

World Para Nordic Skiing Rules & Regulations Working Group

Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2020, 14:00 UTC
Meeting by Zoom Video Conference

Participants: Len Apedaile, Eileen Carey, Anne Ragnhild Kroken, Vincent Duchene, Ralf Rombach, Hans Peter Neeser, Georgy Kadykov
Regrets: James Redpath

- Len Apedaile welcomed the group and provided an overview of the new WPNS working group structure and working groups. The goal of this first meeting is to introduce the group to the subject, scope and proposed operation of the WG.
- Existing rules and related technical documentation on the website under the documents and the rules pages were reviewed.
- The Rules & Regulations working group will be responsible for managing and maintaining the following documents (in association with input & proposals from related working groups, some of whom will have a lead role in managing content):
 - World Para Nordic Skiing Rules and Regulations (200 + 300 Sections)
 - WPNS Points and World Cup Points Rules
 - World Para Nordic Skiing Homologation Guide
 - WPNS Biathlon Range and Equipment Manual
 - WPNS Biathlon Operations Manual
 - WPNS OC Checklist & new OC Manual
 - Guidelines for Para Nordic Skiing TD Education
 - Guidelines for Para Biathlon IR Education
 - Related technical documentation including: Competition Formats CC-BT & Layouts, Protest and Sanction Forms
- Background was provided with regards to rules management in the past:
 - Rule issues or updates were collected during the season through the TD and coaches' groups and discussed in the spring STC meeting
 - FIS / IBU spring & fall precisions were assessed for relevance and inclusion in WPNS updates
 - Updates were drafted prior to the summer and finalised during the fall TD Seminars and STC meetings then published.
- Under the new working group structure:
 - NPC's will be asked to submit proposals for rules and regulation updates as well as proposals for new rules.
 - Rule issues or updates arising from the season will be identified and reviewed by the WG in the spring together with new proposals.
 - New rule proposals will be assessed for delegation and/or input to different working groups or the STC for input and direction where warranted.
 - The working group will collect and review specific input and proposals and prepare precisions for presentation and ratification by the STC.
- The list of current rules proposals received from Russia, USA, Norway, France, and the Biathlon WG were briefly reviewed. It was noted that the proposals included:

- Proposals related to administrative requirements (200 section)
- Proposals related to OC Guidelines (and checklist)
- Proposals related to factors – to be deferred to STC & Timing & WG
- Proposals related to race distances
- Proposals related to new formats
- Proposals from the BT WG in relation to biathlon rules updates
- Proposals related to operational factors
- A Dropbox folder has been set up and shared with the WG to access working documents
- The meeting was adjourned pre-maturely after 70 min when the Zoom meeting unexpectedly terminated.
- Next meeting will be April 27 @ 14:00 UTC