



## WPNS Working Group. "SPORT & ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT"

MEETING DATE. 1 April 2020

MEETING MINUTES.

### Attendees:

Rob Walsh, Ulrich Zipfel, Magnus Evenby, Matt Cramer, Vincent Duchene, Elke Gundermann

### Discussion:

1. Welcome by RW and each person did their own introduction. There is a large collection of knowledge and a variety of experience in the group which is good.
2. Overview of WPNS structure
  - a. We have had working groups as part of our sport for many years and now we are expanding these and making the structure more formal to include more input by the nations and to allow us to accomplish more for the sport.
  - b. For now we have established working groups in the following areas: Biathlon, Classification, World Cup & Continental Cup, Factor system and Data, Development, Equipment, Rules & Regulations, Athletes' Focus Group and Coaches' Advisory Group.
  - c. The working groups gather ideas and proposals from the nations or other sources and provide recommendations to the Sport Technical Committee (STC) which then provides recommendations to the WPNS management team and IPC Governing Board. The Governing Board is the final decision authority for almost everything.
  - d. Since the working group has a lot of knowledge and experience in the sport we expect that most recommendations will be approved.
3. Discussion on responsibilities of the Working Group
  - a. This working group will address items related to sport equipment in general and also related to adaptive equipment specifically for an individual athlete or a group of athletes.



- b. We will share ideas and information with other working groups as needed, depending on the specific topic.
  - c. The following website will have the meeting notes from all WPNS working groups so we can see what other groups are doing:  
<https://www.paralympic.org/nordic-skiing/wpns-working-group>
4. Review of the IPC Policy of Sport Equipment (IPC Handbook section 3.10)
- a. The Sport has the responsibility to establish and enforce rules / regulations which address the use of equipment in the sport. The following 4 fundamental principles guide equipment use in sports within the IPC:
    - i. Safety
    - ii. Fairness
    - iii. Universality
5. WPNS Equipment Inventory
- a. Elke gave a brief description of the WPNS adaptive equipment inventory.
  - b. The inventory requires athletes/nations to confirm each year the equipment in the inventory and to submit new equipment or changes to equipment by November each year so it can be approved.
  - c. The inventory is available to the officials at each World Cup so that equipment use can be checked.
  - d. **ACTION**: Rob and Elke will discuss the best way to allow the working group members to see what is in the inventory database.
6. Next meeting
- a. Our next meeting is planned for 22 April at 18:00 Bonn time.
  - b. For now we will plan meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the same time. We may change this later in the year if it is needed to have more or fewer meetings.
  - c. **ACTION**: Rob will arrange with Elke to send out invitations for the meetings.