

## APPENDIX F7: ITU COMPETITION UNIFORM APPROVAL PROCESS

### 1. Overview:

- 1.1 This process is part of the ITU Uniform Rules and is a specific addition to the ITU Competition Rules.

### 2. Purpose:

- 2.1 The process was created to regulate the ITU's approval of the design of each NF's competition uniform to be used by their athletes in all ITU competitions according with the ITU Uniform Rules.

### 3. General Requirements:

- 3.1 Every National Federation uniform has to be different from any other National Federation uniform, according to the ITU Uniform Rules. The difference will be significant to avoid confusion between two different National Federations;
- 3.2 Artistic or creative elements are acceptable provided that the ITU Competition Rules are followed. Specifically, if the design contains recognisable commercial logos or trade marks which exceed the surface limits, it will not be approved;
- 3.3 The same design applies to all types of uniforms: men, women, triathlon style, duathlon style, summer, winter, etc;
- 3.4 Every National Federation can request the approval of one different uniform design for every different multisport. Two uniform options can be requested for the Age Group athletes, indicating which is the 1st option and which is the 2nd option. However, all athletes from the same National Federation, competing in the same event, will wear the National Federation's same distinctive design.

### 4. Timeline for Approval:

- 4.1 National Federations will submit a proposed design of their Competition Uniform for the following year, according to these specifications:
  - a) A pattern provided by ITU will be used;
  - b) Sponsor spaces and dimensions, as outlined the ITU Uniform Rules. The athlete's family name and National Federation code positions (front and back) and dimensions of both;
  - c) The position and dimensions of the ITU logo. The colour(s) used in the design, including the pantone. The proposed design may be submitted in .jpg .gif .bmp or .tif format.
- 4.2 Once approved, the Uniform approval is extended till the the National Federation must seek approval for a new design.

### 5. Approval:

- 5.1 ITU will inform each National Federation in writing about the approval or disapproval of their National Federations uniform if the design is:
  - a) Compliant with all the ITU Uniform Rules;
  - b) Distinct from other National Federation designs.
- 5.2 If the request is not approved ITU will:
  - a) Ask the National Federation for a new design if the submitted one did not comply with the ITU rules, or;
  - b) Ask the National Federations that submitted similar requests to agree to modifying their proposed designs in order to have different uniforms;

- c) If the National Federations do not get an agreement ITU will decide on which National Federation can use the proposed design according with these priorities:
    - The National Federation that used the proposed uniform in the past will be given preference;
    - If both National Federations are proposing new uniforms, a draw will be conducted to choose which National Federation will use the submitted design and which NF(s) will have to submit a new one.
- 5.3 ITU will produce an electronic catalogue of approved NF's competition uniforms. This catalogue will be updated monthly;
- 5.4 Requests for uniform approval received will be considered on a monthly basis. National Federations requesting approval will choose designs that are different from those already approved.

## 6. Approval Panel:

- 6.1 All decisions on uniform approval will be made by a panel composed of:
- a) A member of the ITU Technical Committee;
  - b) A representative of the ITU Sport Department;
  - c) A representative of the ITU Marketing Department;
- 6.2 The decisions of the Approval Panel can be appealed to the ITU Arbitration Tribunal. This appeal does not suspend the decision of the Approval Panel, but rather the decision will stay in place during the time the ITU Arbitration Tribunal takes to make a decision on the appeal.