

National Coaches Committee [NCC] Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday 27th January 2021

Approved

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.

| Item | Discussion Items | Discussion | Actions |
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| 1 | Opening remarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KM introduced agenda items | <p>Discussion of the way forward with Olympic Qualification</p> <p>Proposal of survey to other countries due to Pandemic</p> |
| 2 | COVID-19; the way forward with Olympic qualification and world rankings. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 from written document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Concern raised to the possibility of some events not happening if Olympic qualification does not take place o 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 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. o Possibility of holding a Continental Confederation Championship if points only affect Continent and the Confederation Continent agrees. o Discussion on mental health and stress on athletes and high-performance programmes | |
| 3 | Advisory group of coaches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. |