

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 19 January 2021

Approved

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison
- Gergely Markus (GM) (HUN), Secretary General
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

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| 1 | Opening remarks | - GD welcomed all present members | |
| 2 | Apologies/absence | | |

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| 3 | Approval of minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD Confirmed approval of the December 2020 minutes. EA confirmed he will be taking the minutes and circulating prior to the next meeting and giving 3-4 days for approval via email. | <p>Minutes will be posted under https://www.triathlon.org/about/committees/paratriathlon_committee</p> |
| 4 | Presentation of the new members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA requested a short personal intro from IH and BC who were not present at the previous meeting | |
| 5 | Items from the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA presented the most important goals and sub-goals from the presentation made at congress by GD as well as the items to be prioritized in the next strategic plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities to compete (athletes on wait lists) - Number of Nations to be considered as regularly practicing the sport by the IPC to meet PG inclusion criteria - Pursuing inclusion of all medal events at the PGs - Strong and balanced calendar every season - Scientific /Research Group to be - Classifiers development on a regional basis - Webinar for hosting NCHs - Coaches Certification programme in para triathlon - Some of the items that had been discussed by the Para Coaches working group were brought up and how certain decisions around rules should be well-informed and clear to all parties on how consensus is reached. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to send the working document to the PC members that had been drafted in October by previous PC - |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was highlighted how crucial it will be to provide competition opportunities to grow participation. - It was highlighted how the limitation on substitutions to one per gender has helped to allow more (or new) athletes on start lists | |
| 6 | Presentation on 2021 status and resuming on rankings options | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GM presented the 2021 status as of 19th January, explaining the consultation process that had taken place with the different committees, Athletes C, Coaches C and Technical C to devise the existing options and scenarios that could take place under the world-wide situation. - A Working document is considering in detail several aspects, such as ensuring we do have events on the calendar, having analysed what was planned and what is meant to happen in 2021, the EB having already decided that there would be NO resuming of rankings before 15th March 2021. - Additional events are not likely to be added to the calendar. Continental Champs in March or April could still be accounted for the rankings retrospectively in case they have fallen outside the resuming of the Paralympic qualification rankings – to be agreed with each Continental Confederation - The confidence that the OGs and PGs will happen was reiterated. Anyhow, all scenarios are being contemplated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Document to be discussed at the next EB meeting on Feb 4th. |
| 7 | PTVI Working Group and other items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on how to proceed with this group were discussed, its composition and its terms of reference and how to compose it and define whether it should be a sub-group from the Research Working Group or a separate one. More discussion on this will be required - Survey on use of a standardized tether has been non-conclusive as well as the Quality Field Factor for CCHs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eric to work on another draft for the PTVI working group and other existing groups to trigger discussion and analysis on how to best proceed. - The process to appoint Classification Advisory Group members was discussed and will occur |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research for PTVI to be linked with the existing resources set by the IPC – University of Amsterdam - MIC Survey ready to go out, awaiting response to include IPC Classification Committee members. Around 20 qualified people have been nominated by NFs to complete the survey. - EA briefed the PC members on the nominations received for the HoC and DHoC positions to be approved by the EB. - Classification Opportunities: Checking for needs at the PATCO, ATU and ASTC CCHs and for VI at the World Championships in Milan | after the HoC and DHoC appointments have occurred. |
| 8 | NF Meeting set for FEB 27 th 2021 Saturday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memo will go out to the NFs and based on feedback the best time will be decided for the time of the meeting. | - GB and EA to work on the agenda |
| 9 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for TUE 23rd February 2021 at 21:00 CET | |

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- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Katerina Magkou (GRE) – Head of Classification (HoC)
- Javier Martínez Gramaje (ESP) – Deputy Head of Classification (DHoC)
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

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| 2 | Approval of minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EA updated the PC on the process to approve/confirm minutes once circulated. | Minutes will be posted under https://www.triathlon.org/about/committees/paratriathlon_committee |

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| 3 | NFs Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda: GD updated the group on the purpose and past editions of the NFs meeting. EA finalising the draft presentation to be shared with GD, Gergely Markus and Thanos Nikopoulos - PC Members Role: PC members will be panellists and are able to take the floor. There were some concerns on the information required to connect to the webinar test. Presentation of the PC members to be done at the NFs meeting. GD asked for confirmation if the meeting would be recorded. - GD briefly explained the content of the presentation and that there would be several presenters. | |
| 4 | Coaches working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resuming of the PG Qualification Rankings: CP briefed the PC members on the discussion that the coaches working group had regarding the resuming of the qualification period. EB meeting to take place on March 18th to decide whether rankings could potentially restart after May 1st or not. All considerations were discussed with special concern towards the fact 3 continents have not been able to celebrate their continental championships. This working group has produced some simulations with different scenarios. - Coaches Working group somewhat concerned they had not been consulted to date but were pleased there could still be an opportunity to do so. - An additional concern was on whether there would be enough races happening should the period be re-opened. - NM asked if there was already a recommendation coming from the National Coaches Committee and it was confirmed they were recommending to not restart the period. - JG suggested to consider the fact that 2019 CCHs had not been accounted for (“ranked”) with the classing-up provision. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further discussion to still happen and the different simulations to be shared with the PC and Sports Department to have in hand in case qualification would not restart. - Once the coaches’ recommendation comes through, an extraordinary PC meeting may be required prior to the 18th March EB. |

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| 5 | HoC/DHoC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A formal introduction of the new HoC and DHoC, Katerina Magkou and Javier Martínez was done and both appointed individuals had a chance to present themselves to the PC - GD clarified they will not always need to attend the PC meetings but are welcome to attend whenever they wish to do so. | |
| 6 | CAG Nominations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA informed that they will now collect interest from senior classifiers to be part of the CAG and revisited the current role of the CAG and terms of reference. Sport Department and HoC/DHoC will discuss nominations, primarily amongst the senior classifiers. - DA recommended that existing classifiers should be able to put forward their preference for either research purposes or classification matters under the CAG. - It was brought up how the previous CAG members found themselves doing a lot of research related activities that in principle are not the CAG's mission. HoC mentioned how it will be important to find new members for research especially. - Geographical distribution of classifiers. How could we engage existing classifiers from other sports especially in the continents where we are lacking the numbers? This should definitely be part of the new strategic plan. - NM we need to engage existing classifiers and remember they are volunteers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting amongst all senior classifiers, HoC and DHoC to take place to determine nominations with the sport department. - EA and GD to ensure the increase of classifiers in specific regions is a sub-goal in the new strategic plan |
| 7 | Paratriathlon Overview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA presented the working document that outlines the different groups and roles involved in par triathlon with specific highlights for the CAG and the Research Group to be formed. | |

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| 8 | Research group Structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA presented the proposed structure for the Research Group, its terms of reference and purpose to the PC members - This Group will guide and coordinate research activities to ensure compliance of the IPC Classification Code and the implementation of evidence-based classification systems for para triathlon. Will refer to Best practice models from IPC and evidence-based classification systems. - MB mentioned to the group about contacts he has with the “Vrije Universiteit” of Amsterdam University of Amsterdam in the biomechanics Movement Science - GD reminded the PC that once the Minimum Impairment Criteria Survey starts producing collected feedback, it will be crucial to have this group in place to start discussing action items. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Group call for nominations: Ideally, we should try to find individuals that have some relation to our sport and research on their daily jobs. Call through NFs may be an option. |
| 9 | Classification 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA explained the current status of classification opportunities, especially around VI as it is not clear World Triathlon will manage a location (ideally around Milan WCHs). IPC/IBSA to confirm about out of competition opportunities on a regional basis. - For PI in the fall there is likely to be opportunities to have classification for PTS and PTWC sport classes. - DA asked if from the IPC perspective Triathlon was in a critical position regarding classification needs or not. EA clarified that although the para triathlon figures are low, there is absolute need to have VI opportunity prior to Tokyo 2020 this summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to continue following up with IPC/IBSA to define classification opportunities. |

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| 10 | Quality Field Factor Survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD presented the feedback from the para coaches working group on the Quality of Field used at Continental Champs. GD requested from the PC members how much they understand how the quality of field works. DA expressed how the feedback was not clear, even within the same country. It is critical to understand number of countries per continent, etc. Careful analysis on how this mirrors the able-body calculations. Also, the consideration amongst sport classes where the level would vary significantly within the same country/continent. - GD requested 3 PC member volunteers to analyse the behaviour of the Quality of field factor. - Para Coaches Working Group were not able to produce a formal recommendation on how to proceed with the CCHs quality field factor in para triathlon. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideally for this sub-group to discuss at the next PC meeting or after two meetings on all the critical aspects for the quality field factor in para triathlon. MB and NM potential candidates for this sub-group. |
| 9 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for TUE 23rd March 2021 at 21:00 CET but it was mentioned that another extraordinary meeting may be required prior to the next EB meeting on March 18th. | |

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| 2 | Discussion on the Qualification period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD explained the meetings that have been taking place <p>MB had concerns for the situation not being fair for countries like AUS, GBR, NED where athletes are advised not to travel. Overall situation seems very unfair for all.</p> <p>CP agreed it was a very difficult decision, not easy, thinking on the uncertainty and how things are changing every week. Experience within PATCO and inability to travel makes the Not restarting as the most sensible solution. Some certainty is also needed for athletes to plan.</p> <p>NM: Need clear world-wide situation to see if possible, to train and travel. Really need to know what is doable not only in May but also June. If not, decision is clear. Do the principles for restarting still stand? The ability to travel and train should be the main aspects to consider.</p> <p>JG added that as Australian athletes they may not be able to travel before the Games</p> <p>BC: RSA is currently now allowed in some countries, vaccination process is very slow, so as touch as it is, not restarting may be the most optimal solution.</p> <p>GD reminded the group that the Para triathlon Committee's view will only be a recommendation, just like the recommendations made by the coaches committee and para coaches working group.</p> | |
| 3 | GM Presentation on feedback summary so far | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GM presented the views and outcomes from the survey that was sent to the NFs about the restarting feasibility, as well as from the other committees consulted. - Training does not seem to be the problem at this moment in time. Travel with quarantine either upon arrival or upon return, currently pose a variety of challenges. - Vaccinations happening at very different levels depending on each country. | - |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from athletes in the survey more or less similar to the feedback from the coaches. - Coaches Committee and para coaches working group recommended not to restart nor postpone the decision any further. - The Athlete’s Committee will express their views at the EB meeting. - GM requested the Para triathlon Committee to please send via email the recommendation immediately after the call. - A lot of questioning happening about other sports celebrating various events in the last few weeks. - GM mentioned the decisions are likely to be consistent for both Olympic and Paralympic side. - JG added that from the athlete’s committee mentioned how the % was quite different from what happened from the Olympic side versus the Paralympic side. - GD reiterated the discussion around the pending continental champs that could have a chance to count if such provision is made even if the period would not restart. GM reminded the group that Asia and Africa are on the calendar but not for the America’s region. A clear deadline would need to be set as to until when these events can happen to be considered. Counting retrospectively is not likely to be considered should these events not happen in 2021. - MB agreed that retrospective consideration would be very tricky. The Coaches working group did recommend using those from 2019 if needed. GD suggested looking at alternatives ways to compensate athletes that may miss the cut should those champs not happen. At the same time, taking away achievements/points from athletes that have competed at other continental champs such as OTU or ETU should not be considered either. | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NM mentioned the PC's recommendation requires specific wording as per the discussions taking place. - MT expressed via email the need to restart the period to offer as many opportunities as possible. - <i>Many discussions on the exact provisions took place, I am just including the final recommendation:</i> <p>Recommendations from the Para Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Majority of para triathlon committee members support freezing the ranking points (5 support, 1 does not support, 1 absent) due to travel restrictions and the challenge of fair competition. - All in favour of having an exception for the remaining Continental Champs to count, if they take place before the latest possible qualification date (note: 2 of 5 Continental Champs took place in the qualification period). The only additional ranking points that may be added would be from Continental Champs from 2021, these would be counted for the 3 regions that did not have Continental Champs in the qualification period - 3 in favour, 3 against, 1 absent, to use previous Continental Championship results from 2019, for a region that did not have a Continental Championship in the period AND cannot complete a Continental Champs in the 2021 qualification period. There are two concerns, one with regard to the legal issue of using past results, the other the fairness of some Continents not having an opportunity for additional points. - Do not take points away from athletes/regions that were able to host a Continental Champs prior to the frozen period. - Paralympic Selections by Invitation (Bipartite) are clearly stated to be based on performance to ensure the "best of the best". | |
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| 3 | Quality field discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD and EA gave a brief background on how the calculation in para triathlon came to be - IH: There will be a trend in competitiveness that will be observable in the next 5-10 years. Being able to identify and reflect disparities between continents through a suitable quality of field factor for both able body and para athletes will be essential. The current size of para fields is so much smaller, that a lot more thought needs to be given to this process. - GD: Survey from the coaches working group is inconclusive and some of the points awarded through the rankings in the different level of racing have changed in the last years. Sub-group from the PC to analyse current values and come up with a proposal. - NM mentioned they use a coefficient inside Italy that seems to be working well, but consultation with other continents should take place. - DA reminded the need to ensure there is a spread of participation for the Paralympic Games, participating continents, number of nations, etc. DA mentioned as an example the two top RSA athletes in able body and how they can be potentially penalised by being in the African continent yet being fully competitive world-wide. - Maybe the increase of continental races would provide the needed starts that seem to be lacking in para triathlon. | <p>Meeting from working group to take place to understand how it currently works and devise if there is any way forward in the near future.</p> <p>The full PC were happy to take part in the discussion of the quality of field factor. Date tbd.</p> |
| 4 | EB Meeting discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD expressed gratitude towards the EB and the difficult decision they had to take the week prior regarding the resuming or not of the qualification period. - IH explained how the decision was basically unanimous despite the difficulty of the world-wide pandemic. All the pros and cons were discussed in detail to come to a decision. | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD expressed once again the PC fully respected the decision the EB had made. - DA reminded that as Executive Board members, they were representing the global triathlon community and not their own countries or continents, that the main responsibility is to ensure the sport grows globally by setting international standards and excellence in sport. The EB takes into account the existing goals in the strategic plan, and given the current situation in the world, they viewed as a disservice to the athletes not to offer further opportunities. | |
| 5 | IPC Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA: awaiting decision from Paris for the Medal Event programme and about VI classification opportunities as well as potential opportunities for PI to cover exceptional needs prior to Tokyo 2020. - CAG members will be discussed as interests are still being collected. - BC asked about expanding the pool of classifiers to continents like Africa. EA explained this would be one of the priorities as soon as the new course materials are developed. In the past, engagement of smaller nations through the NPCs has been attempted but not successful so we need to devise a proper strategy. | |
| 6 | MIC Survey status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA: extended the window as we have not reached 50% of the expected feedback from the proposed participants. New deadline: 9th April 2021. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to contact the pending ones individually to ensure they proceed. |

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| 7 | Classification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA mentioned a general meeting for all senior classifiers would be taking place this week to ensure there is some engagement for them and ongoing discussions on relevant matters that affect the current status of para triathlon classification. | |
| 8 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JG asked about Milan and any updates around the WCH event. Further information was to come back from FITRI and a call will take place in 2 days to provide full update on this matter. | |
| 9 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for TUE 27th April 2021 at 21:00 CET (19:00 GMT). Potential meeting for discussing the QF Factor on THU May 6th and time tbd. | |

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Meeting: 27 April 2021

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| 3 | Meeting date for Quality of Field Factor working group | Meeting with the wub-group planned for May 11 th at 19:00 GMT | |
| 4 | Events updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided the updates around provisions and exceptional “bubble” measures for Yokohama. Hatsukaichi ASTC CCHs took place with fewer athletes than usual as some ASIAN NFs did not travel. Hatsukaichi was finally a triathlon race and not a duathlon. - Confirmation for the PATCO Continental Champs to take place in Pleasant Prairie in Wisconsin on Sunday June 27th. - Detailed planning for Yokohama continues with exceptional bubble measures. - Awaiting dates for Milan for the WCHs - Working on the logistics for the sequence of events in Europe immediately after Yokohama - Edmonton will not have para triathlon and how congress will happen is still tbd. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on the details for entry into France and all side provisions - Main updates happening through internal MEMO on a weekly basis to ensure NFs and athletes are well informed on any updates around the exceptional measures happening around events. |
| 5 | Coaches Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions for Yokohama have been addressed - USAT working to ensure - Junior para triathlon development being discussed within the group and how this can help for the future. Question if World Triathlon has considered adding para triathlon at the Junior WCHs considering the development required. - Awaiting the publication of final Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria, particularly around the timelines. EA clarified that this should happen in the next few days as there had been communication in this regard with | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualification Criteria updated document to be published within the next few days - Table at the next PC’s meeting the idea for junior para triathlon. - Relay concept to be discussed at next meeting/s. |

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| | | <p>the IPC. EB meeting to happen in two days and this document will be discussed. No radical changes from the original timelines expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DA: development of the junior would require input from technical, but what about U23 in the same manner, but just good thoughts to brainstorm and think of development towards 2028. - IH: worth looking at this, just like at the Commonwealth in 2018 it all started with one sport class, in Birmingham a different class will be showcased. It is important to establish a foothold to set a precedent. So maybe one class can be considered as a start. - EA reminded the group one of the pending items in the current strategic plan which is the relay concept to ensure there is continuity on this topic. - CP: the junior proposal is an addition for consideration as it would help in early development. This is a very first step for discussion to see how it can help. Big approach within the US for instance happening. | |
| 6 | MIC Survey status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended deadline just to push for some pending surveys to be sent back from some individuals, including IPC. Aim is to get 20 surveys completed. CAG to focus on feedback to lay out answers and start producing a refined second round of consultation. | Reminder to missing participants |
| 7 | Classification – New CAG members, VI Classification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAG members already proposed, will be going to the EB for approval and PC will be informed - VI Classification opportunities still being planned, many events being cancelled by other IFs or IPC as they were also associated to - 3 Para triathletes classified on April 21st in Belgium through an Equestrian event. Still seeking opportunities for another 5 VI athletes that could be in Switzerland or Poland, and looking at Madrid as an | Send proposal to EB for approval |

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| | | <p>alternative and last plan. Priority is to ensure all athletes with potential for Tokyo do get classified in advance of end of June. Leeds may step in to provide classification although the week after IBSA (International Blind Sports Association) has an opportunity in Warwick UK, which would be ideal for Commonwealth opting athletes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other opportunities happening in other continents, 2 para triathletes will be classified in Brisbane this weekend and one opportunity in Japan that may be of our interest. Other opportunities being offered in the Americas region and one pending to happen in Africa. - World Triathlon pending to discuss opportunities in the fall for new athletes on both PI and VI. - Coaches Group have expressed the need as they do have newcomers in VI for the sport. - Both ATU and PATCO may require (PI) classification so World Triathlon is closely monitoring the entries to facilitate this if required. - LL explained the status for African NFs and the contact he has been maintaining to ensure they enter for the event and send the classification information - EA gave an update on the NFs he is in contact with from PATCO to consider classification. | |
| 8 | IPC Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending notification regarding the Paris Medal Event Programme | EA to follow up with Jürgen |

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| 9 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we get contacts in the NED or anywhere else for second hand equipment for developing NFs. - IH asked about the progress for the engagement of different members of the sub-groups for para triathlon. EA explained a call for interest needs to be released. Once the Academic researchers are identified, - Working group for the Interval Start System: EA proposed that once the insight is published, see how this should move forward in the future making it non-dependant on a group but maybe through a university but still considering anyone who may be interested in being part of this group. - DA: VISTA will be online this year so we should closely follow up on possibilities there. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MB will follow up on the equipment <p>CAG: 3 members additional to the HoC and DHoC. Names to be confirmed by the EB</p> |
| 10 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for TUE 1st June 2021 at 19:00 GMT | |

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| 1 | Apologies/absence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison | |

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| 2 | Approval of minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from the previous two minutes were circulated | Eric to correct view of the April ones |
| 3 | Meeting date for Quality of Field Factor working group | | |
| 4 | Events updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leeds few days away with strong bubble restrictions - Many issues with entry to France, trying to get full understanding from the authorities to inform NFs accurately - For Spain, invite letters required for non-Schengen countries. Finding issues to provide invite letters to RSA and BRA. - Planning for Pleasant Prairie, very limited budget to run the event but trying to meet all the standards as much as possible. - Awaiting updates from Milan where there is a lot of uncertainty from the Italian federation side - Ongoing planning of events for the fall. | - |
| 5 | Classification Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Also, complications for the Madrid OOC VI Classification opportunity but it is coming together slowly. - Planning for the ATU Classification opportunity in Sharm el Sheik, complicated logistics but it's coming together with Paul Grandjean committed to attend as medical classifier. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crucial to have the Madrid OOC opportunity happen |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Out of competition VI opportunities successful in Sydney in May, also one JPN athlete in Tokyo end of May and Commonwealth athletes to be classified on June 17th in a Judo event in Warwick UK - A Coruña planning is going well, and logistics are in place as there are high numbers there - Classification at PATCO CCHs also underway | |
| 6 | CAG & IPC Classification Code review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KM laid out the proposed members for the CAG, trying to have a balance between the people that have more availability and knowledge as well as a regional spread: proposed members are Paul Grandjean (NED), Marguerite Christophers (NZL) and Roberto Nahon (BRA) - Engagement of the senior classifiers through feedback for the IPC Code review and ongoing matters - Call with the IPC regarding the Code Review where KM and EA will be present to understand the insights and main topics for discussion | - |
| 7 | VISTA Conference | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided insight on what VISTA is fo the PC members that were not aware of this IPC conference. - DA provided insight on some of the topics that will be discussed, a very wide programme with interesting topics: https://vista2021.com/ A very good opportunity for us to get knowledge and input for classification - Discussion in the outgoing CAG to submit an abstract on our status with the MIC survey as it could be interesting to share and potentially get more contributors. | EA to follow up with CAG on potential abstracts and attendees in Nov-Dec |

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| 8 | PC Working Groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timelines for rules reviewed were discussed to try and have a pretty good working doc in final mode by end of July or mid-AUG at latest - Competition Rules: GD, BC, MT, CP - Classification Rules: KM, NM, MB, LL <p>EA would assist in both groups. The group discussed when to meet in the summer for the different reviews.</p> <p>DA suggested and encouraged anyone interested to have crossover from groups if there is useful input.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dates for first calls to be established - Eric to remind the group of the timeline for rules review |
| 5 | Coaches Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive feedback from Yokohama - Junior Para triathlon and Relay concepts to be developed/extended after September - EA mentioned about the strategic plan feedback where each committee can provide input for different topics - Quality Factor discussion. Conclusion do not apply and relook at the status in 18th months to see how things are coming along. - It was discussed to review the points awarded for the different levels of races | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA mentioned he would make small edits to the Quality of field factor document and final recommendation. - Two items to follow up for rules: briefing attendance and equipment check consistency |
| 8 | IPC Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending notification regarding the Paris Medal Event Programme | <p>EA to follow up with Jürgen and provide any relevant feedback.</p> |

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| 9 | AOB | - Pending to present to the EB the proposal of the working group for the Intellectual Impairment as passed at congress. | EA to provide updates on next call |
| 10 | Next Meeting | - Planned for TUE 29 th June 2021 at 19:00 GMT | |

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 30 June 2021

Draft

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

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| 1 | Apologies/absence | - | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes | - Pending from 1 st of June | |

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| 3 | Closing of Qualification Period | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA gave a brief update on closing of qualification period, rankings and Bipartite Invites for Tokyo 2020, with the EB members to still be defined for the panel. Guiding principles to be defined. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meeting with the IPC coming Friday for them to approve the proposed invites |
| 4 | Classification Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BC provided updates on the classification that took place at the ATU CCHs at Sharm el Sheik. Very successful with many challenges but Paul Grandjean wa of great help to assist also for the events and the classification in difficult conditions. Total of 11 athletes classified - Madrid VI Out of Competition Opportunity was very successful and the clinic in Madrid has offered assistance for Research Projects. It allowed to classify all the pending athletes that were contestants for Tokyo - Successful classification for VI in Tokyo and Warwick for Commonwealth athletes - A Coruña classification had big numbers (14) and Pleasant Prairie in Wisconsin less as some could not travel due to restrictions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to follow up with the Optometry Faculty in Madrid as the personnel there have offered assistance in Research for the VI project. EA to meet with them in July |
| 5 | IPC Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Updates from IPC despite news was expected mid-June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to continue following up and check this next Friday during the call. |
| 6 | CAG & IPC Classification Code review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call with the IPC regarding the Code Review. KM and EA working on topics that will be shared with our senior classifiers to produce feedback - Parallel Strategic Plan required for the timeline for implementation of potential classification changes. When to introduce changes will be analysed in detail to see what offers a balance with the establishment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to work with Javoer Martínez as HoC on this timeline |

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| | | <p>of the medal programme and allowing at the same time the development of athletes and a feasible pathway for them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DA asked if there was any topic around Intellectual Impairment classification during the IPC Code review call, but EA confirmed there was no discussion on this topic. - EA provided a brief summary on the meeting held with VIRTUS in 2020 with the insights on how Virtus is currently running some II sports: https://www.virtus.sport/ | |
| 7 | MIC Survey and Research Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have reached a point where a qualitative analysis is required with some of the feedback we have collected, but we mostly have people that can do quantitative analysis now. - GD asked if the PC will receive any summary of the feedback produced by the survey. EA responded it will eventually come. - DA recommended to considered some of the researchers that are engaged with the IPC - Ongoing search for Academic Researchers to fulfill the positions in the Research Group - DA asked if there is an abstract finally being presented from the working members of the CAG for VISTA. EA responded the abstract will be about the MIC survey we have been conducting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending to have a call with Vicky Tolfrey as she expressed interest. |
| 9 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - | |

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| 10 | Next Meeting | - Planned for TUE 28 th July 2021 at 19:00 GMT | |
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Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 28 July 2021

Draft

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

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| 1 | Apologies/absence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison | |

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| 2 | Approval of minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes pending from last 2 meetings | EA to complete |
| 3 | Update of Entries for Tokyo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided an update after all slots were awarded for Tokyo, 20 NFs represented and all continents. Any changes at this point in time would mean the slot goes back to the IPC for use at their discretion. | |
| 4 | Events updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calendar updates will occur progressively, as bids come in given the circumstances worldwide. Milan is unlikely to proceed as there are some strong budget concerns from the LOC. Abu Dhabi may be the only option to pursue if Milan cannot host the worlds. - BC asked about the October events to understand if they will be “bubble” events as it could represent constraints for some NFs wanting to travel. Important to consider all these factors as things are changing rapidly all over the world. - NM apologized for the ongoing issues with Milan as they have really tried to deliver but there are internal issues that are out of their control. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to check if there will be one calendar announcement or if events will be announced as they are confirmed |
| 5 | IPC GA and Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still no relevant updates for Paris 2024. EA working with DA on her candidacy for IPC Governing Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing work and more to be discussed in Tokyo. |

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| 5 | Rules Review Working Groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief check on where the groups are with the rules review and setting of dates for the next meetings | |
| 6 | Coaches Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions on Abu Dhabi in November? - Group reiterated to ensure we have high-quality races, especially around officiating to guarantee the fairness. High level standards need to be met. A lot of travel restrictions for NFs like AUS, so they asked if there is any consideration to pause rankings again post-Tokyo. - Very important for athletes to see and test the courses. | |
| 9 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA will be following up with University of Amsterdam regarding VI Research and what possibilities of cooperation we may have with the Faculty of Optometry in Madrid | |
| 10 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned for WED 18th August 2021 at 19:00 GMT | |

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 18 August 2021

Draft

Present

- **No present members as the call did not take place. Eric Angstadt (EA) from World Triathlon Sport Department submitted a report via email that is shown below**

- Tokyo Updates

Everything is running as planned, checking on last biker 1st runner scenarios in the PTWC and PTVI where it could be an issue to make sure schedules are fine. EA will be in direct communication with Broadcasters to ensure they understand the race situation as we will be live.

Late withdrawal from a French athlete in PTS2 after bike crash, IPC reallocated the slot to a JPN VI athlete based on the recommendation from World Triathlon. Quotas remain at 40-40 and 9 athletes in W PTS2 and 11 in W PTVI.

- Future event dates

For the fall, the two World CUPs in Turkey and Portugal continue as planned and hoping to get confirmation from Abu Dhabi tomorrow they can do the WCHs in November

- Classification/CAG

No significant updates here, classification opportunities to be determined maybe for Portugal (PI) and Abu Dhabi (PI/VI)

- MIC survey

Main work to be resumed post-Tokyo

- VISTA

Awaiting confirmation on SEP 11th whether or not abstract was accepted

- IPC updates

No updates, EA to follow up in Tokyo with IPC staff

- Working groups
 - a. Classification: Awaiting the feedback from IPC on some matters and arranging a meeting with them in Tokyo. EA working on the Excel file to reflect all proposed changes for PC final review
 - b. Rules: Preliminary meeting with Beryl Campbell and Christine Palmquist, and the working excel doc is available for the rest of the members to add/edit

- Congress – October 24th (and 23rd committees)

No news yet, in september there will be formal notifications and the report templates to work on

- AOB

Working on Debbie's candidacy papers for IPC GB elections on 12 December at the IPC GA in Taipei. EA and Debbie will meet in Tokyo to go over all the documents.

- Next Meeting

Considering the rule proposals need to be submitted no later than 24 SEP, EA suggests to meet on TUE 7th SEP and then again if needed.

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 14 September 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
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| 1 | Apologies/absence | - Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes | - Minutes from the last 3 meetings were circulated for approval. Moved by NM and seconded by CP. - Minutes from the meeting that was not held on 18 th AUG will be presented as the written report that was provided by EA. | EA to upload once approved with the majority of the PC's approval |

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| 3 | Tokyo 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PGs Update: EA provided a brief update highlighting the positive aspects para triathlon had during the Games, overall atmosphere, live TV worked fairly well, but from OBS there could have been a much better planning done in advance to better understand the race formats. Athlete experience was great in general. We had internal challenges to overcome, Thanos was on top of many small details that required attention. From the OC perspective, the LOC team was superb and at the highest standard. - DA provided an update from IPC perspective from comments she heard during the Games. All positive and highlighting the excellent work done by the TDs team, Gergely Markus and EA. - DA mentioned the IPC members that came for an insight tour prior to competition to better understand better our sport - DA also mentioned how special it was when some athletes from GBR team came to the TOs lounge to appreciate the work done by the team. - EA also updated the PC on the 2 female athletes we unfortunately lost a few days before the Games but although the benchmark of 20 NPCs was not met, at least the gender equity was met. | <p>DA recommendation to plan an even more detailed plan to better educate the audience, spectators and public in general so they can understand our sport more in detail.</p> |
| 4 | Events Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns about the WCHs being assigned to Abu Dhabi and the budget constraints it may pose on some teams, but planning is on the go. - European CHs in Valencia, PWC events to take place in Turkey and Portugal with classification opportunities to be offered. - AUS athletes and others that will suffer for loss of points, World Triathlon to consider this for invites next season. | <p>EA to lock the classification logistics for the coming events.</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2022 events will be announced whenever possible, as due to the world situation, it is very difficult to have all confirmations on a given date, due to travel and governmental restrictions constantly changing. - Sport Department to release the Continental Cup provisions so confederations can decide if they can be launched for 2022. - Concern from coaches about budget for the WCHs in less than two months, and the fact this will provide WCH points but not all athletes may have the chance to compete. NM mentioned that if the points were not for WCHs, we'd probably lose the athletes that are considering participation. - It was mentioned how didn't have the WCHs in 2020 and missing out in 2021 would also be a disaster, so there is no perfect solution in this case. - EA reminded the group how originally, Milan was meant to be the WCHs after Toyko, of course the location has changed, but the event was planned to occur in the fall no matter what. - JG mentioned how in general, all athletes want the WCHs, but of course, for athletes from AUS and some other countries, it will present a hurdle in the coming months as they will not be able to achieve points in the next few months and drop in the ranking lists. These athletes will struggle for a year probably. - It was discussed how invitations will need to be used to mitigate the consequences in these cases. - DA expressed her concerns on ensuring there are enough opportunities offered in the coming cycle for athletes to compete at enough events. EA just clarified how the substitution rule and the new tier of Continental Cups should also contribute to easing the past challenges. | |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA mentioned the possibility to have Devonport at the end of 2022, potentially after Abu Dhabi WCHs, and asked the group to consider this as a possibility. | |
| 5 | Rule Changes review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Competition Rules still another meeting to check and endorse. The entire PC voted on all items in favour to endorse those proposals to the TC. - Classification changes moved by CP and seconded by NM. - EA clarified the existing proposals, where they originated from and made sure to capture some of the feedback that had been received. - GD requested to have a column in the working doc that clearly states what proposals are endorsed or not for the TC to have that insight. - Classification proposals are more around wording and edits required from the IPC Classification Audit. - It was clarified that the classifier's certification will be a separate document that will still be passed separately through the TC and EB for approval. Classification changes moved by CP and seconded by NM. - Brief check on where the groups are with the rules review and setting of dates for the next meetings. | EA to submit the working doc to the TC staff liaison |
| 6 | Classification Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still no relevant updates for Paris 2024. EA working with DA on her candidacy for IPC Governing Board - CAG finalised the feedback for the IPC Classification Code Review, this is the 1st round and once collected and compiled, it will be circulated for a second round of consultation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing work and more to be discussed in Tokyo. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Tea Cistic, IPC Classification Manager in Tokyo. Many matters discussed around the Classification Audit outcomes, short term plans and approach from IPC on the interval start system which is still pending. Important to keep this relation steady and active. - Alhandra to potentially host PI Classification and maybe a seminar if materials are ready. - Abu Dhabi to potentially host VI and classification but logistics are proving extremely difficult to manage and achieve - Valencia as a possibility to classify 2-3 straight forward cases for PI - CAG members approved, adding to the HoC and DHoC | |
| 7 | MIC Survey and VISTA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MIC survey next steps are pending from CAG, qualitative analysis process needs discussion and time to see how it should be done. - It is proving to be challenging to manage these aspects with ongoing events and other aspects like IPC GA, Classification logistics and so forth. | |
| 8 | IPC Updates and GA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paris 2024: still awaiting news from the IPC. We have been assured that we do not need to worry on the outcome. We will need to ensure the outcome suits all potential classes to offer opportunities to be in Paris 2024. There is - For LA 2028 is 9 medal events an objective? PC to devise this as an action item maybe for the strategic plan. - DA nominated by World Triathlon for Member at Large for the IPC General Assembly. DA and EA processed all required documentation after the competition days in Tokyo. | |

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| 9 | Intellectual Impairment Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BC chosen to be on this working group and MB can attend on demand. - First meeting to be held in October | Follow with Gergely on all groups |
| 10 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn Murray stepping down as chair of the Coaches Working Group. Proposal to have CP chair the group from now on till after Paris 2024. Moved by GD and seconded by BC. - Ongoing process to engage the academic researchers for the Research Group - Reports for Congress to be prepared in the next few days and presentation a few days later - IH asked if all the Para triathlon sub-groups are fully populated. The group for Intellectual Impairment is pending but it would be good to have these set as soon as possible. | <p>GD and EA to work on the Congress report.</p> <p>EA to prepare short report on para groups with all appointed names once ready.</p> |
| 11 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - THU 16th at 3pm GMT Rules Working Group - PC Planned for MON 20th SEPT 2021 at 19:00 GMT - PC Planned for WED 13th OCT 2021 at 19:00 GMT | |

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 19 October 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Neil MacLeod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
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| 1 | Apologies/absence | - | |
| 2 | Approval of minutes | - Pending to be circulated | EA to upload once approved with the majority of the PC's approval |

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| 3 | Events Updates + Classification Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided the updates on events, Alanya PWC took place beginning of October with good outcome, Alhandra coming up with classification for PI and Abu Dhabi will host VI classification - Email from AUS on concerns for rankings for athletes who could not travel and will struggle in 2022. | |
| 4 | Para triathlete on Strategic Plan Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA reached out to Veronica Yoko Plebani (ITA) who accepted to be on this working group. Group will meet in Madrid in November - PC will have the chance to formulate input - CP expressed how eager the coaches working group would be to be able to provide input for the strategic plan. Also from the Working Group, would like to diversify the group and add people from new or developing NFs. - GD also asked JG in case the Athlete's Committee has any points to put forward. | <p>EA to summarize the points tht were collected from the PC as next steps</p> <p>Coach from TUN was added for next meetings to coaches para working group.</p> <p>Important to have an insight on Africa, Asia and South America</p> |
| 5 | CAG, Research and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending to contact the academic researchers | |
| 6 | Classification and Coaches Certification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with KM to finalise the educational material and coaches' certification process - Coaches' certification for para triathlon now being done in cooperation with FFTRI as previous contractor cannot continue the work. - NM provided insight on how this has been done in Italy. - CP also provided insight on how it is done in the USA, up to 5 days - BC asked about target date for implementation. EA provided a rough insight on the process which is tbd for 2022. | <p>EA to set a call with DA and Zita Csovelyak for Debbie to have the insight on the ongoing work or see if Zita is available for presenting to the PC.</p> |

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| 7 | MIC Survey and VISTA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shana Harrington will not be able to continue her support for the MIC Survey but will be attending VISTA as well as Marguerite Christophers who sits on the CAG. | |
| 8 | NCHs Webinar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to finalise this webinar till end of the year. - EA reaching out to several NFs that are wanting to start in para triathlon - EA working on a chart to see who are the active NFs now and which ones are at risk | |
| 9 | Congress | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD and EA preparing the Congress report and presentation for the online Congress. | |
| 10 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules review from TC will come back to the PC mid-November to then produce a last review. | |
| 11 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WED NOV 24th 9pm CET - WED DEC 15th 9pm CET | |

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 24 November 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA, Athlete Committee Representative
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Javier Martínez Gramaje (ESP), Deputy Head of Classification
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

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| 1 | Apologies/absence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC) - Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison | |

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| 2 | Approval of minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending to approve the last two minutes from September and October | EA to upload once approved with the majority of the PC's approval |
| 3 | Events' Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA provided the updates on events from Alhandra and WCHs at Abu Dhabi. Successful VI classification opportunities with good options for the future with this location in Abu Dhabi - Working on events towards 2022 that will only be announced once there is confirmation from each LOC. Still exploring options | |
| 4 | Strategic Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA has provided Antonio Arimany with the different topics that the PC has identified since the 2020 Congress, the NFs meeting in February and the report to Congress in 2021 as the key items to be included in the strategic Plan - Additional meetings took place involving main committees and GD confirmed the main topics discussed with the para coaches working group came up and were addressed. | |
| 5 | IPC updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPC Announcement for Paris 2024 provided World Triathlon with 6+5 medal events as expected and 120 athlete quota which will allow for the growth of the missing medal event towards Paris - EA working with other staff in the last push for DA as the IPC General Assembly will take place on 11th and 12th December online. EA contacting NPCs on an individual basis and Olalla and Debbie ensuring the promo video is circulated as much as possible. | World Triathlon to check with IPC on final confirmation of nominated medal events and class up options |

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| 6 | Rules Review for TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a discussion to review the pending items for the rules review as well as the pending matter that IPC just circulated regarding the provision for VI Refractive Errors. - JG and AS provided input to the PC on some of the topics for rule changes, one of them being the moment the Interval Start System values are revised, in case it could be more frequent, or just before qualification start for the Games. EA provided some of the background on the way the calculations work, considering the most recent results and the weighting given to the most recent results, being higher in this case for the 2022 proposed values. - MB mentioned that a rule review in May would not really make differences as there wouldn't be enough races or sets of data since the last rule review. - AS provided some thoughts after discussion with athletes on why the rule about the prosthetic drop off point for some PTS2 athletes would be allowed as it seems it would only be for above the knee amputee athletes (AKA) to lower transition times. - EA explained this has been a systematic request since 2011 to allow AKA athletes to roll through transition with the residual limb on the cross bar as hoping was considered to be very unsafe and leading to injury. In the races where long hoping took place, the transition times increased significantly. AS expressed concerns on the space required at the mount line to ensure there is no obstruction from athletes dropping equipment. - GD clarified the PC was not in favour to allow for the strolling or rolling through transition. The proposed rule is to test it and see if it works well. | <p>There will still be a call with IPC in which we will ask for the status of all IFs involved on the VI topic for the PC to make an informed recommendation to the EB on adopting this rule in 2022 or not.</p> |
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| 7 | CAG Action Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA informed on the planning towards beginning of 2022 for the CAG and the outstanding matters that have not been addressed due to lack of time and resources. - Many NFs coming with new athlete profiles that are stretching the limits - EA to reconnect with the academic researchers that had expressed interest in contributing. - SH and MC attending IPC VISTA Conference remotely. - DA provided some input on the VISTA sessions she has attended | CAG and EA to work on the First Round of feedback from the MIC Survey to set the next round of consultation. |
| 8 | Coaches and Classification Certification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zita Csovelyak – World Triathlon Head of Development) joined the meeting to provide the insight on the plan for the Coaches Certification in Para triathlon. She presented on the concept and gave the PC the planned steps and how this will come together with the contractors World Triathlon has come to an agreement with. - DA thanked Zita for the presentation and made some comments around the need for Safeguarding aspect in the course | |
| 9 | Intellectual Imp. Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planned meeting for early December with the leadership of Virtus to get a better understanding on where they stand, relation with IPC and options to cooperate in the near future. | |
| 10 | Para Coaches Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CP: Question on any intent to review athletes (that have been classified long ago) in classification before Paris 2024. - EA expressed that there is always the possibility for an NF to contact World Triathlon about any specific concerns. - Request Checking on tethers for the swim | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Items for the strategic planning from the coaches: Increase racing opportunities and the variety, mixed relay, prize money, super-sprint options, junior development, intellectual Impairment and increase exposure with TV coverage, sponsors, maybe an Asics Para team? - Concept of the Para triathlon Conference around Swansea - Online NF meeting planned for February/March - CP asked about the spare leg at wheel station, EA will check with TC on the feedback on this item. - CP provided the update on the most recent Coaches working group matters, some of them already responded from EA and others pending. There was a concern on the water exit assistance at Abu Dhabi, and it was explained the majority of the trained individuals did not attend the day of the race. | |
| 11 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USAT would like to implement a plan for the Mixed Relay in Para triathlon and start testing it in 2022 - EA to share the working document with USAT. - GD mentioned a working group from the PC to follow up on the Mixed Relay would need to be established: CP, NM, MB, AS | <p>EA to follow up with USAT on the plans to ensure it can be a plan with continuity and viability.</p> <p>GD: to plan for a first call for the Mixed Relay working group ideally before December and then in January</p> |
| 11 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WED DEC 15th 9pm CET | |

Para triathlon Committee Minutes

Meeting: 15 December 2021

Duration: via Zoom 21:00 CET

Present

- Grant Darby (GD), CAN (C)
- Martin Breedijk (MB), NED
- Christine Palmquist (CP), USA
- Lotfi Labaied (LL), TUN
- Beryl Campbell (BC), RSA
- Neil Mac Leod (NM), ITA (VC)
- Jonathan Goerlach (JG), AUS, Athlete Committee Representative
- Allysa Seely (AS), USA, Athlete Committee Representative
- Debbie Alexander (DA), RSA, Executive Board liaison
- Eric Angstadt (EA), ESP – World Triathlon Staff Liaison

Absent

*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 | Apologies/absence | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Masamitsu Tomikawa (MT), JPN- Ian Howard (IH) (GBR), Executive Board liaison | |

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| 2 | Approval of minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pending to circulate the November ones | |
| 3 | 2021 IPC General Assembly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GD and the entire PC congratulated DA for her re-election to the IPC Governing Board | |
| 4 | Events Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still working with Triathlon Australia on Devonport as a possibility for end of February 2022 with the uncertainty of the world-wide situation. - Other events that may come onto the calendar from USA and then World Triathlon to liaise with each continental confederation on Para triathlon Continental Cup possibilities | |
| 5 | IPC Recommendation on VI Refractive Errors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA went through the feedback from all PC members on the proposal from IPC to apply the new provisions on Refractive Errors. Ongoing discussion with IPC will allow to understand to who this applies, existing athletes or new athletes or both, and impact before Paris 2024 or after. - The PC has concerns of applying different measures or consideration towards existing athletes versus new athletes. - EA confirmed that he would have to go through all the MDFs of existing athletes to identify who falls potentially under these unique conditions. This will require a huge admin task. - DA mentioned that whatever is decided, it needs to really be made clear to all NFs that this is the situation and that some exceptions may be valid only till Paris 2024. | EA to have the call tomorrow with IPC and get back to the PC in order to make a recommendation to the EB for the upcoming meeting before the 2022 Rules are finalised. |

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| 6 | Rules Review for TC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a lengthy discussion around a specific rule that the Technical Committee discarded as per the feedback from the Athletes' Committee. The PC mentioned that the feedback or consultation process may have been somewhat misleading to the TC and that it would be good to have a broader discussion engaging all athletes in this class to understand the pros and cons. - JG and AS reiterated that if the main concern is safety, then a rule that applies to all would be the best option as opposed to something optional. - GD reminded them that the rule was proposed to allow for not hopping on one leg and also ensure the gliding through transition for above the knee amputees would also not occur. The drop off area would be outside transition, so there were no concerns regarding space. Maybe testing it at some races and getting the full insight for next year's rule review will help make the best-informed decision. | <p>It was proposed to get a full insight from the majority of athletes in the PTS2 and the use of prosthetics in transition with a drop off area, that still may be tested in 2022 to understand the impact the rule could have</p> |
| 6 | CAG Action Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KM mentioned about the ongoing communication with the senior classifiers to continue the engagement on ongoing topics. - There was a call with the CAG members to set a plan for 2022, a very needed face to face meeting as well as finalising the recertification process for all classifiers. - Potential grant from IPC for up to 30,000€ for classification development in targeted region. - Call with JM to establish a timeline for research plan, search options for continuing the MIC survey project. | |
| 7 | Coaches Working Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CP provided the update on the most recent Coaches working group matters, some of them already responded by EA at the meeting. New coaches on the working group. | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions on enough starts for races, second race opportunities potentially in Swansea, more races. - Swim exit volunteers for LOC, to be shared in advance, to make it a priority with LOCs to ensure the proper team of swim exit assistants is well trained. - One meeting on the relay took place internally in USAT, next meeting with the working group to take place. | |
| 8 | AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awaiting from IPC on the Paris 2024 options for class up | |
| 9 | Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WED JAN 19th 2021 | |