

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)

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

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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malaga WTPC (announced 15 AUG) - Potential WTPC in Taranto in October - AS asked if the Para water quality standards are the same as for able body <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"> - 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 - IPC OOC for VI: Egypt VI and Chile around Para Pan American Games 	
6	Ranking Points and Qualification Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - 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. - 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. - 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... - AS asked what is the reason for limiting the quotas. EA provided the insight about safety and numbers that can be managed within the 	

		<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"> - 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? 	
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"> - Swansea feedback, good timing on decision making process at the race. Provisions for next year? Lengthy medal ceremonies - Europe Development Camp updates, how this can be replicated next year or in other continents. EA: this should be coordinated internally by each confederation. - Desperate need to include in the rules a value for Interval start times for aquathlon like Swansea. 	
9	AOB	IPC matter about discussion on the interval start system in the Code Review 3 rd round. DA mentioned we need to do in-depth internal analysis on the direction we think we should go towards.	
10	Next Meeting	20 th September Pontevedra	