

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 25 January 2023

Duration: via Zoom 17:00 CET

#### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

#### Absent

MT, MB, JG, AS,

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1	Apologies/absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN</li><li>- Allysa Seely (AS), USA – Athlete Representative</li><li>- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative</li></ul>	

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Events</li> <li>• IPC Updates</li> <li>• Classification</li> <li>• Strategies to increase flags</li> <li>• Coaches working group</li> <li>• Equipment for developing NFs</li> <li>• Paris 2024</li> <li>• Mixed relay</li> <li>• VI Concern Re: Interval Start</li> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Next meeting</li> </ul>	Minutes produced for the last PC meeting but not for the presential Abu Dhabi PC Meeting
3	Events	Abu Dhabi announced a few days prior. Gergely Markus and EA pursuing opportunities for Alhandra and Alanya as well a potential interest from Italy (TBD). Continental Champs for Asia to be determined. Continental Cups – Interest from Europe, Yokohama and a few on the calendar already.	
4	IPC Updates	<p>Antonio Arimany (Secretary General) and EA at IPC HQ the two days prior. Clarification on Anti – Doping figures, check from our side the way ITA is preparing the reports to ensure it is IPC compliant. TRI reminded IPC the extra budget that has been allocated for AD</p> <p>IH asked about how the relation with ITA works, in order to make sure they are producing what we need to provide to IPC. EA clarified that falls under the anti-doping department and Secretary General.</p> <p>DA suggested for EA to explain the discussions with IPC around Classification. It was clarified that no potential classification changes post Paris would impact any operational aspect for LA 2028 which is what IPC</p>	EA to include Debbie and Grant in the II Working Group Call

	<p>wanted to ensure. They would not endorse changes to the system that suddenly deem athletes that were in to be then non-eligible or viceversa. Adjustments to sport classes are possible.</p> <p>MIC Survey 2<sup>nd</sup> round → IPC happy to assist to ensure it is presented in a proper way, through their Compliance and Classification committees.</p> <p>EA informed the PC about the embargoed notice coming from the IPC the next day about sports included in the programme for LA2028.</p> <p>Where does the Intellectual Impairment (II) stand at this point? If these athletes were to come into the picture? Or for AHSN (Athletes with High Support Needs)? That is being reviewed internally but the addition of II could compromise the fact that we are adding a new pool of athletes (it doesn't mean we would be proposing a medal event necessarily).</p> <p>With II we are seeking to test and observe at some event in the near future. Potentially see viability or recognition to such events.</p> <p>DA asked about the relay, EA gave them a full insight of the experience in Abu Dhabi. The requested quota for LA2028 has considered the possibility of an increase of the athlete quota.</p> <p><b>Medal Events for LA2028 will not be discussed with IFs until AFTER PARIS 2024</b></p> <p>IH: Considerations for the relay, maybe not have a mandatory PTWC at the start as it limits some teams' viability? Just to make sure we are not limiting our options</p> <p>GD responded that most coaches agreed this would trigger their interest to find such athletes.</p> <p>EA added that with the missing teams in Abu Dhabi, we would have had a minimum of 8 viable teams.</p> <p>NM suggested we rely on the Virtus Classification system for II, it is probably the most feasible option.</p> <p>DA: If Virtus runs it, it could be recognized by World Triathlon?</p>	
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5	Classification	<p>EA gave an update on current status of the CAG, Deputy HoC to be replaced. Revalidation of all senior classifiers to happen during February.</p> <p>Update on the course that took place in Bosson, Sweden for new National Level Classifiers. First course since September 2019.</p> <p>Classification at America Region Continentals, Discussion inside Europe Triathlon to decide classification location. Asia and Africa tbd.</p> <p>Oceania will do it in Busselton Continental Cup.</p> <p>VI Out of competition Classification Opportunities in Melbourne and USA and EA arranging an opportunity in Europe, potentially Madrid 6-7 June after the European Continentals and before the A Coruña PWC</p>	
6	New NFs Discussion and Coaches Working Group	<p>GD gave an update on the Coaches working group and how the coaches are willing to mentor and assist other NFs that are developing. How to explore new strategies to help.</p> <p>GD: recapping on the Abu Dhabi NF meeting it is good to see it has triggered a reaction with many people wanting to do things.</p> <p>CP: Working Group circulated a document with points around a proposed outline strategy</p> <p>EA clarified that most of the items listed in the coaches document are already part of the World Triathlon Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and that it is not making too much sense to duplicate efforts, that probably the coaches working group Important to establish the NF meeting with basic topics for developing NFs as discussed inside the PC last year.</p> <p>DA: There needs to be focus on a continental level to which CP replied that within the group, there are coaches willing to take that lead in whichever region needed.</p> <p>CP: the coaches working group would like to have a more detailed insight on how the money allocated by TRI to the Cont. Confederations is distributed.</p>	

		<p>EA added that in order to trigger some action in regions like Africa, Asia or South America, it is likely that NPCs need to be contacted at the same time to start development.</p> <p>IH expressed the concern if we contact NPCs and how we ensure NFs are kept in the loop. About the strategy circulated by the coaches working group, does it align with the existing strategy from TRI?</p> <p>CP: Coaches see this as an opportunity to help as much as possible.</p> <p>GD: requested for PC members to review the document and bring up any points they consider important</p> <p>NM: mentioned how crucial it is to make our contacts available to them</p>	
7	Equipment for developing NFs	<p>GD: Chair brought up this discussion with the coaches working group. They have shared a couple of links, maybe a list needs to be put together. Moving second-hand equipment is not easy to move between countries/continents. Maybe a better idea on costs and logistic constraints?</p> <p>DA: International shipping company contact, but we would need to put a package idea together and DA could facilitate the contact. We need some brainstorming on how all this could be moved. A few people from the PC and coaches' group would have to volunteer to work on this</p>	<p>CP to address at next coaches meeting</p> <p>EA: pending call with UCI for creating or understanding possibilities for second hand tandems and hand-bikes.</p> <p>Also discussion with IPC on cheap handbikes?</p>
8	Paris 2024	<p>Small update from EA on the “new” approach for these games as World TRI will be part of the LOC for implementation of operations</p>	
9	Mixed Relay	<p>Wrap up from Abu Dhabi and new ideas to be extracted and discussed</p> <p>GD: Working group should have a meeting</p>	<p>EA to collate the feedback after Abu Dhabi to call a meeting for more discussion. Target mid-Feb</p>

10	VI Concerns around the Interval Start Time	EA mentioned he is working with Hugh to do either a practical session or a recording for NFs to better understand the calculation of the Interval Start System as an athlete had raised concerns about the lack of understanding.	EA to meet with Hugh and work on this
11	AOB	Presence in LA to be confirmed tomorrow January 26 <sup>th</sup> by the IPC	EA to communicate to the PC
12	Next Meeting	February 28th	

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### Meeting: 28 February 2023

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2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed		Minutes pending from EA
3	Strategic Plan Clarification	<p>DA clarified there is an existing Strategic Plan approved by the World Triathlon Executive Board for the period 2022-2025. We mustn't confuse strategic plan with operational plan, which staff follow in order to achieve the objectives laid out in the strategic plan. There are many topics brought up by the coaches working group around NF development and larger federations adopting smaller ones that were part of the discussions since before Rio 2016. These are not new things coming from the Swansea conference in 2022. The Coaches Working Group came as an idea since DA was sitting on the Coaches Committee, where the main focus was on the World Triathlon Series but nothing for para triathlon, so DA pushed for the formation of the para coaches' group as they deal with athletes on a regular basis.</p> <p>The group started in an informal way until Carolyn Murray (CAN) started chairing the group after Rio. But this group needs to fall into the existing structure at World Triathlon. The Staff are paid to precisely do these things and address these items on a daily basis.</p> <p>GD summarized the documents presented at congress on behalf of the PC where the current goals are highlighted and the next steps the PC has identified as action items.</p> <p>CP: The coaches working group want to be as useful as possible to World Triathlon. EA clarified the same to the coaches working group at the previous meeting. Group does not wish to overlap or repeat other actions that are already on course.</p> <p>EA: The call for action at the NFs meeting in Abu Dhabi may have triggered more reaction than really needed. But we are fully aware of the requirements and needs that are to be met to maintain the sport in a</p>	



		<p>healthy status for the applications for being part of the Paralympic Games. There is no need to create a working group for all the different operations we deal with. The existing documents are the ones that have led to the existing strategic plan. What we can do is identify if there is any action missing, we want to include in our operational plan. In 2024 and post Paris in 2025, we will clearly be working on the next strategic plan. There can be more action items that still lead to the identified (existing) goals</p> <p>GD could not identify any items listed by the coaches working group that are not already included in the Strategic Plan's goals</p> <p>CP: Coaches focus don bringing new NFs to lower-level events</p> <p>GD mentioned the matter for AD as IPC brought this to our attention. EA: This matter was discussed face to face by World TRI Secretary General and EA in Bonn in meetings with IPC in January and clarified and it was more related to the process on reporting and addressed internally to ensure there is no misunderstanding in the future</p>	
4	Event Updates	<p>Alhandra confirmed as WTPC, still pursuing other options with Alanya and Taranto in Italy. Several CPC set in America, Africa and Asia</p>	
5	Classification updates	<p>Recertification process ongoing, hope to conclude process by Easter</p> <p>GD asked about regional distribution. EA summarized the participants from the course in SWE and the status of Senior classifiers undergoing the recertification.</p> <p>Opportunities coming up in Sarasota for PI in Americas, Busselton in Oceania, Madrid in Europe and maybe other options in the fall. Still exploring options for Africa and Asia continents based on their events. Awaiting feedback from coordinators in those continents</p>	

		VI Opportunity, some out of competition opportunities in AUS and USA, discussing other options with IPC/IBSA and still planning for Madrid in June.	
6	Mixed Relay	Meeting pending, maybe possible in Sarasota around the event hosted there. Montreal and Long Beach as options, Swansea tbd At WCHs we will have the event in Pontevedra.	
7	AOB	EA responded to the athlete that had requested the full insight on the Interval Start System	EA to meet with Hugh and Paul Mininger to prepare webinar or recording
8	Next Meeting	March 28th	

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2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Events</li> <li>• Classification</li> <li>• Coaches working group</li> <li>• Female Participation</li> <li>• CAG Composition</li> <li>• PC endorsement for classifiers as TOs Paris 2024</li> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Next meeting</li> </ul>	Minutes pending
3	2023 Events	<p>Sarasota as good race, classification took place. Very good Mixed Relay with 9 teams and Devonport also was OK with the new LOC, but low participation.</p> <p>CP follow up with Paul Brandt for some discussions. We definitely needed more swim exit assistants. Penalties were given during the MR</p> <p>USAT offered assistance to the other NFs that attended Sarsota (MEX; PAN and CUB)</p> <p>Other events on track but it does seem like we need to have the events announced sooner on the calendar</p> <p>There are some EB discussions for the future set of WCHs and the spread across the days of the different disciplines for 2025</p>	EA follow up on liaising with USAT and the other NFs in the Americas Region

4	Classification	<p>Still logistics for VI in Madrid being finalised as well as for PI. Africa set in October but discussing if classification should occur earlier. For Asia potentially mid-June.</p> <p>Another course for national classifiers potentially to be offered in the fall</p>	
5	Coaches Working Group	<p>Feedback from group: Abu Dhabi may have caused lower participation for Devonport. Strong winds in Sarasota that should maybe make the race be earlier in the day. Request for a slack channel for coaches communication</p> <p>WCHs: to know the days of the ind races and timing of the MR. Teams want to know if it is an official WCHs</p> <p>CP clarified we probably need a ranking system for the MR WCHs to become official. Question on whether it is better to host the MR before or after the ind. Races.</p> <p>Coaches would like to participate at the MR working group. GD and DA clarified that it is enough to have CP as representative.</p>	EA to follow up on what is required to have official WCHs for the MR
5	Female Participation	<p>EA presented some ranking figures and highlighted some concerns on the current numbers participating in the different female medal events, some of them with less than 10 active athletes</p> <p>No strong concerns in PTWC and PTS5 but both right at the 10 athlete benchmark</p> <p>Strong concerns in PTS2, worse in PTS3, PTS4 has only 4 nations in the top 9, 4 athletes from USA and 3 from ESP. Some new athletes can help the figures.</p> <p>PTVI in good health</p> <p>RUS absence is not helping but other athletes have either stopped or moved to cycling or have had health issues.</p> <p>There are new names, but in general there is a drop in para female participation. The WHO figures are not encouraging</p>	<p><a href="https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/disability-and-health">https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/disability-and-health</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/sensory-functions-disability-and-rehabilitation/global-report-on-health-equity-for-persons-with-disabilities">https://www.who.int/teams/noncommunicable-diseases/sensory-functions-disability-and-rehabilitation/global-report-on-health-equity-for-persons-with-disabilities</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241564182">https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789241564182</a></p>

6	CAG Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Javier Martinez had to present his resignation as DHoC due to personal matters and change in professional life. Internal proposal is to nominate Paul Grandjean from the CAG to become new DHoC. PC supported. Moved by BC, seconded CP, all in favour</li> <li>Nomination for new CAG member: Alicia McCulloch from AUS PC Supported. Moved by NM, seconded by BC.</li> </ul>	
7	PC endorsement for classifiers as TOs Paris 2024	Katerina Magkou and Paul Grandjean nominated to Paris 2024 as TOs PC supported. Moved by BC, Seconded by CP-LL	
8	AOB	<p>EA to reformat the Sarasota MR results for discussion</p> <p>Selection of Classification Coordinator nearly concluded</p> <p>Meeting with Hugh and Paul Mininger set to discuss the Interval Start System</p> <p>NM suggested to consider a recording or explanation video for this purpose</p> <p>DA asked which are the biggest concerns in classification for the time being and are they scored in terms of high, medium or low score. There are ongoing discussions and items that are being tabled by the CAG</p> <p>NFs meeting for developing countries on May 17th</p>	
9	Next Meeting	April 25th	

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2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Events &amp; Classification</li> <li>• Coaches Working Group</li> <li>• 2023 Conference</li> <li>• NFs Meeting 17 May Content</li> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Next meeting</li> </ul>	Minutes from previous 3 meetings circulated for approval
3	2023 Events and Classification	<p>Missouri happened, CP: became a Duathlon due to cold weather. Yokohama ready and events in Africa lined up. A Coruña moved to July, Madrid and Besançon on track. Asia CCHs pending</p> <p>BC question on when in Africa and EA responded they were awaiting for the decision from the continental confederation on the May events or the ones in the fall.</p>	
4	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP: Coaches commented on the Super League event.</p> <p>Discussions about the Mixed Team Relay, coaches are losing the enthusiasm, but they don't have many details. Montreal won't happen as they don't have the confirmation way in advance. Information should go out well in advance.</p> <p>It seems like the Para MR should better be 2 days before the main race unless it is the WCHs...</p>	



		<p>Coaches asked about the decision from WTRI about RUS and BLR athletes potentially being allowed back into competition. EA clarified the official statement is the one released by World Triathlon via Press release earlier this week</p> <p>Discussion on how para triathletes that have self-funding cannot get on start lists</p>	
5	2023 Swansea Conference	<p>Swansea conference 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>DA: WTRI and BTF had a call to discuss the best way to approach the conference, its content and making the best of interest for participants. DA mentioned a few topics that could be considered for the Conference that are currently not in the scope.</p> <p>DA: We used to have a World Triathlon Science Conference, every two years before the pandemic. Ideally Years 1 and 3 of the Paralympic cycles to take the learnings in the most effective way. The intent is for this to go into the former conference we used to have.</p> <p>Keynote speakers to be determined as well as the main themes.</p>	
6	NF Meeting	<p>Main topics to be covered:</p> <p>Classification Admin</p> <p>Rankings &amp; Events - qualifying</p> <p>NCHs Hosting</p>	
7	AOB		
9	Next Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 21:00 CEST	

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- Rebeka Torma (RT), HUN - World Triathlon Classification Coordinator
- Katerina Magkou (KM), GRE – Head of Classification
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative

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2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>• NF Meeting Recap</li> <li>• 2023 Events &amp; Classification</li> <li>• Events</li> <li>• Classification Matters               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opportunities</li> <li>○ IPC Feedback</li> <li>○ VISTA/IF HoC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mixed Relay Status</li> <li>• Coaches Working Group</li> <li>• Swansea Conference</li> <li>• Development</li> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Next Meeting</li> </ul>	Minutes from the previous meeting circulated for approval. Approved
3	Welcome new staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EA welcomed and introduced Rebeka Torma, new World Triathlon Classification Coordinator. Rest of the EB and PC members welcomed RT.</li> </ul>	

4	NF Meeting Recap	<p>EA expressed how needed this meeting was. General feedback was positive but it highlighted so many things that require proper attention. So the education should continue and we should pay attention to detail.</p> <p>DA expressed how much work is still required. DA and GD expressed how crucial this meeting was to NFs. There is a big gap amongst all our NFs. Even the language, how do we send out the basics and make it available to the new NFs.</p>	
5	Events	<p>Recap on events since 25 April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Busselton CPC</li> <li>- Yokohama WTPS</li> <li>- Sharm El Sheik CPC -&gt; negative feedback from athletes on overall services and registration fee</li> </ul> <p>UPCOMING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yasmine Hammamet</li> <li>- ECHs Madrid</li> <li>- Asia Triathlon CCHs Samarkand</li> <li>- Besançon WTPC</li> <li>- A Coruña WTPC</li> <li>- Montreal WTPS</li> </ul>	
6	Classification Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities: EA gave the details around upcoming classification opportunities in Madrid for both PI and VI and Samarkand for Asia. Pending planning for Africa and another opportunity in Asia together with development. Additional Out of competition Opportunities (OOC) VI through IPC being discussed.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IPC Feedback: IPC sent a letter to World Triathlon requesting feedback on some topics. One of them being about the use of the Interval Start System. This is an ongoing discussion that will be addressed later on and IPC is also currently addressing it through the Code Review which is not the best forum in our opinion. The other were mainly matters about some typos or mixed terms in the classification rules.</li> </ul> <p>KM provided insight about Misrepresentation rules and procedures and our specific wording.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VISTA/IF HoC: KM and EA provided the dates and insight for the VISTA conference. HoC Meetings exact dates to be determined, probably before VISTA. DA was asking what TRI could present as an abstract?</li> </ul>	
7	2023 Swansea Conference	EA awaiting summary draft from BTF. DA explained the proposal to have Paul Bird in his Oceania Continental role over several years of developing para sport in the region. DA and EA had a call with him to provide an overview	
8	Mixed Relay Status	<p>Meeting held on 9th May and not everyone was present. Main outcome was that our points table requires some changes considered.</p> <p>DA: asked about teams knowing the provisions and the fact we have the Open race at the WCHs. Check max number of teams for Pontevedra. DA asking the PC to come up with a criteria?</p>	EA to check the limit for WCHs of # of teams. MR needs a criteria to have a robust foundation
9	Coaches Working Group	<p>Recap on the NFs meeting. EA provided an update on events prior to the meeting. Question on Pontevedra entries for the MR and provisional classification allowance for such athletes being part of the teams for the Open Para MR.</p> <p>Bring back the Open race at WCHs, maybe as a super-sprint?</p>	Feedback from athletes about the drop off areas at mount line, is that it should preferably be at dismount or both.

		<p>PC to address this at a next meeting or separate meeting. Concern about the overall hours dedicated to para and the sustainability aspect of all events.</p> <p>GD brought up what classification status athletes would require for Open events.</p> <p>CP expressed how athletes are not fully aware of the new rule about the drop off prosthetic area. Request to provide clarity at the briefing. DA suggested the coaches working group can disseminate this info on key aspects of new rules at events or beginning of the season.</p> <p>Good to be back to in person briefings.</p> <p>Request to check if the slack channel is working and the other topic was the networking for used equipment.</p> <p>Discussion about existing quotas, how it's limiting newcomers.</p>	<p>Full PC to meet on the topic around bringing back the OPEN race at WCHs in a sustainable manner.</p>
10	Development	<p>Funded vs non-funded athletes discussion from the coaches working group</p> <p>NF coaches agreed they could take maybe some athletes to CPC and WTPC events.</p> <p>EA provided updates on potential projects with Asia, Africa and America. Europe development camp prior to the Alhandra Para Cup. Scholarships at World and Continental level in the making.</p>	
11	AOB	<p>DA: to create the Para athlete's working group that would report to the Athlete's Committee primarily but could also provide feedback to the PC.</p> <p>PC requested to know about the status of the Intellectual Impairment Group and EA provided a short update. Things moving slowly mainly due to the fact nor Virtus nor Special Olympics included para triathlon in their major events this year where it was meant to be observed.</p> <p>Proposal for Allysa Seely to participate at Swansea as key speaker.</p> <p>DA reminded the PC that Jonathan Goerlach will attend the IPC Athlete's Forum in Korea in June.</p>	

12	Next Meeting	12 <sup>th</sup> of July	
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Item	Discussion Items	Discussion	Actions
1	Apologies/absence	As per above	



2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap on PC extraordinary meeting from 3<sup>rd</sup> July regarding Open Race at WCHs</li> <li>• Events &amp; Classification Matters</li> <li>• Mixed Relay Status</li> <li>• Intellectual Impairment Working Group Update</li> <li>• Coaches Working Group</li> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Next Meeting</li> </ul>	Pending minutes from May
3	Open Para race discussion	<p>GD provided the insight on the summary below:</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Grant, Chris, Martin, Neil, Ian</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Through discussions at the coaches working group, it was proposed that the possibility of re-introducing an open division for Para Triathlon at the World Triathlon Championships. Open Para Triathlon races took place until 2017 at the World Championships. Due to logistics and opportunities through other international race opportunities for athletes, this race venue was discontinued.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This is an opportunity to provide more Paratriathletes an opportunity to complete and gain exposure to our sport at an introductory international level and help further develop Para Triathlon. The event could help bring in new flags, As well, newer athletes, NFs and/or coaches can gain knowledge of Para Triathlon in a less rigid format.</p> <p><b>Format:</b></p> <p>Sprint Distance – 750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run          - the logistics of this distance work best in conjunction with other races taking place</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- allows for some comparison to Elite Para athletes</li> <li>- provides the opportunity to run the event as first waves leading to age group sprint races as done in years past</li> <li>- suggested 3 waves, WC, Standing, VI</li> <li>- Medals may or may not be awarded, could be finisher medal or medals for 3 waves, WC, Standing, VI. There would not be an interval start for any classes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation: That World Triathlon have an Open Para Triathlon race at the World Triathlon Championships in 2024.</b></p> <p>EA added how consideration should be given to the inclusion of CPC to precisely allow for the new athletes to compete as well as considerations being given to the MR and to Intellectual Impairment.</p>	
4	Events	<p>Recap on events since 9<sup>th</sup> May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yokohama WPS</li> <li>- Yasmine Hammamet</li> <li>- ECHs Madrid → turned to DU, negative feedback from athletes on communication timelines. GD expressed concerns about how the management of CCHs is somewhat confusing with TRI providing TOs and TD but then the executive management is from the continental confederations</li> <li>- Asia Triathlon CCHs Samarkand: very positive feedback</li> <li>- Besançon WTPC</li> <li>- A Coruña WTPC → concerns around not having the bike familiarisation and early starts</li> </ul> <p>Montreal WTPS</p> <p>UPCOMING:</p>	<p>AS: we need to be careful on if we should expand events or expands quotas at less events which meet the quality standards. Follow up discussion to increase start list opportunities</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swansea: concerns about the strong winds expected</li> <li>- Paris: ongoing planning</li> <li>- Pontevedra: meetings around congress</li> </ul>	
5	Mixed Relay Status	Need to have a meeting with the MR group to review the points table proposal and team compositions. Meeting to take place in August	
6	Intellectual Impairment update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Observation to take place in Swansea. Recommendation in the report to congress about NF engagement and devise opportunities for this observation on how these races are implemented.</li> <li>- DA suggested we pay strong attention to the ongoing classification system VIRTUS has implemented for II that is recognised by IPC.</li> </ul> <p>CP provided insight on how it is done in the US with co athletes racing together with II athletes.</p> <p>Discussion from the PC on whether II could potentially fit in any case within the Open race if this was to come back at World Triathlon?</p>	
8	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP: Registration for Mixed relay. EA confirmed it will be through TRI entries system.</p> <p>Excitement for the European Development Camp by the coaches. America to replicate this project and review the allocation of para budget for the confederation. EA announced the planning for the CPC in Colombia with additional activities</p>	
11	AOB	JG provided insight on his participation at the IPC Athlete's Forum in Korea in June.	

		EA provided insight on an item regarding Classification Strategy and the challenges TRI is facing with difficult cases. This requires immediate addressing EA provided a short update on classification opportunities	
12	Next Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 22 August 2023

Duration: via Zoom 20:30 CEST

#### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Thanos Nikopoulos (TN) – World Triathlon Head of Technical Operations

#### Absent

- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)

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Item	Discussion Items	Discussion	Actions
1	Apologies/absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison</li><li>- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative</li><li>- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)</li></ul>	

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congress/World Champs</li> <li>• Events and Classification</li> <li>• Qualification period events</li> <li>• Ranking Points</li> <li>• Mixed Relay</li> <li>• Coaches Working Group</li> <li>• IPC – Interval Start System topic</li> <li>• AOB</li> <li>• Next meeting – Pontevedra</li> </ul>	Pending from May and July
3	Congress – World Champs	<p>Update on meetings planned, the PC (14:30 WED 20<sup>th</sup>) and Para NFs (12:00 FRI 22<sup>nd</sup>) meetings. Continental Meetings on THU 8:30am</p> <p>Review of timing of races for Para</p>	
4	Events and Classification	<p>Recap on events since last call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swansea: insight on the decision to go for Aquathlon, strong winds.</li> <li>- Paris: positive feedback despite the duathlon contingency. Did require invitation panel as well as Madrid and Montreal,</li> </ul> <p>UPCOMING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Colombia CPC</li> <li>- Mauritius CPC</li> <li>- Pontevedra WCHs</li> <li>- Africa CCHs</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Malaga WTPC (announced 15 AUG)</li> <li>- Potential WTPC in Taranto in October</li> <li>- AS asked if the Para water quality standards are the same as for able body</li> </ul> <p>GD asked when will the calendar be announced. EA confirmed it will be after the EB meeting in Pontevedra</p>	
5	Classification Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities: Colombia in South America. On occasion of the European Triathlon development camp and prior to the Alhandra WTPC. Still discussing potential in Africa in Egypt before the CCHs</li> <li>- IPC OOC for VI: Egypt VI and Chile around Para Pan American Games</li> </ul>	
6	Ranking Points and Qualification Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AS provided insight about Para rankings, regarding freezing points due to injury for the time being, the athlete committee does not endorse this. But we need to find the balance that allows for opportunities.</li> <li>- EA: Do the current methods allow for accommodating new flags or opportunities? Are invites enough? The quota allocation probably need review, especially on the female side.</li> <li>- AS expressed concerns on how the points distribution table does not align with the para quotas per event. Lower ranked athletes can never get into higher level events to actually grow their points. Best points at WTPC will not allow to enter WTPS or WCHs.</li> <li>- EA: Is the substitution rule (one per gender – implemented in the spring of 2018) working effectively to allow for newcomers to take some slots? There may need to be a complete different approach than the one done for the able body side...</li> <li>- AS asked what is the reason for limiting the quotas. EA provided the insight about safety and numbers that can be managed within the</li> </ul>	

		<p>existing timeframes we get from LOCs. Thanos Nikopoulos joined the call to also provide rationale. Size and space in transitions also plays a key role as whilst providing the blue carpet experience alongside major events or able body races, this also limits the number of paras that can be scoped within an event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DA expressed concerns on how the races are actually broadcasted and showcased to the audience, extended schedules? How do commentators and broadcasters to their best to tell our races' stories?</li> </ul>	
7	Mixed Relay Status	Status for Pontevedra on entries now that teams know the new rules. The race in Pontevedra will allow for	
8	Coaches Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Swansea feedback, good timing on decision making process at the race. Provisions for next year? Lengthy medal ceremonies</li> <li>- Europe Development Camp updates, how this can be replicated next year or in other continents. EA: this should be coordinated internally by each confederation.</li> <li>- Desperate need to include in the rules a value for Interval start times for aquathlon like Swansea.</li> </ul>	
9	AOB	IPC matter about discussion on the interval start system in the Code Review 3 <sup>rd</sup> round. DA mentioned we need to do in-depth internal analysis on the direction we think we should go towards.	
10	Next Meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> September Pontevedra	



## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 20 September 2023

Duration: 14:30 in Pontevedra – in person and remote Meeting

#### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA Athlete representative
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Gergely Markus (GM) – HUN – World Triathlon Sport Director
- Katerina Magkou (KM) – GRE – Head of Classification
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Rebeka Torma (RT) HUN - World Triathlon Classification Coordinator

#### Absent

- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN

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1	Welcome		

2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes status</li> <li>2. Events update</li> <li>3. Classification             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Opportunities</li> <li>b. IPC Classification Code Review</li> <li>c. Potential changes Post Paris 2024</li> <li>d. Strategy</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. IPC updates</li> <li>5. Rules Review discussion</li> <li>6. Coaches Working Group</li> <li>7. Development updates             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continental Confederation Matters</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. AOB</li> <li>9. Next Meeting</li> </ol>	Minutes from May, July and August were circulated and will be posted 48h after this meeting
3	Events Update	<p>EA provided update on events since AUG 22<sup>nd</sup>. GM also provided the insight on the current calendar and 2024 plans to be announced at congress. Main events since last call were continental cups in America and Africa with some development activities happening around classification. Recent announcements for a WPC in Malaga and possibility of another one in Italy. Alhandra WPC coming up with development camp in Europe and classification course and PI Classification</p> <p>JG: Regarding the two recently announced World Cups, athletes are questioning the fairness of the timing of these announcements for athletes that do not reside in Europe and how it may impact on some Oceania, Asia and Africa based athletes trying to qualify for the Paralympics. For example, many athletes have already booked flights and budgeted for the preexisting events and now cannot change their plans to compete in these events.</p> <p>GM provided some of the rationale behind the decision to include these events, back-to-back to provide a better opportunity for athletes coming overseas as well as a balanced calendar in the qualification period. Also</p>	

		<p>the impact other events have had going into duathlons and how this may have affected the qualification process</p> <p>Mixed Relay discussion on numbers and teams and this topic to be addressed at the NFs meeting as well but the main discussion is about the balance of the different impairments to ensure there is balanced representation. The main goal is to ensure it is an official WCH in 2024. This will encourage teams to take part and plan accordingly in the budgets. The sooner info can go out for the event in Malaga the better response we will get.</p> <p>CP Mentioned how teams are planning with budgets and having late announcements really puts a constraint on planning ability for the teams</p> <p>Discussion led to where is the perfect balance for number of events considering not all are full, should quotas be extended, should criteria be revised to allow for a better participation balance?</p> <p>EA provided the insight on participation by continent and by sport class to show the progress achieved in 2023 for international participations.</p> <p>The Para committee discussed on the fact the sport is becoming very elite for the top 3-4 athletes and then there is a gap in most categories. Apart from development of new countries there needs to be mentoring and best-practice sharing amongst federations.</p> <p>For top para athletes, it seems not worth going to World Cups. The point distribution in the different level of events may need revision.</p> <p>Do we make it more flexible to achieve points, change the point distribution, cap the max number of participations?</p> <p>The top level is discouraging new athletes. Could there be two parallel circuits or one of them have a max age to compete?</p>	
4	Classification	<p>Opportunities: EA provided an update on upcoming opportunities, one in Europe and one in Africa in Egypt for the Cont. Champs and discussions for an optional in Asia depending on the development activities agreed with the cont. confederation.</p>	

		<p>Out of competition options for VI, in discussions with IPC for Santiago close to the Para Pan American Games and in Egypt in a swimming competition. EA in touch with IPC for any other opportunities that could arise</p> <p>IPC Classification Code Review          KM provided insight on the Classification Code Review process since 2021 and the deadline to provide final feedback by October 31<sup>st</sup>. KM will call a meeting with senior classifiers to review final consultation review before the IPC Meetings for Heads of Classification and VISTA in Egypt. KM also provided an insight on where we are with the development of classifiers and ongoing courses to bring in more classifiers, as well as maintaining the engagement of those existing ones.</p> <p>Potential changes Post Paris 2024: EA explained the CAG will now review the priority points of potential changes post Paris to address what is done during the winter to trial certain protocols or collect specific data that may allow for changes post Paris. There is a slide in the presentation for the NFs that will be available on the TRI website</p> <p>MB asked if an extra sport class is required, which seems would make things less easy to understand</p> <p>VI research is being discussed with a University and it will now come down to defining next steps, budget, etc.</p> <p>DA said it is very important for our membership to understand the impact of splitting classes or reducing them, this may have a direct impact on medal events, also depending if we use the interval start system, etc.</p> <p>GD added how the impact on the female side can also be very important to consider. Consideration about comparisons made in the last years for PTS2 and PTS3. It will be very challenging to get more medal events. We can look back and analyse how the interval start system</p>	
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		<p>brought athletes into the sport, that before felt they could not fit in to the sport.</p> <p>EA added that decisions will need to be taken carefully to ensure there is a sustainable balance</p> <p>Strategy: EA and RT working on the Classification strategy to better plan athlete classification for the coming season, analysis on figures and events calendar to announce classification opportunities as soon as possible.</p> <p>EA displayed the slide on strategy with key points to be addressed as well as the current challenges TRI is facing</p> <p>KM reviewed the way active classifiers have been acting and interacting especially since covid and all the restrictions, but the impact this has had on variety, ability to classify and stay active, etc</p> <p>Also, how this can be done in the most sustainable manner, reducing costs and keeping at the same time all classifiers engaged with presence to classify and or engagement through online sessions during the season.</p> <p>Increasing days of classification and evaluation duration is one of the first measures that will be taken to ensure smooth classification process as the health conditions are becoming more and more complex.</p> <p>DA proposed to engage with IPC so they can deliver a first approach webinar in one or two sessions for TRI. Also to ensure all continents are pushing to send individuals for classifier training</p> <p>EA reviewed the cost slide that contains data that can help model the strategy properly</p> <p>EA and DA exposed how as of now we need to continue relying on IBSA for VI classification but to consider IPC grants for project that allows to develop own classifiers</p> <p>JG wrote on the chat that VI classification at continental championships could be challenging due to the facilities required but we will need to decide this on a case by case scenario</p> <p>EA the Out of Competition Opportunities are proving to be very cost efficient and sustainable</p>	
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5	IPC Updates	<p>IPC matter about discussion on the interval start system in the Code Review 3<sup>rd</sup> round. DA mentioned we need to do in-depth internal analysis on the direction we think we should go towards. We can expect that IPC will come back to us after the joint letter that was sent to IPC by us and all other IFs using factor mechanisms</p> <p>EA and Secretary General Antonio Arimany to attend the coming week the IPC General Assembly in Bahrain. DA to attend the APSO GA. More discussions will take place there to follow.</p> <p>Anti Doping: compliance with ITA's guidelines, it is now important to ensure those</p>	
6	Rules Review	<p>EA brought up the discussion on some CR or Classification Rules and how the review should start as early as possible and in early 2024 at latest to have finalised all discussions prior to the fall of 2024 when the process is concluded.</p> <p>There are already many topics that are being tabled that can already be properly discussed. Important to engage with the Coaches Working Group</p> <p>JG made a proposal for WTPC win should be worth more than the last quota spot in each category. Point noted for the rules review group. The approach may require a different approach than what is used on the able body side</p>	GD agreed with EA this action item should start before Christmas
7	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP: The sooner teams know about event calendar the better, at least 3 months' notice for events to be announced. Request for the Interval start system to be implemented for aquathlon. Number of credentials (accreditations) for teams, some very big teams fall short under the formula that is also used for able body, but the required support personnel is very different due to the range of classes and impairments. More cards are required for some teams.</p>	<p>PC to make modified rule proposal.</p> <p>Accreditation numbers and points table for different level of events</p>

		<p>Suggestion for EA to notify the working group about new flags and athletes attending events so they can be contacted.</p> <p>AS suggested that some of the elite athletes could also mentor newcomers.</p> <p>DA agreed this is a great approach and would be very important</p>	
8	Development	<p>EA updates on the Camp in Rio Maior by Europe Triathlon and TRI providing facilitator and classification course in parallel. A lot of coordination by Zita and Continental coordinators. Attendance and financial support for athletes from new flags and also strong flags like GBR.</p> <p>There were more activities planned for Colombia, TRI arranged for classification and a coaches certification course for America's region that was only attended by Colombians.</p> <p>In Africa, only classification offered together with the continental championships.</p> <p>The direction is for Confederations to be proactive and engage the member NFs to profit from the offered activities.</p> <p>Discussion on the amount of budget that Continental Confederations must allocate for Para and what has been done for each continent in 2023</p>	<p>GD requested for different PC members to ensure they attend all Continent meetings on the following day</p>
9	AOB	<p>GD provided insight on the presentation to be done at congress.</p>	
10	Next Meeting	<p>Tentative 25<sup>th</sup> October 9pm CET</p>	

## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 26 October 2023

Duration: 9pm CEST Online - remote Meeting

#### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Rebeka Torma (RT) HUN - World Triathlon Classification Coordinator

#### Absent

- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA Athlete representative
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison

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1	Welcome		
2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Welcome</li> <li>2 Minutes</li> <li>3 Events Update</li> <li>4 Classification Update</li> <li>5 IPC Updates</li> <li>6 Coaches</li> <li>7 Rules Review</li> <li>8 Development</li> <li>9 AoB</li> <li>10 Next Meeting</li> </ul>	Minutes pending from September WCHs Meeting
3	Events Update	<p>Alhandra: New swim layout which made things easier. From coaches, main issues around the timing that had major failures with the mats. Information was also issued quite late like athlete's guide</p> <p>Hurghada, many challenges, additional swim safety required, starts were condensed, issues with timing - still following up</p> <p>Malaga: critical last-minute changes after the familiarizations, both run and bike courses modified before the race, a buoy moved in the swim between legs and caused some delay. Two separate and long transitions and</p> <p>Taranto: very tight planning but seems to be on track, many calls every week to follow up on main technical matters</p> <p>Bids: discussion with a few NFs on possibilities</p>	EA to get the full insight from Hurghada timing
4	Classification	<p>Rio Maior: intensive classification together with the Europe Triathlon Development camp, with observers from the classification course</p> <p>Hurghada: Few classifications as some from RWA couldn't make it.</p>	

		<p>Out of Competition VI: Egypt option, Para Pan Games and Madagascar as potential options as several African athletes are interested.</p> <p>Revalidation course for National Classifiers through the online education hub being launched.</p>	
5	IPC Updates	<p>EA and Antonio Arimany and EA attended the IPC General Assembly in Bahrain.</p> <p>NPC - RUS BLR able to compete as neutral teams but final decision on IFs</p> <p>Classification Code Review Topics were discussed to be approved in an online GA in May 2024. IPC brought up the topic of use of factor systems and interval start system but did not really address it during the GA. TRI took the floor and Antonio Arimany highlighted the fact TRI and other IFs have requested to put together a working group to manage this topic together with IPC.</p> <p>HoC Meetings and VISTA Meetings to take place this week, but VISTA has been postponed till 20204 due to the circumstances in the middle East</p> <p>Open Days: DA to proposed Classification to be a topic at the Open days with IPC engagement with Scott Field and Tea Cistic.</p> <p>CAG Meetings pending to decide when and where</p>	<p>EA to check with Zita on next Open Days slots and contact IPC on this possibility.</p> <p>EA to monitor any response from IPC on the topic if use of factors. Push through the other IFs</p>
6	Coaches Working Group	<p>GD: concerns from Pontevedra, VI Free leading zones, more and more VI pulling athletes in the run course, issues with WCH course. Check in worked very well</p> <p>Not a para friendly venue, finish too far from start/transition. Bike fans too close to race the next day. Hotels too far apart or away</p>	

7	Rules Review	<p>EA has proposed to start review in early 2024 and to have finalized all discussions prior to the fall of 2024 when the process is concluded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bigger team delegation quota, more quotas needed for bigger teams</li> </ul>	EA to circulate rules review doc by 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of Nov
8	Development	<p>EA updates</p> <p>Horizon camp feedback: NM provided insight on the 7 days in Rio Maior: great experience to be repeated and in other continental confederations. From a II perspectives it was extremely positive with Natasha Kelly from IRL leading the organization and planning. Very good environment, different level of athletes, great opportunity to expand networks, GBR team helping a lot, NM was sent from TRI to lead the coaching certification and the outcome was very good.</p> <p>DA said it would be great to have a final report with budget figures that other continental confederations could relate to for future planning</p> <p>Awaiting Asia options</p> <p>IPC Grant Programme for 2024: TRI to propose any projects that could potentially be considered.</p>	
9	AOB	<p>Facilitator course in Lausanne was very successful with NM attending as well as 3 other classifiers, Paul Grandjean, Anja Swoboda and Leo Oikawa so 4 additions to para triathlon to lead future courses.</p> <p>BC: thanked USAT for the course where an RSA coach can attend online to the introduction course to para triathlon. CP teaches this one-day course, it is live. Available for anyone in the world that speaks ENG for free.</p> <p>MR: Review Pontevedra Data for the Working Group</p>	EA to extract Pontevedra Mixed R results to have Paul analyse and have a meeting with the working group on WED 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov
10	Next Meeting	<p>Tentative 28<sup>th</sup> November 9pm CET for the PC</p> <p>MR working group on 15 Nov and Rules Review on 12 December</p>	



## Para triathlon Committee Minutes

### Meeting: 28 November 2023

Duration: 9pm CEST Online - remote Meeting

#### Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA Athlete representative
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- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

#### Absent

- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative

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1	Welcome		
2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome</li> <li>2. Minutes</li> <li>3. Events and Calendar</li> <li>4. Classification, CAG and HoC Report</li> <li>5. Rules Review</li> <li>6. Coaches Working Group</li> <li>7. Mixed Relay</li> <li>8. AOB</li> </ol>	Minutes pending from September WCHs Meeting and October
3	Events Update	<p>Taranto WTPC: EA comments on how good the event was managed and executed with nearly ideal conditions in terms of a para-friendly venue.</p> <p>CP voiced the positive feedback from the Coaches working group on the Taranto Para Cup</p> <p>IH did a small recap on his views on the Malaga Para Cup.</p> <p>MB brought up the Continental Cups that may occur, these will show on the calendar as they get approved.</p> <p>Bids for 2024 still pending, from TUR and ITA although there are still discussions with ESP</p>	
4	Classification	<p>HoC Report: KM forwarded a report that highlights many of the topics EA shared with the NFs in Pontevedra and the challenges that are happening around classification in the last two years, complex cases, tight schedules, and classifiers becoming quite stressed overall. PC endorsed the report and shared the concerns. Some items have budget implications but</p> <p>HoC Meetings in Egypt: EA briefed the PC on the main items the HoC highlighted from the meetings with IPC. Conclusion of the review phase of</p>	

		<p>the Classification Code, main topics around compliance and 2024 planning. VISTA was cancelled due to the war-conflict situation</p> <p>CAG meeting to happen in either Feb or March of 2024</p> <p>VI Out of Competition Classification Opportunities: Para Pan Games hosted VI and we had 2 para triathletes from ARG and we will have another opportunity in Montenegro for some ITA athletes</p> <p>2024 scope: PI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oceania: Stockton CPC FEB 2024</li> <li>- Abu Dhabi WTPC MAR 2024</li> <li>- Americas Miami CCHs MAR 2024</li> <li>- Africa Hurghada CCHs MAY 2024??</li> <li>- Asia Subic Bay CCHs JUN 2024</li> </ul> <p>VI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Melbourne OOC - February</li> <li>- Asia OOC - tbd</li> <li>- Madrid June 2024 TRI Opportunity</li> </ul> <p>Revalidation of the National Classifiers' course being led and concluded by Rebeka in order to offer an opportunity to all the individuals that were certified as national classifiers between 2017 and 2023 to revalidate their status thorough the online education hub.</p>	
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5	Rules Review	<p>EA Presented the working doc where PC members can submit proposals till end of March 2024. Proposed call for DEC 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Proposal to then check with the TC and Sport Department any outstanding item that may require further analysis.</p>	
6	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP briefed the PC on the main topics from the previous call. Group was proposing to come up with the main items that should always be complied with at WCHs, they will put this in writing.</p> <p>AS suggested this document also be shared with Athlete's Committee for input.</p> <p>Group requested for races to be announced well in advance on the calendar.</p> <p>Reiteration on how good the Taranto race Para Cup was as an experience.</p>	
7	Mixed relay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> of NOV. EA to prepare basic doc with final recommendations of the group. Pontevedra was a bit too short, maybe increase swim by another 50-100m and run to 1km</li> <li>- Qualification Criteria for teams for Malaga WCHs to be drafted and the discussions of the group were mainly on how to manage the consideration for PTS2-3 athletes to be more included in the team composition</li> </ul>	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strategic Plan Updates from now till March</li> <li>- Running conduct in VI seems to be a growing issue at Para races.</li> </ul>	



		- EA brought up two fair play actions that were very positive from two teams, GBR and ITA at recent events which were prized as well by the PC	
10	Next Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> JAN 2024	