

USAT BOD Teleconference Call February 18, 2008
Minutes

At 5:56 pm MDT, Brian Harrington called the meeting to order.

In attendance:

Rob Kasper
Jeff Matlow
Joe Umphenour
Mike Greer
Eric Averill
Melissa Merson
Brian Harrington
Jim Donaldson
Celeste Callahan
Mark Fretta
Skip Gilbert

Absent:

Andy Kelsey

Resolution

PC Categories

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To further the goal of full Paralympic inclusion, the PC Committee proposes that the USAT PC competition categories be changed - and updated as needed - to be consistent with the current ITU AWAD categories, listed below.

Athletes with a Disability (AWAD):

Physically Challenged Competition Categories shall be established based on physical disabilities. Medical evidence shall be required as to disability and classification. The six categories are as follows:

- PC1 – Handcycle: Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Polio, Double Leg Amputee. Must use hand cycle on bike course and racing wheel chair on run.
- PC2 – Below Knee Amputee: Rides bicycle and runs with prosthesis or crutches.
- PC3 – Above Knee Amputee: Rides bicycle and runs with prosthesis or crutches.
- PC4 – Upper Extremity: Single Arm Amputee (above or below elbow), Upper Extremity Paralysis resulting in significant use of the arm. May use prosthesis, brace or sling on the bike and/or run.
- PC5 – Blind: Legally Blind (20/200 vision with best corrective vision). A handler of the same sex is mandatory throughout the race. Athlete is tethered during the

swim, uses a tandem bicycle and may be tethered during the run.
PC6 – Les Autre: Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Double Leg Amputee Runners, Double Arm Amputees. These athletes will ride a bicycle and run. They may use braces or prosthesis if required.

Background

A comparison of previous USA Triathlon criteria vs current ITU criteria follows. The only changes are the consolidation of upper extremity categories:

USAT

T1) Handcycle

(Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Double lower extremity amputee) Handcycle, racing wheelchair on run.

T2) Lower Extremity (Below knee amputee) Bicycle, prosthetic device(s) on run.

T3) Lower Extremity (Above knee amputee) Bicycle, prosthetic device(s) on run.

T4) Upper Extremity (Below elbow amputee) Prosthetic device(s) allowed on bike.

T5) Upper Extremity (Above elbow amputee) Prosthetic device(s) allowed on bike.

T6) Blind (Legally blind: 20/200 with best correction) Competes with Guide. Tethered on swim and run, Tandem bike.

T7) Impaired (Including but not limited to: Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Arthritis, Spina Bifida, Retinitis Pigmentosa, and Multiple Sclerosis.) Prosthetic device(s) allowed on bike and run)

ITU

Competition Categories

Physically challenged athletes, as defined under ITU rule P.2 will be governed by all International Triathlon Union (ITU) competition rules with the following specific modifications:

a) Prior to attending the ITU World Championships all Athletes with a Disability are required to provide a doctor's letter to their National Federation, outlining their degree of disability.

b) Athletes are required to be classified by an ITU designated classification officer to ensure athletes are assigned to the proper category.

c) For an athlete to be eligible for categories TRI1, TRI2, TRI3, TRI4 and TRI5, the athlete must have a minimum disability of 15% impairment of a limb.

Physically Challenged Competition Categories shall be established based on physical disabilities. Medical evidence shall be required as to disability and classification. The six categories as of January 1, 2008 are as follows:

TRI 1 - Handcycle: Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Polio, Double Leg Amputee. Must use hand cycle on bike course and racing wheel chair on run.

TRI 2 - Severe leg impairment: Above knee amputees. Athlete must ride bicycle and run with above knee prosthesis (or similar prosthesis) or run

using crutches.

TRI 3 - Les Autre: Includes athletes with Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, double leg amputee runners or paralysis in multiple limbs. These athletes will ride a bicycle and run. They may use braces or prosthesis if required.

TRI 4 - Arm impairment: Including paralysis, above elbow amputees and below elbow amputees, or impairment in both upper limbs. Athletes may use prosthesis, brace or sling on the bike and/or run.

TRI 5 - Slight leg impairment: Including below knee amputees. Athlete rides bicycle and runs with prosthesis.

TRI 6 - Visual Impairment: legally Blind (20/200 vision with best corrective vision). A handler of the same sex is mandatory throughout the race. Athlete is tethered during the swim. Athlete uses a tandem bicycle and may be tethered during the run.

Jim Donaldson motioned, Mike Greer seconded to accept the PC Categories as written.

Motion passed unanimously.

Please note: Rob Kasper and Melissa Merson were not present for this vote.

Strategic Planning Committee

Eric Averill updated the Board on the development of the Strategic Planning Committee and its budget impact.

Rob Kasper proposed a friendly amendment to reduce facilitator fees for the 2008 Strategic Planning Committee budget.

Eric Averill motioned, Celeste Callahan seconded to approve the 2008 Strategic Planning Committee with the sole exception of reducing the budget for facilitator fees.

Record of votes:

Eric Averill – yes

Melissa Merson - no

Celeste Callahan – yes

Joe Umphenour - yes

Jim Donaldson – yes

Jeff Matlow - yes

Mark Fretta – yes

Mike Greer – yes

Brian Harrington – yes

Motion passed.

Budget Adjustment 2008

- Executive Director Professional Development
- Women's Committee Breakfast

Proposed budget items passed unanimously

Action item: Skip will add ED Professional Development and Women's Committee to the budget and send to Jeff Matlow, Board Treasurer.

At 7:17 pm MDT Mike Greer moved that the meeting be adjourned.