



WPNS Factor Group Report 27042020

Appointed group:

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Skype meeting held on 27 April 2020 with additional persons present:

Georgy Kadykov-Orbeliani (WPNS Race Director), Dimitrije Lazarovski and Elke Gundermann (WPNS Sport Administration).

1. Race Point Factor

The proposal is to keep the Race Factor at 600. Additional comment is that in categories with real strong athletes at the top, and thus more difficult to reach the qualification criteria, primarily for PWG, the bipartite system shall be used to allow additional athletes an eventual position.

2. CC Relay

Proposal from the group is to reduce the women discount from 18 % to 15 %. To compensate for that, it is also proposed to raise the limits with 5 % for both mixed and open relay, to new values 335 % for mixed relay and 375 % for open relay. There is no proposal for additional changes in the relays.

3. Race factors per class and gender.

After some discussion, we reached the agreement for the proposal to continue to use the same factors for women and men. As this is already quite complicated, we decided to continue without discussing differences in short and long races or in difficult and more easy tracks and conditions. That may be brought up later.

The process used to calculate factors for each class is based on using the median from all athletes finishing within 30 % (180 race points) behind the winner in each category. But if there are very few athletes in a class, we may compare only one athlete with the median from athletes in classes with many athletes. If this athlete is a strong athlete, his/hers results indicate that he/she should have what is regarded as a very unfavourable and unfair factor. Our goal is to have as fair factors

as we are able to achieve. For that reason, it was decided that we ask for a 6 years calculation from the office (Elke), and Tor shall look for possible ways to handle athletes in very small classes. Then we plan for a new meeting in about 14 days. Responsible for the next meeting is Tor.

End If notes.

Tor Undheim