

## National Coaches Committee [NCC] Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Duration: via Zoom 00:90.00

Draft/Approved

### Present

- Thanos Nikopoulos – World Triathlon
- Gergely Markus - World Triathlon
- Antonio Arimany - World Triathlon
- Rolf Ebeling - World Triathlon
- Leslie Buchanan - World Triathlon
- Kate Murray - RSA
- Claudia Beristain -MEX
- Philippe Fattori - FRA
- Stephen Sheldrake - NZL
- Hideki Yamane - JPN
- Rick Velati - GBR
- Miles Stewart – World Triathlon
- Rodrigo Milazzo - BRA

### Absent

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\*For ease of minute taking only first names or initials of the members will be referred to in the minutes. You can see full names above

Item	Discussion Items	Discussion	Actions
1	Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The agenda items were introduced</li> </ul>	<p>Agree next meeting before WORLD TRIATHLON Exec. Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>Agreed for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1900 CET.</p>
2	COVID-19; the way forward with Olympic qualification and world rankings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sport Department presentation on Qualification events and rankings 're-start'.</li> <li>- Key discussion points:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Clarity on '...not before 15<sup>th</sup> March' statement.</li> <li>o importance reiterated on fairness/equality for countries to be able to safely travel and participate in events</li> <li>o gain awareness of countries' training opportunities [related to fairness]</li> <li>o importance of respective Continental Championships regarding Olympic rankings</li> <li>o importance of a mixed team relay event</li> <li>o key principle highlighted - how to minimise the imbalance of points and lost events when points restart.</li> <li>o China [especially Cheng Du] highlighted as issue at the moment as not being able to access.</li> <li>o Japan events [e.g. Miyazaki] having an 'athlete track' / 'bubble' associated with them. Examples cited; cost approx. \$3000 per person, chartered flights on arrival, food boxed, isolated team activities, prospect of quarantines returning to home country.</li> <li>o Detailed presentation on principles of restarting rankings taking into account;                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Frozen period [Mar 2020-Mar 2021]</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sarasota para event moved one day to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>- Ongoing discussions between WORLD TRIATHLON and China Federation regards events [Cheng Du]</li> <li>- Regarding rankings – NCC coaches to look over details from the presentation again and feedback thoughts to the chair by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. KM, RV, TN to discuss and gather details ahead of CC call 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· How to minimise the imbalance of athletes losing 1/3 of points</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IOC qualification window LATEST dates – 28 June [OG], 15 July [PG].             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A point was raised about if date is pushed back too far it has impact on NOC's processes on selection/nomination/verification/appeals etc...</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3	Advisory group of coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A summary on how a group was intended to be used in the previous cycle[s]</li> <li>- Key principles to follow:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For NCC to be transparent and approachable maybe via Continents.</li> <li>○ Ensure feedback loop is established [via races, meetings, issues coaches have to raise to NCC</li> <li>○ Clarity as to a means for NF coaches to feed into NCC [and thereby WORLD TRIATHLON]. This must avoid confusion.</li> <li>○ Respect the WORLD TRIATHLON constitution – the NCC is an elected body of coaches.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NCC to feedback on process by which we can communicate and establish relationships with NF coaches which includes them but does not confuse NCC/WORLD TRIATHLON constitution.</li> <li>- NCC to ensure race/competition feedback template is clear and agree to who is responsible at key WTS/WC races to feedback.</li> </ul>
4	Competition rules update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eliminator format to be updated.</li> <li>- No other rules have been amended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical committee to work along with other committees [this will be put to athlete committee and coach committee for feedback]. The rules will be released within the year.</li> <li>- Timelines on feedback for 2022 rules to be released through this year – but ahead of Exec meeting in November 2021.</li> </ul>

5	Coaches accreditation	- It was discuss the idea of joining with WORLD TRIATHLON Development and credentials to have a list of coaches that go through development and prepare athletes for Continental Cups, WC and WTS.	- A presentation for what is currently in place will be available through World Triathlon Development to the coaches' committee. Gergely to follow up with Istvan.
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