

IOF TRAIL ORIENTEERING COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting summary

Place: Vantaa, Finland
Date: 18 - 19 January 2013

Participants:	Roberta Falda (RF)	Member
	Martin Fredholm (MF)	Member
	Taro Koyama (TK)	Member
	Frank Kuhn (FK)	Member
	Vibeke Vogelius (VV)	Member
	Sari Salomaa-Niemi (SSN)	Chairman
	Owe Fredholm (OF)	Council, Sat. 3 pm – 5 pm
	Björn Persson (BP)	Sport Director, Sat. 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm
	Saturday from 4 pm – 4.30 pm (eligibility)	
	Santeri Kenttå (SK)	Medical Expert
Olli Heinonen (OH)	Chairman of Medical Commission	
Anna Jacobson (AJ)	Assistant Secretary General	
Apology:	Kreso Kerestes (KK)	Member
	Brian Parker (BHP)	Co-opted member

1. Opening remarks

- SSN welcomed members and opened the meeting.

2. Approval of agenda

- *Commission remits 2013 – 2014 (draft)*
- *“The meeting agenda should be organized according to the structure of the commission remit. The commission should use the present remit as the basis for its work and maintain efficient working practice.*
- *A member of the commission should be given the responsibility to prepare minutes within a week after a meeting and e-mail them to the IOF Secretariat. In order to simplify this task, these minutes should be concise and should contain an executive summary suitable for publication on the Internet.”*
- The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of previous minutes

- The minutes of Commission meeting in WTOC 2012, Dundee (7.6.2012) were approved as a true record of that meeting.

4. The responsibilities and the becoming work of commission

- We decided to suggest MF to be our representative in the Rules Commission.
- Responsibilities were discussed and agreed on.

5. Strategic planning

- *Commission remits 2013 – 2014 (after meeting)*

6. Event development

- SEA report from WTOC 2012 Dundee.
 - We discussed the report.
- Clinics in the future
 - Training camp in Italy 19.-21.6.2013 + 22.-23.6.2013 Italian Championships in Folgaria → clinic 20.-21.6.2013 (planners, organizers)
 - 2015 in Sweden (pre-WTOC), combined with Nordic Match
 - September
- Unofficial “European Cup” 2013
 - We decided to try to arrange unofficial “European cup”.
- Update on future WTOCs
 - **2013 Vuokatti, Finland**
 - SEA Roberta Falda, assistant Libor Forst
 - Monday 8 July Opening Ceremony
 - Tue 9 July Model
 - Wed 10 July Day 1
 - Thu 11 July Day 2 and TempO model
 - Fri 12 July, TempO Qualification and Final. Prize giving. Banquet.
 - **2014 Italy**
 - SEA Lennart Wahlgren
 - Sun 6 July Opening Ceremony and TempO model
 - Mon 7 July TempO Qualification and Final
 - Tue 8 July Model 1

- Wed 9 July Day 1
- Thu 10 July, Model 2
- Fri 11, Day 2, Banquet
- Sat 12, RelayO, Demonstration
- **2016 Sweden**
- SEA proposal is Libor Forst
- Regional Trail Orienteering Championships
 - European
 - 2014/Portugal
 - SEA Knut Ovesen
 - Dates to be confirmed.
- Electronic recording
 - IT commission, our contact person is MF

7. Competition rules

- To provide rules changes for 2014 IOF Competition Rules suggestions to the Council by 15.10.2013.
- Course time limit
 - Event adviser decides if there is an increased time limit needed. No rule change needed.
- Eligibility in Paralympic class: We wrote in Helsinki 2011 minutes: *“Eligibility in Paralympic class (Medical Commission, Medical Experts, TOC, Rules Commission and IOF Secretariat, Athlete's Commission coordinator) → It was agreed that we shall ask countries for their opinions and suggestions. → Proposals during autumn 2013 → January 2014 suggestion to federations. Until that we shall do only minor changes.”*

Eligibility in Paralympic class was discussed:

- Two medical experts, doctors, take part in eligibility process.
- After one year the form was specified and some minor changes were made (AJ and medical experts).
- The process had worked very well (medical experts) for the last two years, it's clear and it seems to be more fair than it used to be.
- App. 85 % of applications is approved.
- It was agreed that we do not change anything now. We will take this into our agenda again January 2014.
- The new rule for calculating the results in PreO
 - We decided to make a suggestion: to remove the points from timed controls. RF didn't agree with suggestion.

- Marking forbidden paths on the map. We will have to be more precise in our way of describing forbidden routes.
- Rules 6.6. , 6.7: WTOC preparations in Finland and in Italy need deviations for these rules. TOC decided to make rules deviation request
 - Deviation for rule 6.6. "Each Federation may enter up to a maximum of three competitors of any physical ability for the PreO competition in the Open class, a maximum of three eligible competitors for the PreO competition in the Paralympic class and a maximum of four competitors for the Tempo competition." → Exceptions are made to this rule regarding Tempo in Finland and in Italy because the planning was too far along when the rules were changed → **maximum of THREE competitors.**
 - Deviation for rule 6.7."In the Tempo competition only the 36 best placed competitors from the qualification may participate in the final; if there is just one qualification heat they will be the top 36, if there are two qualification heats the top 18 from each heat qualify for the final etc." → Exceptions are made to this rule regarding Tempo in Finland and in Italy because the planning was too far along when the rules were changed → **only the 24 best...**
 - Deviation for rule 16.9 "A Tempo qualification course shall consist of at least 4 control stations and 20 timed controls. A Tempo final course shall consist of at least 5 control stations and 25 timed controls. There should be at least three timed controls at each control station. A separate, specially prepared map is used for each timed control and the competitor is given the complete ordered set of maps for the control station as a stack with a cover sheet on top. " → **Exceptions are made to this rule regarding Tempo in Finland and in Italy because the planning was too far along when the rules were changed.**
 - Deviation for rule 25.15 "In the individual World Tempo Championship competitions, the competitors are ranked according to their placing in the final course." → Exceptions are made to this rule regarding Tempo in Finland and in Italy because the planning was too far along when the rules were changed → **the competitors are ranked according to both their placing in qualification and in the final course."**

8. Organisers' guidelines and other discipline related documents

- Update of Technical Guidelines and Technical Notes → working group Brian Parker, Hannu Niemi, Jari Turto, Martin Jullum, Martin Fredholm, Ivo Tisljar, Kreso Kerestes, Remo Madella, Bohuslav Hulka

9. Mapping standards

- nothing

10. Accreditation of SEA/EA

- See number 6.

11. Selection of SEA/EA for IOF events

12. Other matters

- The proposals from Russia and Ukraine to the IOF Trail Orienteering Commission

- Anna Jacobson visited our meeting.
 - Communication
 - IOF Office shall always publish all official information (Guidelines, minutes of meetings etc.)
 - Ideas to Anna J.
 - Decision making processes
 - Commission discusses an item → proposal to Council → The Council decides the matter (you can't act before this!)
 - Conflict of interest
 - Athlete, country

- PreO Relay, draft rules from Sweden

We talked about relay in PreO. We will have a demonstration of RelayO in Italy, during WTOC 2014. The idea is to give the orienteers an opportunity to get to know this kind of format.

Sweden has tried PreO Relay few times. Here are the draft rules for PreO Relay:

1. The team shall consist of three competitors, only one card
2. The three legs of the competition shall be forked
3. There shall be a mass start
4. - In addition to the controls on the course all three competitors also have 1 or 2 timed controls.
 - The number of timed controls should be the same for all three competitors.
 - They could have the same timed controls but they could also be different for the competitors.
 - The timed controls should be taken after the controls on the course.
5. The competitors should not have the possibility to communicate in between the legs.
Quarantine has to be arranged.
6. The course could be arranged in different ways depended on the possibility of course setting.
 - a) The course consists of for example 24 controls. (Or another number dividable by 3)
 - The competitor at leg 1 has to take 8 controls, (he/she is free to choose 8 of the 24) then leave over to leg 2.

- The competitor at leg 2 has to choose 8 other controls of the left 16 (he/she is free to choose 8 of the remaining 16) then leave over to leg 3
 - The competitor of leg 3 has to take the remaining 8 controls. There should be a max time for all three legs. That is based on the minimum distance the team has to use. The max time can be freely used in between the three members of the team. It is also possible to have the rule that each competitor have to take 8+/- 1 control which gives more possibility for tactics in the team.
- b) The other possibility for the course is to have a course of for example 10-12 controls. The competitors have to solve the same control sites. The forking system could be fulfilled by having different control definitions at each control site or at least 75% of each control site.

13. Future Commission Meetings

- Next TOC meeting is in WTOC, Vuokatti.