

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 23 February 2021

Draft

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Katerina Magkou (GRE) – Head of Classification (HoC)
- Javier Martínez Gramaje (ESP) – Deputy Head of Classification (DHoC)
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

### 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

Item	Discussion Items	Discussion	Actions
1	Apologies/absence		
2	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA updated the PC on the process to approve/confirm minutes once circulated.</li> </ul>	Minutes will be posted under <a href="https://www.triathlon.org/about/committees/paratriathlon_committee">https://www.triathlon.org/about/committees/paratriathlon_committee</a>

3	NFs Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agenda: GD updated the group on the purpose and past editions of the NFs meeting. EA finalising the draft presentation to be shared with GD, Gergely Markus and Thanos Nikopoulos</li> <li>- PC Members Role: PC members will be panellists and are able to take the floor. There were some concerns on the information required to connect to the webinar test. Presentation of the PC members to be done at the NFs meeting. GD asked for confirmation if the meeting would be recorded.</li> <li>- GD briefly explained the content of the presentation and that there would be several presenters.</li> </ul>	
4	Coaches working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resuming of the PG Qualification Rankings: CP briefed the PC members on the discussion that the coaches working group had regarding the resuming of the qualification period. EB meeting to take place on March 18<sup>th</sup> to decide whether rankings could potentially restart after May 1<sup>st</sup> or not. All considerations were discussed with special concern towards the fact 3 continents have not been able to celebrate their continental championships. This working group has produced some simulations with different scenarios.</li> <li>- Coaches Working group somewhat concerned they had not been consulted to date but were pleased there could still be an opportunity to do so.</li> <li>- An additional concern was on whether there would be enough races happening should the period be re-opened.</li> <li>- NM asked if there was already a recommendation coming from the National Coaches Committee and it was confirmed they were recommending to not restart the period.</li> <li>- JG suggested to consider the fact that 2019 CCHs had not been accounted for (“ranked”) with the classing-up provision.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further discussion to still happen and the different simulations to be shared with the PC and Sports Department to have in hand in case qualification would not restart.</li> <li>- Once the coaches’ recommendation comes through, an extraordinary PC meeting may be required prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> March EB.</li> </ul>

5	HoC/DHoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A formal introduction of the new HoC and DHoC, Katerina Magkou and Javier Martínez was done and both appointed individuals had a chance to present themselves to the PC</li> <li>- GD clarified they will not always need to attend the PC meetings but are welcome to attend whenever they wish to do so.</li> </ul>	
6	CAG Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA informed that they will now collect interest from senior classifiers to be part of the CAG and revisited the current role of the CAG and terms of reference. Sport Department and HoC/DHoC will discuss nominations, primarily amongst the senior classifiers.</li> <li>- DA recommended that existing classifiers should be able to put forward their preference for either research purposes or classification matters under the CAG.</li> <li>- It was brought up how the previous CAG members found themselves doing a lot of research related activities that in principle are not the CAG's mission. HoC mentioned how it will be important to find new members for research especially.</li> <li>- Geographical distribution of classifiers. How could we engage existing classifiers from other sports especially in the continents where we are lacking the numbers? This should definitely be part of the new strategic plan.</li> <li>- NM we need to engage existing classifiers and remember they are volunteers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting amongst all senior classifiers, HoC and DHoC to take place to determine nominations with the sport department.</li> <li>- EA and GD to ensure the increase of classifiers in specific regions is a sub-goal in the new strategic plan</li> </ul>
7	Paratriathlon Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA presented the working document that outlines the different groups and roles involved in par triathlon with specific highlights for the CAG and the Research Group to be formed.</li> </ul>	

8	Research group Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA presented the proposed structure for the Research Group, its terms of reference and purpose to the PC members</li> <li>- This Group will guide and coordinate research activities to ensure compliance of the IPC Classification Code and the implementation of evidence-based classification systems for para triathlon. Will refer to Best practice models from IPC and evidence-based classification systems.</li> <li>- MB mentioned to the group about contacts he has with the “Vrije Universiteit” of Amsterdam University of Amsterdam in the biomechanics Movement Science</li> <li>- GD reminded the PC that once the Minimum Impairment Criteria Survey starts producing collected feedback, it will be crucial to have this group in place to start discussing action items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research Group call for nominations: Ideally, we should try to find individuals that have some relation to our sport and research on their daily jobs. Call through NFs may be an option.</li> </ul>
9	Classification 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA explained the current status of classification opportunities, especially around VI as it is not clear World Triathlon will manage a location (ideally around Milan WCHs). IPC/IBSA to confirm about out of competition opportunities on a regional basis.</li> <li>- For PI in the fall there is likely to be opportunities to have classification for PTS and PTWC sport classes.</li> <li>- DA asked if from the IPC perspective Triathlon was in a critical position regarding classification needs or not. EA clarified that although the para triathlon figures are low, there is absolute need to have VI opportunity prior to Tokyo 2020 this summer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EA to continue following up with IPC/IBSA to define classification opportunities.</li> </ul>

10	Quality Field Factor Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GD presented the feedback from the para coaches working group on the Quality of Field used at Continental Champs. GD requested from the PC members how much they understand how the quality of field works. DA expressed how the feedback was not clear, even within the same country. It is critical to understand number of countries per continent, etc. Careful analysis on how this mirrors the able-body calculations. Also, the consideration amongst sport classes where the level would vary significantly within the same country/continent.</li> <li>- GD requested 3 PC member volunteers to analyse the behaviour of the Quality of field factor.</li> <li>- Para Coaches Working Group were not able to produce a formal recommendation on how to proceed with the CCHs quality field factor in para triathlon.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ideally for this sub-group to discuss at the next PC meeting or after two meetings on all the critical aspects for the quality field factor in para triathlon. MB and NM potential candidates for this sub-group.</li> </ul>
9	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planned for TUE 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 21:00 CET but it was mentioned that another extraordinary meeting may be required prior to the next EB meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	