WPAS Working Group. “World Cup and Continental Cup”

MEETING DATE: 15.04.2020
Minutes

April 15, 2020 – 08:00 Pacific standard time – 17:00 European Time
Attendance: Erik P (Chair), Kevin Jardin, Greg Chambaz, Christian Femy, Matt Hallat, Roman Jakic, Falco Teitsma, Antonio Chiracu, Justus Wolf, Luka Dobrinic, Hans Blattmann

Agenda:
Roll call:
2021 calendar update WC and CC
Update on WC manual: KJ
2022 Calendar work
STC meeting Preparation
Adjourn

Minutes:

- J K – Spoke with Anja, who was unable to attend today, has asked us to find another one or two spaces to put SG next season.
- J K – CAG has had discussion on multiple speed events in one day, can we move towards one speed event per day? – specifically during Veysonnaz
- Discussion on various possible scenarios for adding SG throughout the 2020/2021 season
  - Rules committee discussion – should we eliminate SC points, everybody currently uses SG points to qualify for SG
- Consensus of the whole group – the Calendar working group does not feel the St. Moritz block in December should be a World Cup. We advice that it should be a EuropaCup event, which we feel is in the best interest for the development of the sport around the world.
• JW – Rule proposal – eliminate minimum required number of events for awarding of overall globe – specifically in DH/SG
• KJ – Ok if we count speed events at WCS for WC points
  o CF – proposal to include WCS speed for WC points – some debate as to whether this should include tech events
• KJ – recommends we only have 2xDH in La Molina
• FT – We would like to only have one SG on the same day at WC levels – specifically at WC
  o We changed La Molina schedule to reflect this proposed changes which will be taken to STC
• GC – debate on how many days should be between races to allow for enough rest while also getting in enough races, and keeping things cost effective for all nations
• JW – Question if we need the World Cup event in March before the China test event? – supported by GC
  o Do we need to make a suggestion here?
• AC – we are seeking general rules that apply to all season – but every year is different, so can we work on a general structure (block system) that would over a quadrennial

Update on WC Manual – KJ - Defer to next week

2022 Calendar Work
• February 2022 – could we host WCFinals in USA/Canada in 2022? Would ideally be held prior to the PWG qualification period (Feb. 14, 2020)
• Four tech races in Mt. Hutt in August proposed
• Question MH – with Dec/Jan/Feb World Cup and March PWG – would EU counterparts be able to attend all events – specifically in North America given financial challenges
  o JW – Yes we would attend given advanced notices of the schedule.
  o RJ – No issues in a PWG season.
  o FT – No issues with this, would attend in Canada/USA
• FT – propose making quadrennial block period together to guide when we can host races
  o AC – blocks are great, would be helpful to know from an athletics perspective what we’d like to get from an ideal calendar so that the IPC can budget in advance.
• AC – Calendar on the IPC WPAS website is inaccurate, please ignore at this point

STC meeting Preparation

• EP - What would this working group like to propose to the STC in the coming weeks. Reflect on previous meetings and comments to support this.
• AC – WPAS is stuck in between IPC and the WPAS STC/Working Groups/teams - we need to reflect on this and see how we can function and make choices.
  o JW – We struggle to understand and figure out where money goes and how it is spent, which will help us understand better and make decisions.
  o KJ – we haven’t seen the budget or had any financial transparency in a few years, if we are able to see this then we can work better together to benefit the entire sport.

Meeting Adjourned – 09:26 Pacific Standard time – 18:26 European time

2020/2021 Working Calendar