

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 19 October 2022

Duration: via Zoom 22:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA – Athlete Representative
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative

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">- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison	

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	Minutes were circulated a few days prior and unless any feedback is provided, they will be uploaded accordingly. Minutes from the Rules Working group to be renamed accordingly	
3	Classification System Changes Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA shared with the PC members the overall survey feedback, EA to refine the summary so it can be presented at congress/ Para NFs meeting. PC members can review and highlight any topic that has not been captured so far like in the Swansea presentation 	
4	PTS4 Athlete Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA on email exchange that took place since June with some PTS4 arm impaired athletes where they are requesting changes to be implemented to the system prior to the Paris 2024 PGs, based on the results observed so far in 2022. - NM: Maybe it would be good to review how the sport class decision came about, not focus on performances but analysing scientific evidence. Aspects of training to be highlighted. - GD requested to verify if we will have an NF Meeting in Abu Dhabi and yes, a slot has been allocated after the PC on Friday 25th, 5:15pm till 7pm. Recommendation to review the chart with the breakdown of classes when the system was redesigned in the fall of 2016 - EA to work with JG and AS with KM to help understand the athlete's representatives the process for the Code compliance and review so they can also transmit this to the athletes. - GD reminded the process, consultation, research to support changes, consultation with the IPC and then establish a trial or a period of implementation with clear timelines. Supporting research or science needs to be provided for any changes 	<p>CAG follow up on how to best address this topic through proper feedback and discussion that is in line with the IPC Classification Code and proposed changes</p> <p>EA to remind the NFs the required process to introduce changes to the classification system</p> <p>EA to retrieve the roadmap from the meeting with IPC in March 2019</p> <p>EA to set up a call with KM and JG and AS for the IPC Classification Code update</p>

5	IPC Classification Code Review & Classification scope and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KM Provided the overview of the meeting for Heads of Classification in Bonn in September. Chance to interact and address questions to the IPC Classification Committee and Code Review Working Group. We have entered the 2nd consultation round, feedback to be provided by 15 December and this phase will conclude in 2023. - New Code has included the 3 International standards around Eligible Impairments, Athlete Evaluation and Protest and Appeals. - Differentiate Non-Eligible Cases, one for not having an eligible impairment and the other one for not meeting the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC). They are fixed on establishing an MIC per impairment type. - Centralising VI operations. - They are recommending us to use existing data and move away from the ordinal calculations, in the direction of more sport classes, video profile library with recognition of patterns to help scoring. Regarding MIC the recommendation is to use impairment assessment methods and not sport specific sport tests. MIC is about impairment and not activity limitation. Sport Specific tests should be used for sport class allocation. - Many IFs were however still requesting clarifications on several topics - GD: Did discussions about Intellectual Impairment (II) occur? KM: Yes, not specific around triathlon but around age limits and eligibility until they are 22 years old. Questions on what happens with acquired health conditions after that age as well as the scope and definition for II. - EA working on a summary of classification expenses since 2017 to present in November to help the strategic planning around classification opportunities. EA has concerns around how we are stretching the classifiers to the limit with extremely long sessions with very challenging cases that each time, are more and more from NFs. 	
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		<p>Extra day for classification to be scoped to avoid stressful situations. A balance needs to be found between our resources and the needs for the sport. Opportunities need to be sufficient to ensure the sport can continue growing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AS asked if there are many Protests coming through in para triathlon and are they having a strong basis? KM/EA explained there is a fee and how NFs/NPCs can only protest own athletes. EA clarified we are having very few protests (2 or 3 IF protests only in this cycle and 1 appeal that was upheld). When we compare to other IFs we feel quite relieved to not have frequent legal challenges. 	
6	Rules Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working Group Meeting for rule changes were circulated, now awaiting TC feedback. EA briefed the PC on the main endorsements the TC has done or minor amendments suggested. 	PC to provide urgent feedback once the TC releases the outcome of their final recommendations in case the PC has any concerns. This will be done imminently.
7	Mixed Relay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA update on status and reaching out to the NFs that can potentially stay at this stage in Abu Dhabi for this event. Still soon to know the final numbers but it is looking promising, at least 5-6 nearly confirmed. - Combinations will be allowed in order to test and get this rolling 	EA to follow up on the potential Mixed Relay Teams
8	Abu Dhabi and Events / Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA and BC gave a short update on Abu Dhabi, meetings and reports from the PC. GD will forward to the PC the congress report. 	GD and EA to work on the presentation and DA had requested the participation figures by NFs and Sport Class
9	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA short update on previous Coaches meeting, mainly discussions on the 2023 Calendar, events scoring in the qualification period. There is some uncertainty around some World Cups that are having planning issues for next year. 	

10	Equity and Inclusion Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equity and Inclusion Commission have requested engagement from different committees, so maybe someone from the PC to attend their weekly meetings. GD met with the chair, discussing equity amongst our nations as a relevant topic. 	EA to check who is the staff liaison for this committee
11	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA Intellectual Impairment: report went to the EB in Montreal and a more detailed report comprising the results of the survey will go to congress. EA gave the PC a short summary of the report - Classification Courses in January confirmed - Para coaching to be yet confirmed, maybe at the project in Saudi Arabia. Engagement of NM as facilitator. BC requested if there will be an opportunity for NFs to put forward candidates for upcoming courses. This will be possible. - Classification Advisory Group meeting planned in conjunction with the development activities in Saudi Arabia - IH: asked if the para coaching course is not yet online and available? EA explained the current content that does not quite replicate the existing modules on the hub. Until some additional media material is implemented, the material is nearly ready to be delivered in person, but it will take a bit to be implemented into the education hub. Recommendation to explore options if some IFs can no longer offer hosting. 	
12	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21:00 CET NOV 2nd 2022 after Europe goes back to daylight savings. 	