# National Coaches Committee [NCC] Minutes

**Meeting:** Wednesday 27\(^{th}\) January 2021

Duration: via Zoom 01:54:50

## Present

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

## Absent

None

*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.*
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| 1    | Opening remarks  | - KM introduced agenda items | Discussion of the way forward with Olympic Qualification  
Proposal of survey to other countries due to Pandemic |
| 2    | COVID-19; the way forward with Olympic qualification and world rankings. | - AA information on IOC´s assurance that the Olympic Games will happen, and the focus is on ‘how’ they will take place.  
- AA comment on Olympic Qualification. ‘Flexibility’ is encouraged by the IOC regarding qualification of athletes.  
- GM presents on Olympic qualification and when to restart the process  
- GM follows up with a discussion on how to decide if all athletes have the possibility to train and travel.  
- GM highlights key points of information derived form written document  
  o Most of the Tokyo Olympic focussed elite athletes can currently train  
  o Travel is complicated for athletes and participation in events adds a lot of pressure on federations and athletes.  
  o How to solve the problem of missing Championships for some regions in TRI and PARATRI  
  o Events that are still planned on the calendar and the impact that Olympic qualification status has on these planned races.  
  o Difficulties on Japanese events (being in the bubble) and travelling to China  
  o 5 number of events in at least 3 Continents to keep a balanced situation before 31st of March.  
  o Rescheduling of events | - Ongoing discussions between WT and Chinese Federation regards events [Cheng Du]  
- NCC [as below] had a ‘closed room discussion’ to exchange thoughts and provide WT with an official recommendation week commencing 1 Feb concerning the reopening of Olympic [and world] rankings. |
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|   | Concern raised to the possibility of some events not happening if Olympic qualification does not take place  
|   | If mixed relay events do not happen, the ranking goes directly to individual qualification as stated on WT Ranking rules  
|   | Recommendation to restart Olympic and Paralympic Qualification 1st of May and finish June 20, 2021 (Olympic) and Paralympic July 15, 2021  
|   | Question raised about when a decision is made if an event goes forth or not, if it could be 8-10 weeks before the race and not 4 weeks.  
|   | Possibility of holding a Continental Confederation Championship if points only affect Continent and the Confederation Continent agrees.  
|   | Discussion on mental health and stress on athletes and high-performance programmes  
| 3 | Advisory group of coaches  
|   | WT created a list on contact coaches for each Confederation so that coaches from the region can express concerns and ideas to the Coaches Commission  
|   | The list will be provided to all federations  
|   | NCC to feedback on process by which we can communicate and establish relationships with NF coaches which includes them but does not confuse NCC/WT constitution.  
|   | NCC to provide feedback on this process to WT in the week commencing Feb 1.  
| 4 | Consensus on NCC, sent to WT  
|   | Restart World Triathlon Rankings after Tokyo Olympics  
|   | Stop Olympic qualification and allow currently ranked athletes to prepare for Olympic Games Tokyo 2021  
|   | If possible races already scheduled should continue.  
|   | NCC had a ‘closed room’ discussion [SS, KM, RV, PF, CB, HY, RM, MS] to provide feedback to WT in the week commencing 1 Feb.  

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