

Masters WC TCM Minutes

- Friday March 4th, 2022 at 2:30 pm

- Roll Call

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- Introduction

Greg Thompson, Organizing Committee Chair, welcomed the National Directors, and introduced Dave Rees, Competition Director, Claude Laramée, Technical Delegate, and John Downing, World Masters Association President. Greg noted that MWC 2022 is hosted by the Alberta World Cup Society, and was originally intended to be held in 2021 but was postponed due to Covid.

- Event Program

Dave Rees presented a slide listing members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and the members of the Jury.

- Venue Overview

Dave Rees presented a slide showing the map of the Venue. He indicated the parking areas, talked about busing, noted that the cafeteria in the Daylodge opens at 8:00 am, and that Trail Sports offers waxing services. The Jury Room is in the Bill Warren Training Centre building, and there are public wax tents for any racers who do not have access to a wax room. Keys to individual wax rooms are available or teams can opt to have their rooms opened each morning by the Team Compound volunteers. Transformers are available from the Race Office which is in the Biathlon building. The Medical team is situated on the ground floor of the Biathlon building.

- Weather Forecast

Dave Rees showed the forecast for the next 7 days, and noted that Canmore snow is usually quite dry.

- Stadium

Dave Rees explained the start grid for the free technique race on March 5th: it will have four rows, A, B, C and D, and 16 lanes, numbered from 1 to 16. Each lane extends for 30 metres and after that there are no more tracks, although the

direction will be indicated by vee boards to guide skiers. Claude Laramée noted that everyone must stay in their own lane until they reach the end of the first 30 metres – lane changing is not permitted until after that. When the course joins the Banff Trail there will be one classic track, which will be set for the entire length of both the 5 km and 15 km courses. In the grid, all skiers must stand where they are placed – even if there is a space in front of a skier due to a no-show, it is not permitted for skiers to move forward to fill the gap.

Dave also explained how to enter the Stadium via the tunnel, and how to reach the start grid via the pre-start pen, the start pen and then into the grid. He also indicated where the course will divide behind the Biathlon building, into Lap Lane and Finish Lane, and noted it will be well signed.

Clothing can be left near the Start and will then be moved to a pick-up area where it can be retrieved after the Finish. The Finish will have 3 lanes for free technique races, and 4 lanes for classic races.

Cindy Low, Zone4, noted there will be a Chip Check Station prior to entering the tunnel. This is optional, but skiers can have their chip checked to ensure they are wearing the correct one. Skiers will use the same chip for all races, including the relay, and are required to turn it in at the end of their last race.

- Courses

Maps for the 5 km and the 15 km courses were shown. The trail through the Meadow will be better delineated to indicate the track more clearly. There are no specific coaching zones, so skiers can be given feeds anywhere along the course (please pick up the cups afterwards). The two official feeding stations will have water, gatorade and cookies.

- Ski testing and warming up

Dave showed the map indicating the location of the warm up area which includes a hill and about 0.7 km of track.

- Course Preparation and Grooming

The Course will be groomed tonight for skating – no track out of stadium, then one track for rest of the 5km and 15 km courses respectively. Track will be on left hand side of the long downhill from the Meadow and will be well signed.

- Information from the TD

Claude Laramée paid tribute to the Organizing Committee and the tremendous amount of hard work they have done to prepare for this event.

He emphasized two technical points: 200 metres from the Start it is very narrow, and ideally only wide enough for 2 skaters, so asked Directors to warn their skiers to pay attention in this area. Also, as it is a Free Technique race, the course controllers will be watching for interference, so emphasize to skiers that they need to execute clean passing.

- Information from the OC

Greg Thompson noted the next Team Captains Meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Saturday March 5th. Start lists are now on line and available from both the Zone4 and the MWC 2022 websites. All races will have live results, and live timing can be used for splits. At each Awards Ceremony, which will be held on race day evenings at the Civic Centre there will be video of the day's races.

The Opening Ceremonies are at 5:30 on Friday March 4th at the Civic Centre on 7th Avenue. They will be outside, will last approximately 30 minutes and will include dancing and drumming performed by artists from the Stoney Nakoda Nation. At 8:00 pm on March 4th there is a reception at the Malcolm for National Directors, LOC members, and race sponsors.

Greg explained the Destination Dinner concept and reminded Directors that all skiers must sign up by Sunday March 6th. Following the dinner, there will be a Western-themed send-off.

John Downing, WMA President, reminded Directors that the World Masters National Directors Meeting will be on Tuesday March 8th at 11:00 am, Mountain Standard Time. It will be a virtual meeting. On the same day there will be a Team Captains Meeting at 4:00 pm, to get information on the Relay Races on March 9th.