

Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes
Tuesday, August 30, 2011

Attendees:

Steve Sexton
Barrett Brandon
Dave Kuendig
Victor Plata
Amanda Stevens (departed at 8:30 EST)

Absent: Gwen Jorgenson

Meeting began at 8:05 EST

New Business:

- I. Elite Development Series
 - a. Myrtle Beach is cancelled as an EDR race.
 - b. Buffalo is still on
 - i. Up to 3 elite license spots are possible with the following requirements to ensure strong quality of result:
 1. Must finish within top 10% of total finishers (this will decrease the number of total license spots available in a field smaller than 30 athletes).
 2. Must finish within 5% of winner.
- II. Committee Nominations
 - a. Gwen has agreed to be on Prize money Task Force to draft a rule ensuring equal prize money for male and female athletes at USAT sanctioned events.
 - i. AAC voted to nominate Gwen as the athlete representative to the Task Force.
 1. Unanimous approval
- III. Merging the U23, Junior, and FISU selection committees.
 - a. AAC voted to recommend amending the selection criteria for the World Championships in these categories by merging the committees to create a single committee.
 - i. Unanimous approval
 - b. AAC voted to recommend appointment of Jarrod Shoemaker as athlete rep to the new U23, Junior, and FISU selection committee, assuming it is approved by the board.
 - i. Unanimous approval
- IV. Merging the "other elite" selection committee with the EASC.
 - a. AAC voted to recommend amending the World Championships selection criteria to merge the "other elite" selection committee that selects for World Championship teams like aquathlon, duathlon, off-road, etc. into the Elite Athlete Selection Committee.
 - i. Unanimous approval
- V. Criteria for 2012 Cross Worlds.
 - a. AAC reviewed and voted to recommend for approval criteria submitted by senior manager, Andy Schmitz, for 2012 ITU Cross Worlds.
 - i. Limit guaranteed "up front" funding to top 3 Americans with no roll-downs. If others qualify based on roll-down or resume selection, they can earn this funding retroactively via a top 10 finish at worlds, so long as they finish in the top 25% or 33% of the field.
 - ii. Unanimous approval
- VI. Andy Farrell- Elite Aquathlon Worlds elite license exemption request
 - a. An elite license is required to apply for entry into elite aquathlon worlds.

- b. Recommend denying request for an elite license exemption.
- VII. Tom Clifford – elite license application where a qualifying triathlon was converted to a duathlon.
- a. The criteria for an elite license states that a qualifying race is all *triathlons* on US and Canadian soil that have a corresponding elite race in the same distance and format with \$20,000 or more in elite prize money shall be Elite Qualifying Races.
 - b. Recommend denying application.

Submitted by:
Victor Plata