

National Coaches Committee [NCC] Minutes

Meeting: Monday 8th February 2021

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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

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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"> - TN and KM introduced agenda items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarified this was a meeting to update the NCC on recent EB decisions.
2	Update on EB meeting of 4 th February and qualification decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LB/MS updated on EB meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NOCs to receive sport specific information. - This will then come to NFs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example of expectations discussed of Triathlon TO procedures and strictness of quarantine [airport-hotel-venue only. E.g. No exercise. Food in hotel only] ○ Travel into Tokyo 5 days prior to event and depart 2 days after ○ Village is not mandatory ○ Testing procedures will be mandatory – likely every 4 days. 	
4	Late Athlete Replacement update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COVID has now added another risk factor into this ○ Discussion on timelines which need to also fit into the Tokyo Playbook on the principle of bubbles. ○ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued work between IOC / NOC and WORLD TRIATHLON on these specific matters regarding COVID protocols
5	WORLD TRIATHLON Coaches certifications and education update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing needs / assistance to find out how coaching experiences have been affected by COVID [e.g. access to facilities / face to face etc...]

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification all NF will be informed about NCC respective continental contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFs to be informed and NCC email contacts to be provided.