



WPSB Working Group. "CLASSIFICATION"

MEETING DATE.

13-1-2021

MEETING MINUTES.

Present:

Christian Femy (FRA)]

Anna Muldoon (AUS)

Jessica Tidswell (USA)

Leanne Rees (AUS)

Sandra Titulaer (NED)

Agenda :

1. *Minutes last meeting 7-10-2020* : no comments, most will be discussed today
2. *Participation UL and LL1 women at the Games?* : IPC GB made decision already last year, with looking at low numbers of participants at WCH 2019 and WC 19/20. The rise of numbers of UL last season was "to late" for them. For PWG 2026 the Women UL and LL1 are on the list, but we must proof enough numbers in 2023. For the LL1 we have proposed option to merge the class with LL2 when at a race there are low numbers of LL1 (we wrote this in the rules, like more other sports) Risk is that we will have no proof that we have enough LL1. (which current numbers that is true...) so developing LL1 is very much needed, but ALL women classes are low in numbers, need attention !!
3. *Classification opportunities 2021* *see also <https://www.paralympic.org/snowboard/events> we will discuss alternatives options, for season 2021/2022 :
Due to cancellations, postponement, travelrestrictions, Covidrules we had to change classification opportunities almost every week.
Cancellation of Landgraaf, Big White Lillehammer, Japan, China
We have been able to classify (PI) with a 2 person panel in St Moritz, we had 30 athletes on the list (including also 7 SB Athletes) on the end we have seen 13 AS and 4 SB, rest had to cancel due to positive tests etc.
We will classify PI-SB in Veysonnaz, due to changed Covid rules, only with one classifier,

Also in Parkcity, with one classifier.

No other opportunities this season planned now



A one classifier panel can only give a Review Class, the athletes will have to come back again the first opportunity next season. So for R20 athletes and NEW athletes LL2 and UL not useful to be classified now and next season again, they can race with the current status (special rule for this Covid season) and need to present next season.

Next season we will have AND the WCH AND the PWG, so all athletes with a review R20 status (or before) and all New athletes will need to be classified as early as possible in the season.

Question for this WG : help to identify options for classification opportunities (needed = a race to observe, enough athletes to classify, classifiers able to travel, location with good room to see the athletes)

Options to look into : NZL (sept), NED (Landgraaf Nov), a glacier combined with training camp in USA/CAN or in Europe. (Summer, Autumn), JPN dec/jan

I will also ask the classification department again, if hybride classification (with one classifier online) might become an option (it isn't allowed now)

1. *Covid taskforce* : see website, no real news
2. *Update WPAS/IPC activities* :
 - a. Lillehammer WCH will be next season Jan, Testevent China only with Chinees athletes.
 - b. Michael Gangwisch is new assistant at the WPAS office. No "new" Dimitrije yet
3. *Research* : no news
4. *Classifier training* : we will host online classifier training , in 4 weeks time, starting in April, after Easter. More info will follow, see website, perhaps you know possible trainees?
7. Other topics
8. **Next call : begin May 2021 : 4th may, 21.00 CET ?**



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