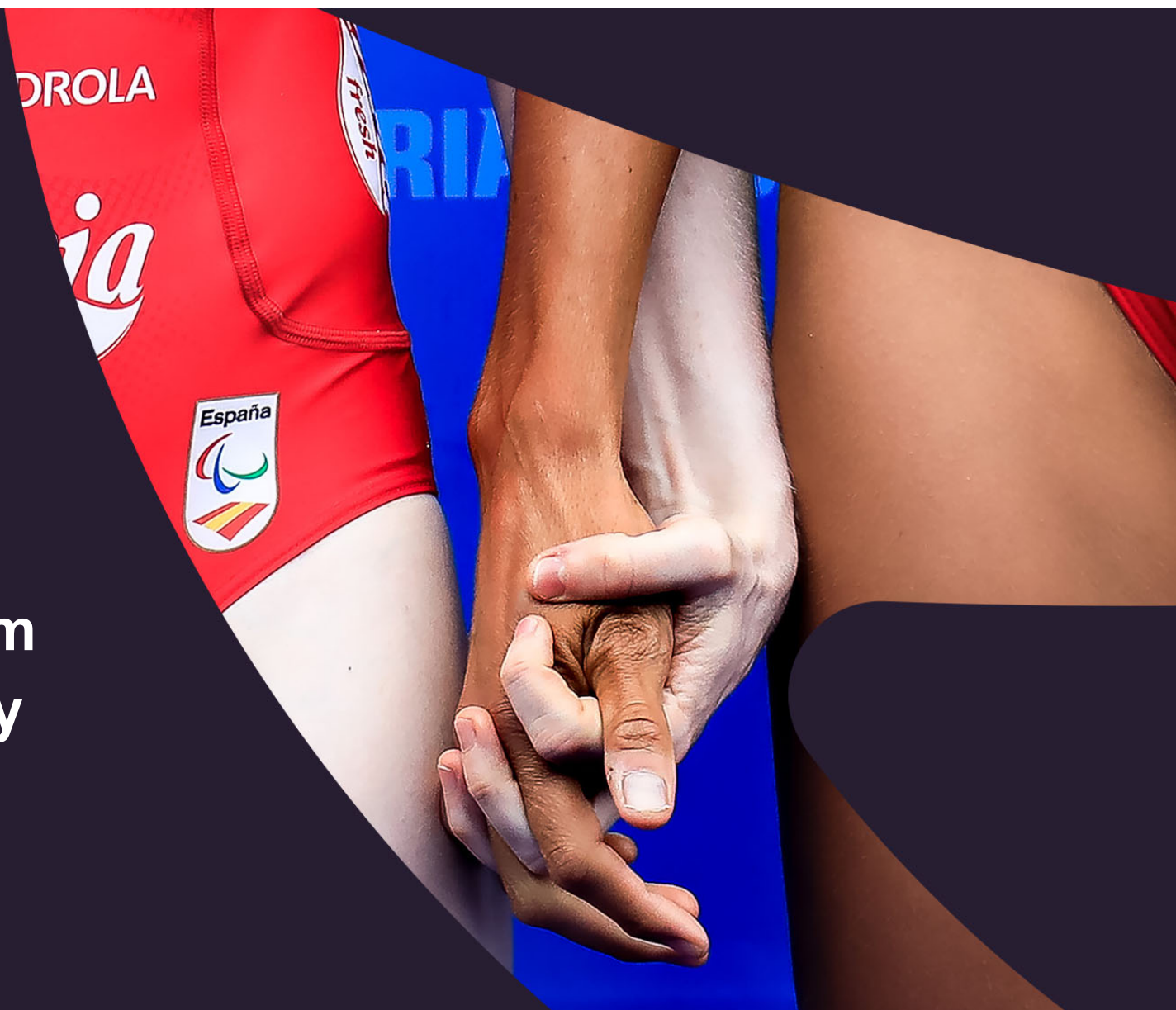
Sustainability for Classification

- Cost?
- Protest Opportunities
- Engagement of Classifiers
- Regional Investment and Out of Competition Opportunities (VI)



Classification System Changes July Survey

Consultation Phase





Most Important items

- More classes, split of the PTS4, differentiate between upper and lower limb impairments, blade users vs arm impairments in disadvantage
- Neurological impairments, spasticity and coordination topics. System that considers functional capacity of Rom and muscle power. Athetosis, dystonia and hypertonia are currently based on the fact that they are either present or not present.
- Considerations around symmetry and its current importance in the scoring, unfair for athletes with symmetrical impairment
- Split in the PTWC needs to change and go lower
- Consideration on the through the wrist MIC
- Any changes should have strong evidence behind them and add to the sport.

Most Important items (2)

- Can athletes choose to use a wheelchair or what are the criteria to use wheelchairs for racing?
- Current scoring is not represented accurately in results specific to PTS2 and 3, the complex scoring may be missing how the impairments are actually impacting ability or ranges of ability to perform swim/bike/run
- Ensure that the system is easily understood and protocols are well documented, as the formulas and rationale behind the spreadsheet appears complex.
- Cycling power
- Spasticity and coordination tests
- ROM protocols could be clearer
- medical - impairment specific technical - practical evaluation based on biomechanics/physiology as opposed to just the FAP



PTWC Sport Classes

- There should continue to be 2 sport classes with a different cut-off score
- This system is important to continue as is with the number of WC athletes especially for females. if the categories are separated there would not be a larger enough athlete pool.
- As the sport continues to develop it is positive to have the interval start system facilitating more athletes with the opportunity to compete at the Games. With the cut off changed and then a clear justification around the interval start times the category would feel more positive and transparent.



PTS – Standing Classes

- There should be different ranges in scores for each of the existing classes
- Neurological impairments should be allocated into a completely different set of sport classes
- Some of the classes could be merged, so less classes.
- There should be more classes – some of the current ones be split
- A more precise system with still class, but smaller classes. So you can adapt number a medal event depending on what you want



PTVI

- Resume the work done in 2015 and 2016 with partners that wish to do research in the visual field



Classification System Changes Survey

- The vast majority of the feedback indicated to implement changes post-Paris 2024
- Implications and viability
 - Proper research and testing
 - Impact on Medal Events Programme

Classification Survey

Continue Using the Interval Start System

In VI: Yes, consider separating in different medal events

Continue Using the Interval Start System

In PTWC: Yes, consider separating in different medal events



IPC Updates

- LA 2028 Bid Application
- Once confirmed on the programme, we will have the Medal events proposal
- Review of the Interval Start System





PARTICIPATION AND FIGURES

Rule of 32 – NF's Widely Participating



AUS	BEL	ARG		AND
AUT	CRO	BAH		CHI
BRA	CYP	->CHN	*	GUA
CAN	CZE	->COL	*	KUW
ESP	FIN	CRC		NAM
FRA	->HUN	CUB	*	PER
GBR	ISR	->DEN	*	->SLO
GER	KOR	ECU		->RUS(*)
IRL	LTU	EGY	*	RWA
ITA	SRB	GRE	*	UGA
JPN	SUI	->HKG		UZB
KGZ	SWE	IND		
MEX	TUN	IRI		
NED	TUR	KEN		EST
POL		LAT	*	INA
POR		->LUX	*	MAS
RSA		MAR	*	NOR
UKR		NZL	*	SIN
USA		PAN		THA
		PHI	*	
		ROU	*	
		SEN	*	
		SVK		
		TPE		
		UAE	*	
		VEN		
19	14	26		17
33				
59				

Para triathlon participation figures



2022	PTWC-M	PTWC-W	PTS2-M	PTS2-W	PTS3-M	PTS3-W	PTS4-M	PTS4-W	PTS5-M	PTS5-W	PTVI-M	PTVI-W
	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	FRA	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS
	AUT	BRA	BEL	ESP	CAN	NED	AUT	ESP	AUT	CAN	BRA	BRA
	BRA	CAN	BRA	FIN	ESP		BRA	GBR	BRA	ESP	CZE	CAN
	CAN	ESP	ESP	GER	FRA		CRO	GER	CAN	FRA	EGY	ESP
	EGY	FRA	FRA	ITA	GBR		ESP	ISR	CUB	GBR	ESP	FRA
	ESP	GBR	GBR	USA	GER		FRA	ITA	CYP	POL	FRA	GBR
	FRA	GRE	ITA		GRE		GBR	RSA	EGY	UKR	GBR	IRL
	GBR	ITA	NED		ITA		GER	SVK	ESP	USA	GRE	ITA
	ITA	MEX	ROU		KOR		GRE	USA	FRA		IRL	NZL
	JPN	NED	TUR		NED		IND		GBR		ITA	POL
	MAR	USA	USA		RSA		ITA		GER		JPN	RSA
	NED				SUI		JPN		GRE		KGZ	UKR
	TUN				USA		MAR		HUN		NED	USA
	UAE						RSA		JPN		POR	
	USA						SEN		LAT		RSA	
							TUR		LTU		SRB	
							USA		MEX		SWE	
									POL		TUR	
									POR		UKR	
									TUR		USA	
									USA			
TOTAL	27	17	16	7	17	3	36	15	39	10	37	19
2017-2021	62	25	43	16	21	9	92	18	60	28	79	31

- This is for Year 1 (...actually Year 2 of the cycle)
- Considerable drop
- Pandemic?
- Sport becoming too elite?
- Events are not full (Invitation panel at 3 events in 2022)
- Enough Classification opportunities
- In-Depth analysis to be done in the first semestre of 2023
- Development projects and engagement of the Continental Confederations

WHY?

- **Pandemic?**
- **Cost of travelling and everything in general?**
- **Level of Competition too high and discourages athletes to give it a try?**
- **Classification System?**
- **Other?**



MAGIC SOLUTION?



Para Triathlon Mixed Relay

- 9 teams tomorrow, 3 of them from combined NFs
- A team will consist of 4 athletes, 2 men and 2 women
- (3 athletes are possible with both genders represented with one athlete repeating a segment)
- Each athlete to complete 125- 150m Swim, 3,5 - 4km Bike and 0,8 - 1km Run
- A wheelchair athlete must cover the first leg. There can only be one PTWC and one PTVI athlete in each team and cannot repeat a leg.
- Gender is not a factor in determining the start order of the athletes
- Each sport class is assigned a numerical weight to balance teams and a team can have max 20 points
- The last team member crosses the finish line.

Sport class	MEN	WOMEN
PTWC2	7	6
PTS5	7	6
PTVI2-3	6	5
PTWC1	5	4
PTVI1	5	4
PTS4	4	3
PTS3	2	1
PTS2	2	1

DEVELOPMENT

- **Networking (Coaches and Athletes)**
- **Mentoring Initiatives**, at events and outside events
- **Equipment network**, priority for handbikes and tandems, second hand prosthetics/blades or even apre running shoes, wetsuits, etc
- Continental Confederation budgets & application
- Quota at events?
- Ranking points adequate?
- **EDUCATION COURSES**
 - Para Coaching Certification
 - Classification Certification



Development Project – IPC Membership Grant



- World Triathlon applied for an IPC Membership Grant for development
- This grant covers countries in the following regions:

West Asia
Bahrain (BRN), Iraq (IRG), Jordan (JOR), Kuwait (KUW), Lebanon (LBN), Oman (OMA), Palestine (PLE), Qatar (QAT), Saudi Arabia (KSA), Syria (SYR), United Arab Emirates (UAE), Yemen (YEM)
Central Asia
Kazakhstan (KAZ), Iran (IRI), Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ), Tajikistan (TJK), Turkmenistan (TKM), Uzbekistan (UZB)

- Confirmed participants from Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan*
- Saudi Triathlon Federation hosting the event and assisting World Triathlon with all logistics
- Event in Al Khobar 3-5 December including Para Coaching certification and Introduction to classification

Development Project Opportunities

- EUROPE – Triathlon Ireland
- SOUTH EAST ASIA and China
- AFRICA
- SOUTH AMERICA

SWANSEA International Para triathlon Conference



Driving Para Triathlon Parity



Key themes	Para Triathlon Vision	Classification	Para Triathlon Development	Event Investment	Event Presentation	Key themes
55 attendees	Representation from 21 NFs	Net promoter score: +80	100% of attendees would attend again next year	<p>What is one thing you have taken away from this conference that will help you to drive para triathlon parity in your own National Federation or on the World Stage?</p> <p><i>"Para needs a strong voice within WT and this conference needs to become an annual event to further strengthen its position and development"</i></p> <p><i>"The need for senior leadership involvement & awareness"</i></p> <p><i>"There is a huge gap in the communication of this sport even among those who are involved in it"</i></p> <p><i>"We have a lot to learn from each other and we should exchange a lot more, especially on development topics"</i></p> <p><i>"That we all have a voice and are leaders in this field and its up to us to drive change and move forward"</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated discussion Presentations Practical sessions and observations Leaders in their field Clarity of vision for Para Triathlon Connections between NFs Action Planning Models of good practice A shared ambition for parity between Para Triathlon and Triathlon A desire to secure the future of Para Triathlon 						





Athlete Experience

- Diligent event planning with clear guidelines, expectations and standards. (Particularly regarding swim water quality, swim exit, accessibility (esp. PTWC) and safety for athletes).
- Every LOC to have consultation with coaches and/or athletes at every stage of the planning process to discuss potential challenges and support athlete experiences.
- Training package for water exit handlers to ensure consistent and high quality experience
- Communication of course features in advance to allow for effective planning and preparation
- Expectations for gathering feedback from athletes and coaches AND sharing that learning to improve ALL events



Collaboration and sharing

- More coordinated ways to effectively share best practice on event planning and delivery that spans the range of different size NFs / fields etc.
- Ensuring and taking responsibility for learning from one event to the next – we shouldn't be talking about the same challenges from one race to the next OR common known challenges should be discussed in advance to manage expectations rather than ignored or hidden until race day.
- Create a coordinated group to drive this work forward and support the Paratriathlon Committee/build greater resource in this area.
- Run the conference again next year with more attendees from more NFs



Finance

- A prize-fund for Paratriathlon races has to be a priority, athletes are leaving to move to sports where prize money is offered and we increased the prize-fund for the WTCS when we could have offered something to the Para series.
- Critical that we find global partners/sponsors for Paratriathlon to support prize money and development initiatives



Exposure / Interest

- More high quality social media campaigns / content to drive paratriathlon interest alongside triathlon.
- Clear guidance and support around event coverage, video packages and broadcast
- Review and reimagine the live information/data we can share during races to make them much easier to watch/follow and more interesting for viewers
- Tell more, in depth stories about athletes, their goals and achievements
- Explore the rivalries in the sport to show how competitive it is more.
- Develop a Paratriathlon Mixed Team Relay ASAP

PROPOSED DATE

Pending feedback

International Paratriathlon Conference 2023

Driving Para Triathlon Parity



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**12-14 JULY
2023**

**SWANSEA
WALES, UK**

A male swimmer is crouching at the starting block of a swimming pool. He is wearing a black swimsuit with "WILDE NZL" and "ORCO" printed on it, a bright green swim cap, and green-tinted goggles. He has a black patch on his right arm with a heart icon and the number "1". He is pointing both index fingers forward. The background shows other people and pool equipment. A large, dark blue, curved graphic element is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the word "Questions" in white text.

Questions

Thank you



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