

**WPSB RULES AND REGULATIONS WORKING GROUP
WPSB TIMING AND DATA WORKING GROUP
WPSB SPORT AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP**

MINUTES FOR THE SECOND ZOOM CALL MEETING – APRIL 22nd , 2020

Members Present:

Jessica Smith (USA)
Christian Femy (FRA)
Stefano Arnhold (BRA)

Staff:

Ted Martin (WPSB RD)
Dimitrije Lazarovsly (IPC)

Guests:

Roberto Montanes (CAN)
Albert Mallol (CAG)
Igor Confortin (ITA)

1) SCOPE OF EACH WORKING GROUP

1.1) Rules and Regulations - Alex Tuttle (USA)

Alex send a first draft that was discussed and some changes were suggested
To be discussed again with Alex (see attachment).

1.2) Timing & Data - Jessica Smith (USA)

Jessica outlined the first ideas for the Scope and will send a revised version
including suggested items and Classification.

1.3) Sport & Adaptive Equipment - Matt Cramer (USA)

To be presented by Matt before next meeting.

2) RULES & REGULATIONS

The Chairman explained that in the two scheduled Rules and Regulations Working Group Pre-Meetings Zoom Rules Calls and in less than 5 hours 38 Rule Change Proposals (RCP) were discussed with 20+ participants in each call from 15 different Nations. 28 RCP were pre-approved for final approval at the WPSB STC Meeting on May 26th, one was transformed in a recommendation and one brought new enhanced wording for the Wild Card process to be incorporated in the Qualification Criteria Sheet. There are two items pending:

Proposal # 20 – development of the wording for the No Qualification Modus in SBX
Proposal # 32 – Harmonization of tie break rules

3) TIMING AND DATA

3.1) Restructuring of the WG

The Chairman suggested to restructure the Timing & Data Working Group to include Classification activities such as revising the results during and after the competition season in order to check the correction of procedures, any “abnormal” activity, fairness of the Points System, etc.

Stefano also suggested to extend to 7 participants the WG including:

- One WPSB Office Representative
- WPSB Race Director
- IPC IT Department Representative
- Data Service Provider Representative

Both suggestions were approved.

3.2) Curve System

The Chairman suggested to develop a Dynamic Curve System and to study the adaptation of such a system to use variable Points Scales, specially for very small start fields (from one to 5 competitors in a given category).

The adaptation to variable Points Scales is a result of Proposal # 19 from ITA which was explained by Mr. Igor Confortin.

To better develop this system, Mr. Arnhold suggested to prepare it in the next WG meetings in order to be ready for the Fall Meetings and to invite specialists to those meetings.

The suggestions were accepted.

3.3) CAN (maximize the use of existing able body competitions)

Mr. Roberto Montanes (CAN) presented the idea of organizing WPSB competitions with existing able body competitions with important gains for WPSB.

The presented idea was very well received by all participants.

Four major items were addressed by the participants:

Jury

Timing and Results

Fees

Courses

Mr. Ted Martin invited Roberto also to present this issue at the Development WG and Jessica, Roberto and Ted will work on Course Guidelines.

WPSB to check with FIS if there is any possibility for FIS to waive the PARACalendar Fees on those combined competitions (so that the OC does not need to pay 3 fees).

3.4) Proposals to STC/Nations Meeting

The Rules and Regulations Working Group proposes to the Para Snowboard Sports Technical Committee to approve the testing in parallel, during the 2020-21 Season, of a new WPSB Points System based on "*Dynamic Curves and Adaptation of Scales to Reduced Start Fields*". The Results and Rankings for all competitions would be calculated in both systems, the present one and the new proposed one in parallel. Only the results and rankings based on the current system to be valid, The other ones would be used for simulation purposes only with the goal of a future adoption. The final "*Dynamic Curves and Adaptation of Scales to Reduced Start Fields*" system to be concluded for final STC approval at the Fall Meetings.

3.5) Other

Ted will check the Appeals Rules to see if any adaptation is needed.

The Data and Timing WG to be responsible to test the implementation off all approved RCP into the SWs with "dummy" race simulations.

Timing Equipment homologation to remain with FIS.

Timing/Results SW homologation to be done by the Timing and Data WG.

4) SPORT AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

4.1) Restructuring of the WG

The Chairman suggested to extend the WG with the addition of 3 members:

WPSB Race Director

Classification Expert

WPSB Office Representative

The suggestion was approved

4.1) Other

Dimitrije explained how the Adaptive Equipment is uploaded to the SDMS and deadlines are defined by Rule 318.4.

The WG to revise Rule 318.4 for any necessary adaptation.

The Sport & Adaptive Equipment WG be responsible to approve all Equipment uploaded by to the Athletes files.

Dimitrije will check with AC about a possible call for refreshment of 100% of the Equipment Files on SDMS.