WPSB Working Group. “DEVELOPMENT”

MEETING DATE. 19 March 2020; 16h

MEETING MINUTES.

Please find short minutes and action items that we should follow up in next days.

1. Introduction of members, 2 min per member

As all members know each other this part was skipped and we have moved to next Agenda item.

2. Current situation of Para Snowboard, Dimitrije 5 - 7 min

Discussion, questions etc 10 min

DL – present current situation and activities that were delivered in past competition season. Conjointly activities made results in past season and UL women participation grow in past season. We need to continue with development and make sure that NPCs continue supporting all categories of athletes as development for Cortina/Milano already started. This needs to be clear to all NPCs. We have set for coming season first time ever session with coaches (developing countries). Activity will be delivered back to back with FIS coaches seminar in Landgraaf, NED.

WD – we need to put more efforts in education of coaches in coming seasons and provide “learn to train” and “learn to compete” programs.

BB - we have big gap between camp and competition. No low level competitions. We saw on development camps that some athletes are not ready
for sport and they will not be ready for it. We need to provide support to NPCs how to find athletes that are eligible for Para Snowboard. Many nations are using camps but do not produce other opportunities for others. We need also other nations get on board and start producing the values on regional level. Banked slalom is very popular in AUT, GER and SUI we should find the model how to use those. Nations should be redirected to AGITOS possibilities and should be more active. As the AGITOS camp in South America (Chile or Argentina) will be delivered in August we should advertise that camp to USA and CAN as they should be able to participate.

SM - NPC and Sport Federations are responsible for development of sport, and education of coaches. All development should be done on National level. We should look for two development camps / development camp and training camps. We need low level races. Question is from where we will get money for camps. Can we include private sector for it, what is the regulations from WPSB.

DG - What is important for development activities is how we communicate. We should use social media to promote the sport and our athletes and to tell their stories. This season WPSB have made better promotion of sport and this should be delivered in next seasons. We work on Marketing piece and we need to look cool so that potential athletes want to take part and be part of snowboard community. We provide different opportunities like, camps, infrastructure and office support. In coming season we will try to add NorAm events, Low level events and World Cup in connection with Big White. Also we have add to X Games banked slalom as it is getting more and more popular and we want to promote it. Unfortunately X Games are invitation competition but promotion of format of competition is important.

ST - Out team is small and all our activities we deliver outside of Croatia as our ski resort do not provide opportunity for training on World Cup level. Thank you Daniel for providing this ideas and opportunities.

3. Short term actions – proposals for STC, 5 min
Members should provide some ideas about how the development of sport should be delivered on permanent base. This proposals should be discussed on next meetings and final proposal should be sent to STC for approval.

4. Setting up agenda for next call, time and date, 5 min

DL - for next meeting we should discussed selection of the Chair person. Office is to support and make sure that all Working groups are working, but should be leader of any of working groups. I have already sent invitation for next meeting. We are waiting for new person that will be assigned as replacement for Yanis.

Next Meeting: 02 April 2020.