National Coaches Committee [NCC] Minutes

Meeting: Monday 8th February 2021

Duration: via Zoom 01:00

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

Absent:

*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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<td>Opening remarks.</td>
<td>- TN and KM introduced agenda items</td>
<td>- Clarified this was a meeting to update the NCC on recent EB decisions.</td>
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| 2    | Update on EB meeting of 4th February and qualification decision. | - LB/MS updated on EB meeting.  
  o Only NCC and Para committees recommending stopping qualification window.  
  o Seriousness conveyed of the high % (>80%) of races to be cancelled if there is no qualification window – organisers have been contacted.  
  o Appreciation of the range of factors [sponsors, local governments etc.]  
  o Abu Dhabi to be re-scheduled for November 2021 [same time of year as proposed Grand Final 2022]  
  o Clarification on the status of Japanese races [Osaka, Yokahama] going ahead with athlete bubbles if qualification window is opened.  
  o Cheng Du update – Chinese government still being worked with on this.  
  - LB highlighted medical pathway for athletes/staff if anxiety and stress become more significant issues | - Next EB meeting is scheduled for 18 March where it is anticipated a final decision will be made regarding the Olympic/Paralympic qualification rankings opening or not.  
  - NCC to meet ahead of this meeting to give its recommendations and considerations – March 15th 0700 C.E.T |
| 3    | Tokyo Playbook   | - Current public document is general for International Federations  
  - More bespoke sport specific and athlete/coach/team specific will come to NOCs in due course.  
  - COVID measures are sport specific; | - NOCs to receive sport specific information.  
  - This will then come to NFs |
| 4 | Late Athlete Replacement update | - Consideration needs to be given to the MTR [building on from last NCC group] and should an athlete be needing to be replaced for medical reasons [sick/injured].  
  
  o COVID has now added another risk factor into this  
  o Discussion on timelines which need to also fit into the Tokyo Playbook on the principle of bubbles.  
  o Current status is an athlete can be replaced 2 days before the MTR technical briefing. Discussion on how to make this COVID safe with bubbles etc.  
  
  - Regularity of COVID testing in Tokyo – update is every 4 days, but with consideration given to the timing of technical briefings – ie test results should be validated ahead of these to avoid any ‘surprises’  
  - Positive tests in a team  
  o It is possible a team could be excluded if an athlete tests positive for COVID and all athletes in the bubble or close contact [regardless of individual results] have to quarantine. | - Continued work between IOC / NOC and WORLD TRIATHLON on these specific matters regarding COVID protocols |
| 5 | WORLD TRIATHLON Coaches certifications and education update | - IJ updated NCC on WORLD TRIATHLON coach certification database  
  - Highlighted since 2014 >1000 coaches certified by WORLD TRIATHLON  
  - Highlighted since 2014 >2300 coaches accredited by 114 NF | - Ongoing needs / assistance to find out how coaching experiences have been affected by COVID [e.g. access to facilities / face to face etc…] |
| | Highlighted ~7% had education of Masters / Phd – others were sport specific or NF certified courses. |
| | Online courses across Americas well received by end of 2020 [~400] |
| AOB | Clarification all NF will be informed about NCC respective continental contact |
| | NFs to be informed and NCC email contacts to be provided. |