

COMMITTEE REPORT

Medical and Sport Sciences Committee

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Martin Bauer, Chair

Meetings: Due to the period of COVID-countermeasures since the end of 2019 no face to face meeting had been taken place. The last meeting face to face at Lausanne within MSSC took place in March 2018. The last meeting representing WA at IPC was at 13-14 July 2019 at Bonn (Martin Bauer). An online meeting within all WA committees took then place in November 2020.

The preparations of the 2020 Games at Tokyo were supported by WA MSSC through Martin Bauer, who had been actively involved in the developing of hygienic standards, emergency plans and the planning of the antidoping controlling during the Games. An extensive mail exchange with the LOC of Tokyo and the WA office(Thomas Aubert) had been taken over (Martin Bauer). When the postponing was published most activities had to wait till the beginning of 2021 when concrete measurements went on.

Projects: The projects being discussed at the last online meeting in November are still to be promoted. The hygienic standards during the COVID era made it impossible to test any athletes face to face e.g. at a venue like the Lausanne university as being planned. An explicit developing of standards in WA during these epidemic conditions had been taken place under the responsibility of Thomas Aubert and Martin Bauer as to find conditions under which national and international competitions can take place. The local reports from Carlos Hermes and Anne Smith were taken into account.

Wherever possible different members took over the antidoping testing support at WCs.

Cross-committee cooperation: the use of taping or compression shirts during competitions is still to be discussed, MSSC and judges committee try to find a realistic bylaw. The time after the Tokyo Games shall be used for this issue.

Different bylaw developments by the C&R committee were discussed and supported.

Future plans: anti-COVID measurement will make it more and more difficult to support the antidoping testing by travelling around the globe. Rules of the different countries are often obstacles for a safe journey or coming home without going into a 2 week quarantine, new ways e.g. ITA officers only going to test may be helpful, but it stays to be a big challenge (intelligence, reimbursement, health safety)

Conclusion:

The situation of performing an active support inside WA by the MSSC stays rather difficult. Financial and health risks for each member are more and more a real obstacle to most of the planned projects and the situation will keep on unsatisfying. The protection against the upcoming epidemic challenges will form a new antidoping regimen and a new form of intelligence to cope with doping. World Archery with all the committees will be on a new way of promoting the Olympic idea of health and spirit.

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