



WPNS Working Group. "World Cups & Continental Cups"

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MEETING MINUTES.

1. Event Format

In general the event format as used lately, with mainly four events per season, and with normally 6 races, 3 BT and 3 CC, grouped together to reduce accommodation time for athletes participation in only one of the disciplines, was recommended.

2. Distances

Some highlights from the discussion: The competitions are for athletes. We do normally not have many spectators. Organizers needs have to be taken into account when it comes to tracks and staff. BT should be in more favour of good shooting skills. The skills on the shooting range should be more valued. Athletes want to collect world cup points, so relay are more for the great events (PWG and WCH). The distances may vary within 10 % dependant on available tracks.

From this we have the following proposal:

BT:

Sprint: 6 km for all classes and genders. 2 shootings, 3 laps. Penalty loop.

Middle: 10 km for all classes and ganders. 4 shootings, 5 laps. Penalty loop-

Individual: 12,5 km for all classes and genders, 4 shootings, 5 laps. 1 min. added per miss.

Other formats, like pursuit and relays, were not discussed. It was just mentioned that "they are there" for the pursuits, and we do not see a BT format to replace the CC relay in the big events as for now.

CC:

	W sitt	M sitt	W stand	M stand	
Sprint:	800 m	800 m	1200 m	1200 m	(no change)
Short:	5 km	5 km	5 km	10 km	
Middle:	10 km	10 km	10 km	15 km	
Long:	15 km	20 km	20 km	30 km	



Remarks: Long distance are normally not used in WC races. It should only be used as last day race, or next to last day race in PWG and WCH if CC Relay is used on last day. It can be a possible additional long CC race in a Paralympic season if it is more than a month before the start of the games. (not discussed).

3. Relay

We did not discuss the formats of relay and a possible new BT relay. The possibility for a sprint relay in CC and also the BT relay tested in last season are candidates for further development. But the feedbacks from athletes are that the relays should not be used in WC, since it will use one competition day and it does not give world cup points.

4. Classic versus free technique in CC

Since the season is composed with almost the same amount of BT and CC races, about 75 % of the races is in free technique. For that reason, we propose that WPNS does a small change in the equal distribution of CC races, making 7 classic and 5 free if the total sum for the season is 12. If it is 11 races it could be 6 and 5, and with 13 races it could be 7 and 6, but not 8 and 5.

End of notes.