



WPAS Working Group: "RULES & REGULATIONS"

MEETING DATE: 14 January 2021

ATTENDEES:

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Minutes

1. Rule Discussion on the following raised by Canada.

Given the uncertainty around the globe which could affect the remainder of our season, I'd like to propose a few possible thoughts on how we may tackle the inevitable disruption to our points and ranking system. I'm not aware of what the other Para Snowsports are doing in this regard.

Proposed points ideas for the 2021/2022 season.

1. Status Quo

Strengths – Could increase attendance of the remaining races as nations aim to attend/compete.

Weaknesses – Potentially force risky decision making by nations in order to attend (thus far doesn't seem to have been an issue with FIS, although I know costs for nations are much higher). Some nations are completely unable to enter their athletes in races due to their country's restrictions (AUS/NZ). Uncertainty about the fitness/safety of some athletes given their abilities to train.

2. Use the 2020/2021 base list for 2021/2022

Strength – Created clarity today for nations to make choices.

Weaknesses – Uncertain how any new athletes get on the base list, or any existing athletes move up.

3. Extend the 2021/2021 base list, but allow for the addition of any races this season.

Strength – Ensures those who had previously qualified remain qualified. Also ensure those who can race are included and allowed to improve Weaknesses – Doesn't allow for any new athletes who are unable to compete, or get classified to enter the race.

I don't personally see a perfect solution when you look at it from the perspective of all existing and future athletes. I feel making a rules statement today would help guide nations decisions.

The points raised were discussed as something that will be a discussion post-season leading to the 2021-22 season as consideration for managing the issues that are occurring over the 2021 winter season.

Considerations include:

- The impact on wildcard assignments
- NEW status extensions

2. It was agreed that non-classified athletes cannot be entered at the World Cup level and higher.

3. Additional feedback on new versus review status in cases in which only one classifier will be available, will be required for clarity.

4. The 2020-21 equipment rules were confirmed as correct.

5. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that changes to rules during the active season are not allowed, and any proposed changes would be submitted to the Rules Working Group post-season (dates and deadlines to be published), in which rule proposals will be discussed for potential modification, addition or deletion.

6. COVID impact on travel, competition attendance and impact on overall points and criteria issues was discussed, but the core of these discussion would take place post-season as part of the rules review process.