

Multisport Committee Minutes – public

Meeting: 22 September 2022

Approved 20 October 2022

Duration: via Zoom 01.14.00

Present

- Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
- Brian Hinton (BH), AUS – Chair
- Diane Henderson (DH) TTO
- Tim Yount (TY) USA
- Melody Tan (MT) MAS
- Qin Jianquiu (QJ), CHI
- Stefane Mauris (SM), SUI – World Triathlon Staff Liaison
- Daniel Martin (DM) AUT winter triathlon consultant
- Bernard Saint Jean (BSJ), FRA, WT Board representative
- Nicky Dick (ND) GBR Age group commission 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.

Absent

- Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
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Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction		
2. Apologies/absence	Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP presented apologies to BH	

<p>3. Approval of Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last minutes, 22 August – internal version approved, with small changes - Last minutes, 22 August - public version approved, with small changes 	
<p>4. Discussion around the plan in the Multisport Congress Report</p>	<p>1. Winter Triathlon Update:</p> <p>BH waiting for feedback regarding the update on the progress of the winter triathlon event status.</p> <p>DM noted not a lot of answers to the questionnaire sent asking for feedback from elite coaches. What we do know is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most felt the announcement of the new format is just too close to the date of the world championships. • It is not advisable to change the rules in February and expect elites to adapt by December. • Even the small response rate still taught us a few things – that many support the noted changes but for 2024; the previous bidding document should speak to implementation in 2024. • There should be a proper memorandum of understanding so we do not run into problems with international brand organizers or events. • Might be a consideration to have Executive Board members go to NF's to name coordinators to conduct workshops online. <p>BH mentioned that at the recent winter Olympics - taking the 15k cross country skiing event as example, there were 46 NFs in the male race and 42 NFs in the female race, which were solid numbers and possibly goal numbers for us.</p> <p>Athletes are growing and racing in other countries. For example, Igaya Chiharu, a Japanese athlete who was a silver medalist in Cortina 1956, won the first Japanese medal; he was a student in USA and learned skiing there, so the idea that some NF's could host other NF's to build championships on their soil might be a solid proposal to help to grow winter triathlon.</p> <p>BH suggests that DM get the full committee soon to move ahead with the proposed steps.</p> <p>DM to get the full committee together to have a discussion around this in 2 weeks' time</p> <p>SM shares the proposed changes in the Winter Triathlon rules:</p>	<p>DM to call for am winter triathlon subgroup meeting in 2 weeks' time.</p>

2.9.c.(i) Bib number – bib vest is mandatory for all Winter Triathlon events

18.1 Definition – 2 segments of running and cross-country skiing; move from 6 segments to 4 segment races.

18.5 Skiing – During elite and junior competitions, one ski can be changed only if the ski or binding are broken or damaged. This can take place anywhere along the course. The equipment failure must be proven to the Head Referee after the competition.

18.8 Transition Area – In the case of competition format with multiple repetitions of segments, all used equipment must be placed in the box at the end of the last transition. During previous transitions, used equipment can be placed in the athlete’s own space no further away than 0.5m from the box.

Accredited coaches’ station - Proposal is to add coach station in bike/ski segment.

- a) Accredited coaches will have a designated space available on the bike/ski segments in order to supply athletes with their own food and beverages.

18.9 Repair zone

Question: Are the spare wheels considered as spares? Question to the technical committee – do we consider the wheel as a spare equipment that people can drop in this zone?

22. Aquabike (see additional below)

Received a lot of requests to review the finish of Aquabike and stop the time at the end of the bike segment.

Appendix A Update on removal of segments and some distances

Athlete/Coach feedback following Andorra was that there were too many transitions in Winter Duathlon. As such it was reduced to 2 transitions instead of 3 in the bid documents for future events. As such, if the total distance does not change, the distance per leg must be adjusted.

Winter DUATHLON	Cross-Country Run	Cross-Country Ski	Minimum age required
2x2 Mixed relay. (Distances per leg)*	1 km	2 km	15

	Sprint Distance (Run + Ski + Run + Ski [Run Ski]) Distances per segment*	3 [2] km	5 [3] km	16	
	Sprint distance specific for AG (Run + Ski)	6 km	9 km	16	
	Standard Distance (Run + Ski + Run + Ski [Run Ski]) Distances per segment*	6 [4] km	9 [6] km	18	
	Standard distance specific for AG (Run + Ski)	12 km	18 km	18	
<p>Those proposal changes will go to the technical committee, followed by the board, who will review in Abu Dhabi.</p> <p>Discussion around Aquabike - After a lot of discussion, the agreed upon movement is to try to explore some options as recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish at T2 – do aquabikers need to dismount alongside the long distance athletes? • 2 chutes at T2 – one is a finish for Aquabike and another a dismount for long distance • Finish at gantry – stop at T2, rack bike and walk to a specific chute to finish. The distance will make a difference for the overall athlete experience, proposed no more than 450m to the finish line. <p>Multisport committee is interested to know the Ibiza LOC plans to manage this issue.</p> <p>On the project regarding videos for multisport promotion, TRI shared a link to the short promotion video to be reviewed by the committee members.</p> <p>BH will share his draft congress report with us soon for review.</p>					

5. World Triathlon Multisport World Championships and other Multisport events update	World Beach Games in Bali – Melody will be going tomorrow.	
6. Next meeting	Next meeting on Thursday, 20 October 2022 @ 22:30 CET	