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Betreff: RE: sports for athletes with severe disability

Christoph,

Regarding your latest email to Louis and to me, I would ask that you work through the formal channels of communication well established in the IPC and UCI, which is through the Austrian National Membership. In my opinion, we have provided you with insight as to how and why the decision that have been where done so. The Beijing 2008 Paralympic Programme for all sports has been well established based on the guiding principles available on the website and standards set for such an international competitions and within the parameters set for the Paralympic Games (i.e. number of sports, medal events, etc.)

Whilst not offering this particular medal event may be disappointing, all sport medal event programmes have been in place for sometime and the qualification criteria specifically targets the viability of the overall programme. As I mentioned, specific targets have set aimed at achieving greater participation levels for athletes with high support needs (formerly called athletes with a severe disability).

As stated in the beginning of my message, I recommend that you follow the appropriate decision making process and consult with the Austrian National Membership regarding your specific concerns.

Regards,

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Dear David!

Thank you for that quick reply.

I read your answer from July 19th the first time now, I did not get that. Thank you for resending it. So many arguments. I hope you do not mind if I type my answers into your email.

As a comparison, I would like to point out the following increases in the number of medal event opportunities for athletes with a severe disability (B1 and HCAs) for both men and women:

Athens

B1 Men 3 Medal Events (track) - 1 combined

B1 Men 1 Medal Events (road) - 1 combined

B1 Women 3 Medal Events (track) - 3 combined

B1 Women 1 Medal Event (Road)- 1 combined

HCA Men -2 Medal Event (road)- 2 stand alone

HCA Women -0 Medal Event (road)- none

Total 10 Medal Events (6 Men and 4 Women)

Beijing

B1 Men 3 Medal Events (track)

B1 Men 2 Medal Events (road)

B1 Women 2 Medal Events (track)

B1 Women 2 Medal Event (Road) - 2 combined

HCA Men - 1 Medal Event (road) - 1 stand alone

HCA Women - 2 Medal Event (road) - 2 combined

Total 12 Medal Events (6 Men and 6 Women)

As you can see there has been an overall increase for Beijing in the number of opportunities offered for athletes with a severe disability in particular for women.

Of course it is good for B1 athletes if they got five events now. HCA men only have one now!

HCA Women combined.

Well, maybe I got a wrong information, but as far as I know HCA women will have to compete against HCB and HCC without any factor. So it means they do not have any chance to win a medal. They will just be there to make the field for the womens event larger. Enclosed you find a list of %factors I got.

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Furthermore, in Aigle during the 2006 IPC Cycling World Championships there were only six athletes

in the HCA sport class that were entered and competed, though there were absolutely no restrictions in terms of entries. For me this is far very indicative of the situation of the growth of the sport in the HCA class. In comparison to other male events and sport classes this event was by significantly underrepresented in comparison within the results of competitions and rankings.

There is a number of reasons for that as I explained in an email to Louis Barbeau. None of those athletes chose to get a higher degree of disability to have less competition. But dont you think these events should get more support to increase the number of athletes instead of deleting them?

The IPC with members of the IPC Cycling Technical Committee then worked on several scenarios/options, and came up with alternative programmes which were voted on by the IPC Cycling membership. The majority of the NPCs formally agreed upon the programme offered now for Beijing 2008. While I recognize your disappointment that the Road Race is not being offered and this email simply reiterates what has already been communicated I ask that you consider that such decisions are not taken lightly and have been conducted through due process.

I know that I reiterate the same question since the only answer I got is that it has formal reasons. I would not demand more money nor more time to have a road race there.

The IPC has targeted growth in a number of sports and disciplines for opportunities for athletes with a severe disability in Athens 17% of the total athletes were considered an athlete with a severe disability (538 Men and 133 Women). For Beijing the following classes are considered those of athletes with a severe disability.

Archery	W1
Athletics	T11, F11, P11, T32, F32, P32, T33, F33, P33, T51, F51, P51, T52, F52, P52, F53
Boccia	BC1, BC2, BC3, BC4
Cycling	B1, HCA
Equestrian	Grade 1, Grade 3 (Profile 36)
Football 5-a-Side	B1
Goalball	B1
Judo	B1
Rowing	B1
Sailing	1 Point
Shooting	SH2B, SH2C
Swimming	S1, SB1, SM1, S2, SB2, SM2, S3, SB3, SM3, S11, SB11, SM11
Table Tennis	TT1, TT2
Wheelchair Rugby	0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5
Wheelchair Tennis	Quad

This is a nice table. I do not know about all those events but there are no events for athletic T51 anymore, there are less events for T52 and also for cycling HCA. As I stated above, you can not count combined events where HCA women have to race against less disabled racers without any factor.

Once again, thank you for your reply.

Sincerely yours

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