

## National Coaches Committee [NCC] Minutes

Meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Approved

Duration: via Zoom 02;00

### Present

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

### Absent

- Rodrigo Milazzo - BRA

\*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>- KM introduced agenda items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarified this was a meeting ahead of EB meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.</li> </ul>
2	Views on Paralympic coaching group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KM met with representative from Para working group about ensuring integration of views into NCC.</li> <li>- Para group is NF led initiative working on para specific / classification matters – has a link to NCC and also Para Committee.</li> <li>- Acknowledged we are not an ‘olympic pathway’ group, so agreement on keeping a healthy link to ensure mutual understanding – especially ahead of NCC meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keep link made with Carolyn Murray [CM] and ensure either KM or a representative from NCC follows up with CM in between meetings.</li> </ul>
3	Technical rules / queries for 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water bottles for Leeds WTS event</li> <li>• Any bike handlebars or bike position rule changes</li> <li>• Any other changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No changes to be made during 2021.</li> <li>- Clarification on water bottles for Leeds WTS – all World Triathlon Committees in favour of the cans – they will be available for athletes via the guide and briefing at the event.</li> <li>- Both World Athletics and UCI have made changes in relation to shoes and bikes this year – but Triathlon will not make changes this year as the considerations are big subjects and we do not have a full picture yet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revisit the changes later in the year</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olympic qualification and World rankings position ahead of 18th March</li> <li>• Update on Olympic and Paralympic schedules regarding course familiarization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GM presented the results and feedback from the World Triathlon survey.</li> <li>- Built further information on; international travel, domestic training availability, rules on quarantine, testing and vaccination updates.</li> <li>- Clarification on Cheng Du postponed – therefore no MTR on May 1.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NCC had a ‘closed room’ discussion [KM, RV, CB, SS, HY, PF] and vote on recommendation.</li> <li>- NCC voted 5 in favour / 1 not in favour; ‘Not to proceed with the Olympic and Paralympic Qualification in any way or form and consider the current scores/reallocation methods in place.’</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lisbon WC and/or Kitzbuhel European championships being looked at as a possibility.</li> <li>- GM presented 5 current options World Triathlon has regarding rankings /OG qualification process re-starting or not.</li> </ul>	
	Update on the scenarios for different outcomes of Olympic qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tokyo current schedule affirmed by TN</li> </ul>	-
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration and decision-making processes around other 2021 international events, e.g., World and regional junior and u/23 championships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TN referenced the COVID guidelines found;</li> <li>- <a href="https://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/medical_publications">https://www.triathlon.org/about/downloads/category/medical_publications</a></li> <li>- Discussion over slot allocation for junior world championships 2021 Bermuda.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreed junior slots would be allocated as they would have been for 2020 [? Check here please]</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 World Triathlon Championship Series Ranking calculation</li> <li>• Junior Mixed Relay World Championships</li> <li>• The flexibility of the entry system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion over inclusion of Tokyo OG in WTS rankings for 2021.</li> <li>- OG points the same as other series races. Only GF has more.</li> <li>- Difficulty of travelling to many races this year obvious – reference made to London 2012 being included, whilst Rio 2016 not.</li> <li>- Mixed junior and u23 relay in Bermuda discussed as the world U23 champs are in Edmonton – would there still be uptake for u23s? or keep to junior only.</li> <li>- Entry system will be amended to reflect the covid situation – with cancelled races and athletes on waitlists etc...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreement Tokyo will be in 2021 WTS series.</li> <li>- Series will be 4 races + Grand Final</li> <li>- Mixed relay at Bermuda will stay as mixed junior/U23 and the make up of the team is still at the discretion of NF.</li> <li>- NFs to be notified over entry system changes.</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid measures (testing rules, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talked about ‘bubbles’ at different events.</li> <li>- Some WTS events [Yokohama, Leeds] will have strict LOC bubbles involving transfer from airport and to training and competition venue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Measures will be clear race by race as competitions become live again.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other WTS events [Hamburg] and WC [Lisbon, Arzechena, Huatulco] will just have covid measures in place with no bubble requirements</li> <li>- All events much adhere to the national rules and requirements particular to them.</li> <li>- Testing processes pre-travel and upon return are also subject to the national governments but not less than the borderline rules that were set by the World Triathlon Medical Committee and World Triathlon have to look at each race independently to see what measures are needed in line with government rules.</li> </ul>	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarification of Leeds Paratriathlon event and course</li> <li>- The question of mixed nationality training groups and Tokyo. How will this be possible?</li> <li>- Discussion on each NOC leading with their own respective sports as to the measures they want in place around their Olympic teams.</li> <li>- NEXT NCC meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leeds will operate in Roundhay park only – not going into town centre.</li> <li>- World Triathlon not responsible for these training group decisions – refer to NOC.</li> <li>- Date set for 12<sup>th</sup> April 7pm CET</li> </ul>