

MINUTES

Event: IPC Nordic Skiing Technical Committee Meeting

Date: 16th – 18th September 2011

Place: IPC HQ, Bonn, Germany

Participants	Name	Position	(Initials)
	Rob Walsh	Chairperson	RW
	Len Apedaile	Vice Chairperson	LA
	Hans Peter Neeser	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	HP
	Kaspar Wirz	Head of Competition Biathlon	KW
	Tor Undheim	Head of Competition Cross-Country	TU
	Dia Pernot	Head of Classification	DP
IPC Management	Dimitrije Lazarovski	IPC Snow Sports Manager	DL
Not present			

Purpose of the Meeting	To review and discuss changes and plans for the coming season and beyond, in the areas of rules, calendar, classification and development.
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Executive Summary/ Main Outcomes	Rule changes were agreed upon and the calendar was set as final for the 2011-2012 season. A review of classification expectations and actions was conducted and a general approach to development was discussed.
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AGENDA

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16/9/2011

8:00 AM Arrivals

11:00 AM

1. Opening
 - Welcome
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of the Agenda

2. Classification

- 2.1. Classification education/certification**

- 3. REQUEST FROM KOREAN BLIND SPORT ASSOC TO DEMONSTRATE IPC BIATHLON**

- 4. CALENDAR PLANNING 2011-2015**

- 2011 WC calendar & WCH schedule
- Sport forum 2012
- 2012 WC outline
- 2013 & 2015 WCH
- 2014 PWG schedule, program, milestones

- 5. IPCNS POINTS**

- 6. SOCHI EVENT PROGRAM**

- 7. SOCHI QUALIFICATION CRITERIA / GUIDE**

- 8. IPC SPORT OFFICIALS CLOTHING**

- 9. DEVELOPMENT**

- 10. SPORT FORUM**

- 11. RULES, HOMOLOGATION, TD EDUCATION, IPC NS REGULATION**



12. TIMING

13. BT EQUIPMENT

14. BUDGET 2012

15. IPC NS WEBSITE REVIEW

16. FIS AND IBU INTEGRATION



SUMMARY

1. OPENING

1.1 Welcome

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1.2 Roll Call

Rob Walsh	(USA) Chairperson
Len Apedaile	(CAN) Vice Chairperson
Hans Peter Neeser	(SUI) Head of Technical Control & Officiating
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Kaspar Wirz	(CAN) Head of Competition Biathlon
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Tor Undheim	(NOR) Head of Competition Cross Country
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Dia Pernot	Head of Classification
Dimitrije Lazarovski	(SRB) IPC Snow Sports Manager
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Members Absent:	

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Discussion

Decision(s)

Action(s)

2. CLASSIFICATION

Discussion

Rita Van Driel and Peter Van de Vliet joined the STC for this discussion.
Peter provided a report from the Nordic skiing classification experts meeting that took place in Bonn during the summer.

Proposal for empty position of IPCNS Head of classification from Peter van der Vilt is Ms. Dia Pernot.

She present her plan for upcoming season and accepted to be nominated to this position.



The main goal is to classification put in order and to bring new guidelines in classification, and also one of the main goals is to organise one seminar for new international classifiers.

Classification schedule for season 2011/2012

NOR

Wednesday	7 Dec	<i>Classification</i>
Thursday	8 Dec	<i>Classification</i> <i>Observation</i>
Friday	09 Dec	<i>On field</i>

USA

Tuesday	24. Jan	<i>Classification</i>
Wednesday	25. Jan	<i>Classification</i>

2.1. Classification education/certification

Together with IPC Snow sport manager Head of classification should prepare and send an inquiry about a seminar for international classifiers.

Agreed was that seminar should take place in NOR before the WC, organised over 3 days: Day 1 seminar, day 2 Classification and day 3 observation on field. (NOTE: This schedule later had to be changed and a seminar was held at the World Cup in USA only.)

Education of classifiers, 3 days:

1. Dia Pernot
2. Celine Fegan
3. Katarina Magou
4. Jessica Tidwell
5. Torger
6. Peter
7. Kasper

Classification at the Russian Open Championships



	was not accepted, due to the fact that all NPC member countries won't be allowed to participate.
	Conclusion for this issue is that classification can only take part where the all NPC's have the opportunity to participate.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	DP and DL will arrange a classification seminar for the season 2011-12

3. REQUEST FROM KOREAN BLIND SPORT ASSOC TO DEMONSTRATE IPC BIATHLON

<i>Discussion</i>	Rita will take action on this item, unfortunately till today they didn't send any answer to RW email from the week before the STC meeting in Bonn.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

4. CALENDAR

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>The final changes have taken place and the calendar is final for season 2011/2012. Also was discussed the next seasons and till 2015 we have a draft season schedule.</p> <p>Inquiry for the 2013 WCH has to be sent to NPC nations, and the bid period is 60 days.</p> <p>ITA has expressed interest to host for 2015 WCH.</p> <p>Draft calendar will be changed for final calendar on IPCNS web site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 17.09. the final calendar was send for final check and soon as I receive it I will put it on the web site <p>HP was assigned TD for competition and it will also be on the final calendar document on web site.</p> <p>The Open Forum this year will take place on Wednesday 28.03.2012. (FIN)</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	STC will review final calendar sent out , TDs will be



added and DL will post on the website.
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5. IPCNS POINTS

Discussion

TU had very precise and huge demonstration on points. These points will be used this year for testing until 2014. Discussion also took place on formats.
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Points are good and the format is same like in FIS.

Decision(s)

Action(s)

6. SOCHI EVENT PROGRAM

Discussion

Discussion took place about the new 2 day pursuit format for Biathlon and a proposed new Relay format. The new pursuit and relay formats will be tested on WC circuit this year. It will be decided at the end of the season if this new format should be used in Sochi PWG.
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At this point during the STC meeting we had a skype call with the responsible person for PRIS, Paul Lee, and he agreed that after the tests this season we can provide our final proposal for the formats in 2014.
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Decision(s)

Action(s)

7. SOCHI QUALIFICATION CRITERIA / GUIDE

Discussion

Sochi qualification criteria was checked and after this season the final document will be made. It was discussed that the criteria would be similar to that used for Vancouver, but that IPCNS points could be used instead of World Cup points if the IPCNS points is successful in testing. Also, the quotas overall have been raised from 180 athletes to 200 athletes which allows us to increase the number of women by 15 and men by 5 in order to bring the women and men numbers closer to each other. Also, the total quota per team will be increased to allow for more women and to allow for more athletes that may specialize in biathlon while not decreasing the cross country field size.

Decision(s)

Action(s)



8. IPC SPORT OFFICIALS CLOTHING

<i>Discussion</i>	We concluded this issue in one excel file. It will be sent to the persons responsible in the IPC.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

9. DEVELOPMENT

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>GS was present to explain how the IPC is responsible for development. KW brought the overview of his work which was recognized from IPC side with 3.700,00 eur for covering some part of expenses.</p> <p>In addition, as discussed over the 4 days of the STC meeting, it was agreed that KW and DL will approach new countries where there is a possibility for the development of Nordic Skiing. There is also an opportunity for a regional approach to countries which are regionally similar with mentality, monetary problems, and those countries in transition (e.g. Balkan Region).</p> <p>It was also agreed that KW should continue with his development work (proposed budget of 4.300,00EUR for 2012), and he was asked to bring to the next period this pathway for steps of approach to develop with FAQ into a written guide that can be used by many countries.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	KW if you have a written report from NZ please send to me by email to have it in my documentation.

10. SPORT FORUM

<i>Discussion</i>	<p>A lot of proposal was put on the table. DL should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find former job descriptions of athlete representatives and circulate for updating • FB possibilities • New website <p>All points from Sport Forum are checked, and implemented in rules.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	



11. RULES, HOMOLOGATION, TD EDUCATION, IPCNS REGULATION

<i>Discussion</i>	LA, HP, will send the final documents related to rules, homologation, TD education, IPCNS regulation. All these documents should be post on IPC nordic skiing web site before the official season start.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

12. TIMING

<i>Discussion</i>	Discussion took place about problems with proof of an early start, and suggestion is for IPC to buy one start clock with big letters or to discuss with Per about it. DL should check price in timing company for this start clock. If someone from the STC has the opportunity to give us a proposal, please be free to send it to IPC office.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

13. BT EQUIPMENT

<i>Discussion</i>	HP made next proposal, it was accepted that equipment will be delivered part to KW and part to HP. HP has to send box dimensions and weight of box for DL to check for transport cost to KW. This is the IPC equipment from past years that will no longer be used in international competition, but will be used by HP and KW to promote IPC biathlon in their regions. The new contract with kurvinnen takes care of the current equipment. HP should send proposal via email.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

14. BUDGET 2012

<i>Discussion</i>	Budget presented, sent to STC members for checking and putting together for year 2012. New format of budget on Monday(19.09.) was presented to IPC Sport managers and as soon as DL
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	have the final version it will be present to STC members.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

15. IPC NS WEBSITE REVIEW

<i>Discussion</i>	New IPC sports web site is in preparation. It will be good if STC members have an opportunity to check it and provide some proposals. LA is appointed to check it.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

16. FIS AND IBU INTEGRATION

<i>Discussion</i>	During the STC meeting there were a lot of issues with regards to FIS and IBU integration. The main thing related to FIS integration is that IPCNS and IPCAS should go together in same line to FIS. The recently signed agreement should be used as much as possible regarding that this agreement is bringing a lot of possibilities. The pathway and following steps should be considered very carefully and in connection with IPC AS and IPC CEO. There is huge potential in the field of integration and cooperation between NPC and IF. Len will do an inventory about countries in NPC and FIS.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	