

Multisport Committee Minutes – external

Meeting: 21 March 2024

Approved 23 May 2024

Present

Brian Hinton (BH), AUS – Chair
Alicia Garcia (AG), ESP
Tim Yount (TY), USA
Diane Henderson (DH) TTO
Melody Tan (MT), MAS
Ahmed Allouch (AM), TUN
Jianqiu Qin (JQ), CHN

Bernard Saint Jean (BSJ), FRA – World Triathlon Board representative
Antonio Álvarez (AA), MEX – World Triathlon Board representative
Daniel Martin (DM), AUT- Winter Triathlon working group

*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

Discussion Items	Discussion	Who
1. Welcome and introduction	BH Thanks to all present at the meeting	
2. Apologies/absence		

<p>3. Approval of the minutes</p>	<p>Minutes – January – internal version approved. Minutes – January – public version approved.</p>	
<p>4. Discussion about the plan in the Multisport Congress Report</p>	<p>a. Multisport Data Presentation</p> <p>Review of the Multisport data presentation from 2017-2023.</p> <p>This information is a great tool for the age group commission as we have now all participation data based on results, the average race starts, and the average number of starts per unique individual. We can work with the age group committee to try to understand the motivation to race more than one race inside the same global event. Is clear that from a sustainability point of view to race more than one race if an athlete decides to travel to a World Championships; just need to have a better understanding of the reasons why athletes might not.</p> <p>10-11% of the entries are Elite and Para triathletes. Additionally, there is a difference in participation if the Championships are in an Olympic year or not.</p> <p>Regarding women participation, aquathlon is the more relevant event, followed by LD Tri, Aquabike and duathlon. Cross is least favorite event for females.</p> <p>Next step is to compare the percentages for sprint and standard triathlon.</p> <p>Regarding the age, the greatest number of athletes are in 35-60 years old categories.</p> <p>We will need to now check review with each NF if the participation curve is following the same trend line and to check what are the most popular common crossover events are. Is it aquathlon with other events or Aquabike with other events. Additionally, what are the factors to decide (i.e., bike transportation, schedule).</p> <p>Do see a trend where, with the younger athletes, participation is low.</p> <p>Need to also explore if we should consider different courses and distances for the older AGs (can be tricky and hard from the operational point of view to be implemented in some venues).</p> <p>Regarding the Multisport Legend situation, it was started in Penticton with 4 races but 5 races in more recent world championship – more discussion needed to determine if the number should be 4-5-6.</p>	

There was some discussion on whether there should be time back from the winning time in the respective age groups, including a quality of field factor. Also discussed if it should be the winning time or the third position in the AG.

We will also look at if we should create other status awards, junior legend for example, for athletes finishing the races but not in the noted time, if we go with a quality of field factoring system.

Next steps for the MSC are to:

- Create a summary of the pertinent and important details around the data, to be included in future Multisport World Champs bid documents.
- Compare this data to sprint and standard distances.
- Identify more details around drivers of female and AG participation.

b. Winter Triathlon Update

Japan needed to cancel their National Championships because of very poor snow conditions.

About the Winter World Championships in Pragelato....it was a very successful event for the short preparation time the team had to do it (about 6 weeks). It was also an iconic venue.

One of the big problems was one week before the event they had to change the courses because only the cross-country track with artificial snow was available due to ambient air temperature.

The course for the elite athletes was fine but for the age groups it was challenging, with a lot of downhill.

The fastest time in AG was done by an Estonian athlete AG 55-59 but someone who has raced at European Cup level in cross country. So, if you are a proper cross-country skier, this kind of course can be done very well.

Due to the clash with the US Winter National Championships, approximately 40 people couldn't attend from that country.

Stefan Neff will be included in the winter triathlon working group, so we can share the elite athlete perspective.

Still collecting data on all the other athlete participation.

	Mongolia held their first winter championships.	
5. World Triathlon World Multisport World Championships and other Multisport events update	<p>Pontevedra 2025 Multisport World Championships Announced dates for 20 to 29 June.</p> <p>Townsville Multisport World Championships 2024 Preparation continues according to the plan. There is an issue regarding the costs of hiring a bike. Because there is no availability there in the region, they are shipping the bikes which means higher rental cost.</p> <p>US athletes are exploring the possibilities to hire and to share bikes, to reduce costs for one person to bear.</p> <p>Australian team will be over 1000, and the factor of two races is 1.4, so many of the athletes are intending to do a second and a third race.</p> <p>Zofingen 40th Year Celebration Still not public the idea of the celebration - only the media release with the announcement.</p>	
6. Next meeting	Next meeting is on Thursday, 23 May 2024 22:30- 23:30 CET	