WPAS Working Group. “CLASSIFICATION”

MEETING DATE. 5 May 2020 22.00 CET

MEETING MINUTES.

Present:
Jessica Tidswell (USA)
Benjamin Ruer (FRA)
Akio Kobayashi (JPN)
Mauritz Trautner (GER)
Kayla Dodson (CAN)
Sandra Titulaer (NED)

Erik Peterson (USA) chair STC WPAS (didn’t join)

AGENDA :

1. Minutes last meeting 14 April 2020 (document was send)
2. Actions items/to think about before this call
   a. More specific research questions?
   b. Name 3 things you want to change in current classification (also things that we might not be able to change in short time, but needs to be discussed for the future)
      (example: why not reclassify all athletes every 4-8 years before next PWG)?
3. Meeting with Gen Duff (acting director Classification department IPC)(verbal)
4. “Rule change proposals” send by the nations (will be send with this agenda)
   a. RUS proposal 1
   b. SUI proposal 1, 3, 4
   c. MNE proposal 1
5. Research
6. Other topics
7. Next meeting date?:
   a. Nations meeting WPAS will be 20th May 14.00 CET online (link will follow)
b. Nations meeting all Para Snowsports will be 28th May 14.00 CET (link will follow)

Minutes:
1. No comments
2. JT: “dreams”
   a. create B4 class (VI)
   b. MIC amputation UL = through wrist
   c. “flick” of muscle not enough to distinguish between LW 10-1 <-> LW 10-2
      Idem between LW 11 <-> LW 12-1
Akio: has done literature search, almost no literature on classification, most summer sports. He has connection with Japanese sport-science pro, he uses EMG and video on sitski, maybe he can help us. Akio will contact him and write a note.

Mauritz:
   a. use CAG for difficult observations, they are experienced and more neutral.
   b. Can we reclassify all athletes every Paralympic cycle? (currently rules not, confirmed = confirmed)

Kayla: she asked coaches for questions
   a. Reclassify every 4 years
   b. Advantage situation should be able to reviewed faster? Part is factoring, is adjusted yearly, when doubt on 1 athlete, option for IF protest, when whole group it is a research question

Ben: a. can you be reclassified if NE? yes, always 2x assessed, 2 panels. When change in condition, new medical info can be asked for MRR
   b. Can you ask for a new classification (because not agree with class...) protest options, but need proof. Or medical review (M RR)

3. With Gen Duff we discussed to set up a new classifier training programm, to be planned end of next season. And we talked about future of classification, IPC plans (no real plans yet, but promised better support, example in research rules updates etc)

4. Rule Proposals nations: were discussed, see STC

5 and 6: JT has contacts in Utah with potential researcher, will contact him
KD can do pilot study with force plates, test movements (CP athletes)

Next meeting: Nation meetings 20th and 28th May 14.00 CET online

WG AS call: 2nd June CET 22.00
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