

WPNS Working Group. "SPORT & ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT"

MEETING DATE. 22 April 2020

Attendees: Rob Walsh, Ulrich Zipfel, Magnus Evenby, Matt Cramer, Vincent Duchene

Meeting Notes.

1. One agenda item for today - Proposal from USA to change timeline of equipment inventory submissions
 - a. Proposed wording of Rule 224.8.2:
 - i. All adaptive equipment.....must be registered at least 2 weeks before the first competition athlete will compete in. Any changes throughout the season must be submitted at least 2 weeks before athlete will compete with that equipment.
 - b. Reason:
 - i. There needs to be a way for new athletes to register equipment. Sometimes they are not identified before November 15 even though they will compete during that season. In addition, if something breaks, there needs to be a way in the rules for an athlete to register the equipment so they can continue to compete.
2. Rob explains from the STC point of view, we do not want to restrict new athletes from competing. What we do want to do is to set a deadline that allows WPNS enough time to review any submitted equipment and have time for clarification or adjustments before the competition in case there is an issue. There are some rule paragraphs below the one mentioned that gives approval authority to the TD/Jury during an event in case equipment breaks.



3. All members agree that 15 November is OK for most entries but there should be a way to allow for new athletes who were not identified before 15 Nov or for an athlete who has to make a change during the season.
 - a. Rob suggests that for new athletes the deadline could be to enter the equipment inventory when the application for competition license is entered.
 - b. Uli says it would be convenient if the athlete could present the equipment for approval on the first day of the event to the TD/jury if they are new or need to change.
 - c. Matt mentions that if the decision is made at a World Cup event by the TD then the decisions might be inconsistent between events since they would be judged by different people. Rob says that all TDs have access to the inventory in order to be consistent and the STC will continue to work with TDs to help them make consistent decisions.

4. Since we all agree in principle, Rob will try to write a few options of wording that includes the 15 Nov deadline but is clear that for some situations there is a way to get a review after 15 Nov.
 - a. **ACTION:** Rob will write suggested rule changes and send them to the group by email. We will discuss/decide a recommendation for the STC by email or have another phone call if needed.

5. The next phone call (if held monthly) would be 27 May which is right between the WPNS Nations meeting (25 May) and the WP Snow Sports Nations meeting (28 May). We will see if this 27 meeting is needed or if it would be better to postpone until June. We can stay in touch by email.