



WPAS Working Group. " Classification"

MEETING DATE. 12-1-2021

MEETING MINUTES.

Agenda :

1. Minutes 5-10-2020
2. Classification opportunities 2020 (see also <https://www.paralympic.org/alpine-skiing/events>) , we will discuss alternatives options, for season 2021/2022
3. Covid taskforce
4. Update WPAS/IPC activities
5. Research (IPC GB still didn't discuss the VI research)
6. Classifier training
7. Other topics
8. Next call

Present :

Jessica Tidswell (USA)
Benjamin Ruer (FRA)(not on the call)
Akio Kobayashi (JPN)
Mauritz Trautner (GER)
Kayla Dodson (CAN) (not on the call)
Sandra Titulaer (NED)

Antonio Chiracu (not on the call)

1. *Minutes 5-10-2020* : no comments, most topics will return today
2. *Classification opportunities 2020* (see also <https://www.paralympic.org/alpine-skiing/events>) , we will discuss alternatives options, for season 2021/2022 :
Due to cancellations, postponement, travelrestrictions, Covidrules we had to change classification opportunities almost every week.
Cancellation of Landgraaf, Pitztal, Winterpark, Lillehammer, Japan, China
We have been able to classify (PI) with a 2 person panel in St Moritz, we had 30 athletes on the list (including also 7 SB Athletes) on the end we have seen 13 AS and 4 SB, rest had to cancel due to positive tests etc.



We will classify PI in Veysonnaz, due to changed Covid rules, only with one classifier,

Also in Parkcity, with one classifier.

No other opportunities this season planned now

A one classifier panel can only give a Review Class, the athletes will have to come back again the first opportunity next season. So for R20 athletes and NEW athletes 6/8-2 and 12-2 not useful to be classified now and next season again, they can race with the current status (special rule for this Covid season) and need to present next season.

Next season we will have AND the WCH AND the PWG, so all athletes with a review R20 status (or before) and all New athletes will need to be classified as early as possible in the season.

Question for this WG : help to identify options for classification opportunities (needed = a race to observe, enough athletes to classify, classifiers able to travel, location with good room to see the athletes)

For VI we had to cancel ALL opportunities so there is even a bigger need for opportunities and often more difficulty to find a good location.

Options to look into : NZL (sept), NED (Landgraaf Nov), a glacier combined wth training camp in USA/CAN or in Europe. (Summer, Autumn), JPN dec/jan

3. *Covid taskforce* : see website, no real news
4. *Update WPAS/IPC activities* :
 - a. Lillehammer WCH will be next season Jan, Testevent China only with Chinees athletes.
 - b. Michael Gangwisch is new assistant at the WPAS office. No "new" Dimitrije yet
5. *Research* (IPC GB still didn't discuss the VI research): no news, JPN will start sitski research
6. *Classifier training* : we will host online classifier training , in 4 weeks time, starting in April, after Easter. More info will follow, see website, perhaps you know possible trainees?
7. Other topics
8. **Next call : 9 March 2021 22.00 CET**