

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 24 November 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA, Athlete Committee Representative
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Javier Martínez Gramaje (ESP), Deputy Head of Classification
- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC) - Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison 	

2	Approval of minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending to approve the last two minutes from September and October 	EA to upload once approved with the majority of the PC's approval
3	Events' Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided the updates on events from Alhandra and WCHs at Abu Dhabi. Successful VI classification opportunities with good options for the future with this location in Abu Dhabi - Working on events towards 2022 that will only be announced once there is confirmation from each LOC. Still exploring options 	
4	Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA has provided Antonio Arimany with the different topics that the PC has identified since the 2020 Congress, the NFs meeting in February and the report to Congress in 2021 as the key items to be included in the strategic Plan - Additional meetings took place involving main committees and GD confirmed the main topics discussed with the para coaches working group came up and were addressed. 	
5	IPC updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPC Announcement for Paris 2024 provided World Triathlon with 6+5 medal events as expected and 120 athlete quota which will allow for the growth of the missing medal event towards Paris - EA working with other staff in the last push for DA as the IPC General Assembly will take place on 11th and 12th December online. EA contacting NPCs on an individual basis and Olalla and Debbie ensuring the promo video is circulated as much as possible. 	World Triathlon to check with IPC on final confirmation of nominated medal events and class up options

6	Rules Review for TC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a discussion to review the pending items for the rules review as well as the pending matter that IPC just circulated regarding the provision for VI Refractive Errors. - JG and AS provided input to the PC on some of the topics for rule changes, one of them being the moment the Interval Start System values are revised, in case it could be more frequent, or just before qualification start for the Games. EA provided some of the background on the way the calculations work, considering the most recent results and the weighting given to the most recent results, being higher in this case for the 2022 proposed values. - MB mentioned that a rule review in May would not really make differences as there wouldn't be enough races or sets of data since the last rule review. - AS provided some thoughts after discussion with athletes on why the rule about the prosthetic drop off point for some PTS2 athletes would be allowed as it seems it would only be for above the knee amputee athletes (AKA) to lower transition times. - EA explained this has been a systematic request since 2011 to allow AKA athletes to roll through transition with the residual limb on the cross bar as hoping was considered to be very unsafe and leading to injury. In the races where long hoping took place, the transition times increased significantly. AS expressed concerns on the space required at the mount line to ensure there is no obstruction from athletes dropping equipment. - GD clarified the PC was not in favour to allow for the strolling or rolling through transition. The proposed rule is to test it and see if it works well. 	<p>There will still be a call with IPC in which we will ask for the status of all IFs involved on the VI topic for the PC to make an informed recommendation to the EB on adopting this rule in 2022 or not.</p>
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7	CAG Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA informed on the planning towards beginning of 2022 for the CAG and the outstanding matters that have not been addressed due to lack of time and resources. - Many NFs coming with new athlete profiles that are stretching the limits - EA to reconnect with the academic researchers that had expressed interest in contributing. - SH and MC attending IPC VISTA Conference remotely. - DA provided some input on the VISTA sessions she has attended 	CAG and EA to work on the First Round of feedback from the MIC Survey to set the next round of consultation.
8	Coaches and Classification Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zita Csovelyak – World Triathlon Head of Development) joined the meeting to provide the insight on the plan for the Coaches Certification in Para triathlon. She presented on the concept and gave the PC the planned steps and how this will come together with the contractors World Triathlon has come to an agreement with. - DA thanked Zita for the presentation and made some comments around the need for Safeguarding aspect in the course 	
9	Intellectual Imp. Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned meeting for early December with the leadership of Virtus to get a better understanding on where they stand, relation with IPC and options to cooperate in the near future. 	
10	Para Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CP: Question on any intent to review athletes (that have been classified long ago) in classification before Paris 2024. - EA expressed that there is always the possibility for an NF to contact World Triathlon about any specific concerns. - Request Checking on tethers for the swim 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Items for the strategic planning from the coaches: Increase racing opportunities and the variety, mixed relay, prize money, super-sprint options, junior development, intellectual Impairment and increase exposure with TV coverage, sponsors, maybe an Asics Para team? - Concept of the Para triathlon Conference around Swansea - Online NF meeting planned for February/March - CP asked about the spare leg at wheel station, EA will check with TC on the feedback on this item. - CP provided the update on the most recent Coaches working group matters, some of them already responded from EA and others pending. There was a concern on the water exit assistance at Abu Dhabi, and it was explained the majority of the trained individuals did not attend the day of the race. 	
11	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAT would like to implement a plan for the Mixed Relay in Para triathlon and start testing it in 2022 - EA to share the working document with USAT. - GD mentioned a working group from the PC to follow up on the Mixed Relay would need to be established: CP, NM, MB, AS 	<p>EA to follow up with USAT on the plans to ensure it can be a plan with continuity and viability.</p> <p>GD: to plan for a first call for the Mixed Relay working group ideally before December and then in January</p>
11	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WED DEC 15th 9pm CET 	