The Coaches Commission met at 09:30 – 13:30 hours on Saturday 4 November 2017 at the Sheraton Buganvillas Resort & Convention Center Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

1. Opening of the Meeting
   The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the commission members to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   Minutes
   The Commission noted the minutes of the Coaches Commission meeting of Saturday 5 November 2016 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meeting.
   Minutes Matters Arising
   There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition
   The Commission received a report from the World Sailing Director of Events.
   It was noted that 2019 World Cup event that will act as the 2018 Test Event for Tokyo 2020 will require a different qualification process and a larger quota allocation to ensure fairness and equal opportunities for all MNAs.
   It was noted that, in future calendars, World Sailing must ensure that the Olympic Sailing Competition window is kept clear of all relevant Olympic class events, to have fairness and equal opportunities for proper preparations for all MNAs.
   The Commission will discuss qualification with the Working Party and consider their position on the topic before making a recommendation to the Board.
   The Commission will produce draft guidelines for STR (support team regulations) with particular regard to the number of support boats per MNA, possibly discuss it with the
Athletes Commission and make their recommendations to the Board for the December 2017 Board meeting.

The Commission noted that any events officially identified as Olympic test events attract greater levels of NOC support. The 2018 test event will be a World Cup event and World Sailing is asked to brand this clearly as an Olympic test event as well.

It was noted that the Commission is: a) in general terms, in favour of having Medal Race, b) in favour of having one single Medal Race format for all the Olympic events, this means same number of boats and same scoring system and c) against multiple Medal races (Medal Series)

4. World Sailing Events

World Cup Series
The Commission received a progress report from the Head of Sailing Competitions

The Commission recommends to the Board that athletes who don’t complete their mandatory non racing duties (such as specified in the MAG, attending prize giving, opening or closing ceremonies and the like) shall face non sailing penalties (such as ranking point deduction, with drawl of future event invitations, financial penalties and the like).

The Commission recommends to the Board that Nacra 17 quota for the World Cup will be reviewed after the Miami World Cup event with the view to increase to 40, if demand for places exists.

2018 Sailing World Championships.

The Commission noted that entry fees falling due in the financial year before the event causes cash flow difficulties to many MNAs. World Sailing is requested to publish the entry process in the financial year before payments are due to enable MNAs to make appropriate budgeting arrangements.

It was noted that for 2022 better dates should be found.

Youth Sailing World Championship

The Commission received a progress report from the Head of Sailing Competitions

The Commission recommends to the Board that the allocation of support personnel be changed to up to 1 per race area and 1 team leader.

Coaches Commission appointments to Working Parties.

The Commission did not discuss this item.

5. World Sailing Coaches Registration System

The Commission received a report from the World Sailing Director of Events.

The Commission recommends to the Board that coaches and coach boat registration should be subject to an entry deadline, in the same way athletes are.

The Commission recommends to the Board that only MNAs can register coaches, support personnel and coach boats. A Coach licence should be developed.

The Commission will provide the objectives of a coach registration system with an event focus to the Board. These will possibly be produced in one single document with above mentioned draft guidelines for STR.

It was agreed that initially the system is to allow organisers and MNAs to have control, responsibility and timely information for planning and operational purposes. This is not
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a marketing tool for coaches but more the first steps for coach data management plan. The Commission will include topics such as boat driver identification, coach qualification, FOP access, advisors and penalties in their recommendations.

6. Support Team Regulations

The Commission will review the framework for support team regulations and provide their recommendations to the Board according the framework timelines (see above).

7. Safety Policies

Discussed in conjunction with item 6.

8. Emerging Nations Programme

The Commission received a report from the World Sailing Director of Events on Laser Radial and RSX Women’s Olympic training and development program. A draft version document of WS Training and Development and Events Team with coaching plans for Emerging Nations Programme including the Women’s RS: X and the Laser Radial was described.

9. Sustainability

The Commission noted the World Sailing Sustainability Agenda 2030 will be launched on 7 November 2017.

10. Any Other Business

It was noted that for future Olympic events, if offshore event will be chosen, then it should be sailed by athletes already competing in other classes in order to introduce multi-medallist.

The Commission discussed issues that had cross over Race Officials Committee.

The Commission requested Race Management Committee to look into ways the start of a race can be recorded and easily reviewed by athletes. The outcome of Race Officer body, head and mast mounted GoPro camera tests, was agreed as unsuccessful and other ideas will be considered, use of drones among these.

The Commission requested the Race Management Committee and the Race Official Committee to consider the issue of who can change the rules of an event, as recent facts at Nacra17 Worlds and 49er&49er:FX Worlds with changes of the rules of the game after the beginning of the event. This is to be considered unfair and not adequate to Olympic level. Detailed report on the facts was already forwarded to WS Board on sept 5th..

The Race Management Committee requested feedback from the Commission on the use and definition of redress.

The Commission requested the Equipment Regulations Committee consider the issuing of itemised measurement procedures to be used when inspecting equipment with particular regard to manifacturer’s classes.

There was no further business so the meeting was closed.