

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 23 January 2024

Duration: 9pm CET 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
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA – EB Liaison
- Ian Howard (IH), GBR – EB Liaison
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), - Athlete Representative
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Rebeka Torma (RT), HUN - World Triathlon Classification Coordinator

Absent

- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA Athlete representative

*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
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1	Welcome		
2	Approval of minutes and agenda proposed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Minutes 3. 2024 updates 4. Classification Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Planning b) CAG Meeting c) Competition & Classification Rules Review 5. Coaches Working Group 6. Mixed relay Proposal for the EB 7. AOB 8. Next Meeting 	Minutes since September were circulated and approved
3	2024 Updates	<p>Planning undergoing for upcoming events, all in order, some change of dates for continental championships</p> <p>Strategic Planning updates after staff meeting in February</p> <p>DA comment on figures and the numbers we must aim for and achieve, considering new sports may come in for LA 2028 and it will be very important to maintain the athlete quota and medal events we have. So it is crucial to fill the slots we have in a consistent manner.</p> <p>IH suggested to keep basic KPIs in terms of flags and participation figures by level of events that can help us always monitor the status. EA remarked that we have this table and that we have actively been sharing it with NFs at the different meetings and congress since 2022 to precisely highlight the importance around this.</p> <p>EA clarification on classification system changes and the impact it could have on the LA 2028 Medal Event discussion with the IPC starting after Paris PGs.</p>	PC to consider which KPIs can be realistically included in the new strategic plan around participation figures

		<p>Engagement of Natasha Kelly (IRL) in the Women in Leadership programme from APSO to happen early February.</p> <p>DA reminded the focus we continue to have on Antidoping Programme, the work on the Mixed relay and the Youth development - sports that are appealing to younger athletes.</p> <p>GD asked about Congress in 2024 and it was confirmed by IH congress will be right after the races on Monday 21st Oct.</p> <p>IH asked if it may be worth to meet during the Paris PGs? GD expressed that if possible it would be ideal to meet games time.</p>	
4	Classification	<p>a) Plans for Stockton, Miami and Abu Dhabi Africa and Asia Continentals pending numbers. VI Out of Competition Opportunities set for Oceania in late FEB and EA exploring more options with IPC/IBSA for America and Africa for the time being. World Triathlon Opportunity in Madrid in June to be defined.</p> <p>b) CAG Meeting set in Abu Dhabi 8-11 March with critical discussions to take place</p> <p>c) Rules Review: Ongoing, next round to be set for CR and pending to have a meeting for the Classification Rules review with the PC members that were previously involved. Once the new IPC Classification Code is approved in May it is likely another review would be necessary</p>	GD, MB, NM, classification rules meeting to happen before mid feb with the HoC engagement
5	Competition Classification Rules Review	<p>Dates for next meetings Mixed relay proposal for the EB to be defined in the next 10 days GD mentioned about ideas for how to come up with the qualification criteria for the MR.</p>	In Feb a next meeting to finalise a first proposal

			EA to include in the file the increase in team accreditation suggested by coaches
6	Coaches Working Group	<p>CP briefed the PC on the main topics from 11th December. Many discussions on the VI leading rule in order to get better interpretation.</p> <p>Clarification in interval start application to other disciplines like aquathlon. Number of swim exit assistants.</p> <p>IH asked about the “blocking” on start lists and how this is happening? PC discussed on how this is an ongoing unresolved matter. NFs with many athletes register them sometimes even if eventually will not race. This was confusing for athletes that participating at the development camp that didn’t get participation confirmation till race week.</p> <p>GD reminded the PC on how some NFs can use jokers to avoid penalties for late withdrawals. DA added that sometimes NFs use substitutions to speculate or maybe block.</p> <p>EA reminded about the provisions adopted in April 2018 to limit to one substitution per gender in para triathlon, and maybe this needs to be increased again?</p> <p>DA mentioned how this affects athletes in different regions in different ways, VISA processing, late travel planning is not always doable in only 2 or 3 weeks</p> <p>CP mentioned</p>	EA to check with entries@triathlon.org about trends in late withdrawals with penalty consequences
8	AOB	- VI Research Project to kick off with Ophthalmology University of MADRID	
10	Next Meeting	21 st FEB 2024	

