



WPAS Working Group. "Development Programmes"

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Minutes recorded by JS

Roll Call

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Revision of previous minutes

Accepted

Review of Summaries of proposals

1.Questionnaire

Discussion on timelines for distribution and follow ups

Support members and partners to increase participation offerings through grassroots programmes

1.Development Tab on website

Discussion to add webinars, collate feedback from questionnaire to decide what information is required.

2.Collaboration of nations with any camps run

Discussion to have these put on the development tab

3. Creation of an International Para sports day with blueprint on how to do this

Discussion, add to long term plan and add to Development tab

4. Propose that only National Classification is needed to race in WPAS and National Championships races.

Robust discussion, rule change to be proposed with rationale that this will encourage more people to keep competing. Athletes to be allowed to race with a national classification, classified by national classifiers and race in their category not the highest category. Example B1 can race as B1 and not a B3 as is currently the case. Can race indefinitely at WPAs and national Champs gaining points but as

soon as enters Europa /Continental cup races must be Internationally classified. Need to involve Sandra to talk through such issues as how this could all work.

5.Allow development races on non-homologated hills.

Discussion revolved around changes to Vertical Drop. Explore and look at lowering VD and lower level races as better and safer environment for development athletes. Rule already exists for youth racers but look at lowering it for WPAS/National Champs as well.

6. Offer existing WPAS/ISIA project to other continents in the future

Agreed, add to long term

7. Media coordination and focus for WPAS

Discussed, important

Advance female participation in programmes of member associations and partners

1.Involve existing and retired female athletes in information sharing and interaction and Focus on such things as the fun, travel, friendship when promoting

Discussion on involvement in a media campaign with videos for NPCs etc. Focus not on disability but values of WPAS and what can be gained.

2. Involve existing and retired female athletes in promoting and sharing information regarding different development opportunities

Discussed

3.Involve existing female coaches to promote certain activities

Expand opportunities for a wider suite of athletes, including athletes with high support needs

Further clarification on high needs required. Focus on above initiatives.