

WPAS Working Group: "RULES & REGULATIONS"

MEETING DATE: 23 February 2021

## ATTENDEES:

Ben Ruer , Gal Jakic, Greg Chambaz, James Redpath, Justus Wolf, Matt Hallat, Tony McAllister, Eric Peterson, Ozzie Sawicki, Antonio Chiracu, Michael Gangwisch

Regrets: Jugoslav Milosovic

## **Minutes**

- 1. Response to agenda item of awarding of crystal globes as per Rule 302 and 302.5 and feedback gathered from the field, as per the attached agenda of February 23, 2021 (Feedback of Working Group representatives):
  - a. Round table discussion presented unanimous support to move forward with the awarding of crystal globes. This include support from Nations that were both able and unable to attend calendared events (in meeting).
  - b. Recognition of calendared events as requiring recognition, although many of these events were lost due to COVID circumstances that limited participation numbers leading to cancelation.
  - c. Process to involve the feedback from the WPAS Rules and Regulations Working Group was required by the WPAS STC to ensure protocol being followed.
  - d. It was noted that the primary consideration must be what is in the best interest of the athletes of the sport (recognizing that some athletes could compete, while others were not able to compete due to circumstances beyond their control).
  - e. Secondary consideration is in relation to upholding the credibility of the sport during a season impacted by the pandemic.
- Question as to Nations participating in the decision being specific to those registered with participating athletes in WPAS. This is to be clarified, but Antonio suggested that this was the case.

- 3. A key point is that in awarding the crystal globes, there is minimal risk to IPC, as the level of support demonstrated from the field of play vote completed by the Chair of the CAG demonstrates the support to an exception due to the pandemic circumstance.
- 4. Greg requested that in the next meeting, Rule 1582 be discussed.
- 5. Ozzie presented that next steps for discussion on rule proposals (which would include 1582), would be a proposed deadline of April 10, in which these proposals would be assessed by the Working Group and presented at the Nation's Meeting to be scheduled for spring.
- 6. Matt put forward that an earlier meeting be convened to discuss points projections and qualifications issues that require review leading to 2022 qualification requirements.
- 7. Next meeting proposed for Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 15:00 CET.