

Masters WC TCM Minutes

- Date : Saturday, March 5, 2022
- Roll Call
 - AUS
 - AUT **yes**
 - CAN **yes**
 - DEN **yes**
 - ESP
 - EST
 - FIN **yes**
 - FRA **yes**
 - GBR
 - GER **yes**
 - GRL **yes**
 - IRL
 - ITA
 - NOR **yes**
 - SLO
 - SUI **yes**
 - SWE
 - TPE
 - USA **yes**
- Introduction
 - Welcome by OC Chair Greg Thompson. Great racing! Friendly, no problems, thank you to racers and participants. Really good day. Turn over to tomorrow.
 - Director of Competition Dave Rees: Great day! Will order sunshine for tomorrow too.
- Event Program (Dave Rees):
 - Same as yesterday
- Venue Overview
 - Reminder of where medical station is located in stadium area
 - Same start grid as March 5, 30 m, a little different for classic: 16 lanes, scramble zone, then 12 lanes, scramble zone, then eight lanes, then course (four lanes), after 150 m takes a turn and

goes to two lanes. Course will be set with two tracks, 1.2 m apart. Set a little off to the side so poles don't get into trouble.

- 2x5km for Men 75+ and Women 70+

- **Timetable**

- Please see presentation

- **Weather Forecast**

- -10 C overnight; warmer by 1 pm, staying warm all afternoon
- Monday -2 C but with snow, -13 C forecasted at night; snow in evening

- **Stadium**

- Same layout as March 5
- Ski pole check – random check. Eyeball check to see that poles are about shoulder height; then random check. Will not send people back but will document bib number and record amount (measurement) that pole is over limit, and then jury will decide. Do not want to send any racers back to get different poles.
- Four tracks in finish lane
- Adjust turn at finish to be a little bit wider; two tracks through lap lane and out (merging at far end of start area)

- **Courses**

- 5 km, 15 km
- Technique check zone – diagonal zone (at first steep uphill)
- Potential corners for ice will have people raking those areas; added vee boards to help with visual
- Warm-up and wax test area the same; track set
- Aid station same place, far end of 15-km course, and lap lane
- Can feed your athletes as you wish

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- Ski testing and warming up
 - Warm-up and wax test area the same (March 5); track set
 - Please encourage your skiers to use the warm up area. Safer for everyone involved.
 - Good protocol is to wear bib inside out or cover it up while warming up
- Course Preparation and Grooming
 - To be groomed tonight, double tracked
 - Not anticipating fresh snow tonight
 - Forerunners to go around 5-km and 15-km course tomorrow morning
- Information from the TD (Claude Laramee)
 - Thank you for informing teams about race procedures.
 - Thank you to participants for making our job easy with no jury decisions today.
 - Reminders:
 - All participants must go through Kastle tent; chip reader to be double checked – the TV screen shows racer's name, bib number and position on start grid. This is important for racers to do correctly. Go through the tent; look at the screen.
 - Warmup loop will be track set. Racers must go through Kastle tent after they do their warmup. They have to go out into parking lot with skis in their hands and walk through the Kastle tent.
 - If warming up on public trails, please do not wear racers bib, or wear bib inside out or with a jacket over top – otherwise we get nervous and think that a racer missed a turn, for example.

- We will be checking pole length (eyeball; random checks)
 - Diagonal stride zone – approx. 1.2 km from start area; diagonal technique means diagonal stride or herringbone – either one pole or no pole is on the snow (NO DOUBLE POLING); there will be controllers there.
 - Have a super day tomorrow.
- Information from the OC (Greg Thompson)
 - Captains Meeting tomorrow, same time (4 pm), for race on Monday.
 - Awards Ceremony tonight – Civic Centre – outside; 5:30 pm
 - 1st-, 2nd-, 3rd-place awards – national anthem, opportunity for pictures. We need to keep things moving but we also want to recognize athletes.
 - To be live-streamed
 - Reminder: Book dinner for Friday night (apologize for earlier glitch with link)
 - Thanks to JD [WMA President John Downing], Dave Rees [Director of Competition], Andreas Dillemath [ND Germany] and Claude Laramée [Technical Delegate] for a great day today.
- Question: Regarding changing two tracks to left side or right side – asking for best line possible in grooming tracks. Dave Rees: Tracks will be offset from the right; we hope that everyone is skiing in the track.
- Question: Regarding looking for best line – Claude Laramée: Only two tracks on one side – limits the advantage of going from one side to the other. Controllers are instructed to look for rule infractions. We do the best we can.

Thanks everyone, goodnight.

