



## WPAS Working Group. "Development Programmes"

MEETING DATE: 7/8 May 2020

Minutes recorded by JS

### Roll Call

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### Revision of previous minutes

Accepted

### Questionnaire Update

Tabled for discussion over email. If time at end of meeting, we will discuss as the questionnaire works hand in hand with refining ideas for development.

### Initiatives

Discussion begins with EL ideas

#### **Support members and partners to increase participation offerings through grassroots programmes**

Camps, agreed to neighbouring nations helping with coaches, being approachable. (AC) No financial assistance from WPAS and anything run there should be a cost to participants, so they show commitment to the sport. We should support but not provide all for free.

Use of retired athletes at camps, create a list of retired athletes that can be contacted for communication and put this on a Development website

Creation of a development calendar, Agreed, a priority.

Webinars, Discussion on the use and development of webinars, seminars, information videos and sharing ideas digitally. Could also help to define gaps.

Classification, (MH) proposed priority to only need a National classification to race up until Europa cup. Very long and robust conversation around this including



implications on those already with an International classification, points issues, games qualification criteria and rules already in place. Outcome is to bring this to the STC for comment on how they could see this working as some members believed it could bring more people into racing. (AC) could create a race level below current level and have an individual points system. Not really supported by the majority.

**Advance female participation in programmes of member associations and partners**

How to attract females to sport and what are the barriers? Discussion on providing ideas of best practise for nations so that they can do it themselves. Exposure to different sports for cross-over opportunities. Create a fun and positive environment and focus on what they can get out of the sport such as fun, travel and lifelong friendships. Videos from Snowboard used as an example of how we could do this.

Female coach training, should focus on working with a percentage and not just offering any training only to females (as FIS does and many other organisations worldwide)

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

Clarification from the IPC on who they consider high needs. Safety should always be a focus. Inclusion could come at National level fun races.

(JS) ideas discussed

**Support members and partners to increase participation offerings through grassroots programmes**

WPAS/ISIA current Project explained, aim to show, and share with ski schools best practise ideas on how to set up a disability programme in ski schools and therefore build grassroots.

Expand WPAS/ISIA project to other continents.

Equipment create information of website as to where funding could come from, ie German government grant.

**Advance female participation in programmes of member associations and partners**

Coach education for females. As discussed under EL proposals targeted to females but inclusive of males.

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

As per EL discussion clarity needed from IPC

Classification information important for athletes and support staff to understand where athletes fit

End meeting due to lateness. JS to compile ideas for all discussed and those there was not time for and circulate for final comments at next meeting prior to STC deadline.

Next meeting **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**