

WQF Congress 2019 Minutes

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1. This 2019 Congress took place as series of email discussions between 15th Sept and the distribution of the final agenda (25th Oct). Voting was completed early in November.
2. Participating member Nations: CZE, GBR, GER, HUN as voting members; ARM as a Provisional Member and (as a courtesy) USA as a previous member (2018). ARM and USA could contribute to discussions but not vote.
3. Final summary of 2018 Congress – **Approved**
4. Report from Federations
 - a. From Hungary: There were 32 Hungarian athletes (22 males, 10 females) participating at the World Cup races. The age composition of the athletes was good. There were young and old athletes in almost all age categories in both male and female categories. Thanks to this Hungary could win the Nations Trophy. In season 2020 we would support young athletes to continue quadrathlon and participate more races outside Hungary preferably in the neighbouring countries.
 - b. From Great Britain: GB Team came 2nd in the National trophy, we also need more youngsters, we are trying to address this by setting up QUADKIDZ/races/training weekend. We had 79 athletes in World Cup races. With a strong representation from women (50 men, 29 women).
5. Report on 2019 World Cup
 - a. There were 59 Female and 175 Male athletes that took part in the nine World Cup races. There is a report on the Quadrathlo4you website, <https://www.quadrathlon4you.com/19-w-cup2/>
 - b. Ferenc Csima attended all races and has provided a short helpful summary of their good and bad points (attached).
6. Treasurer's report and Accounts – **Approved**
 - a. There are a few minor items to be included in the accounts (some postage etc). The account shows a healthy balance and surplus for the year of nearly €1000. Ideas for spending this were requested. Some were discussed but with no clear decisions reached. The executive board can continue with this and approve spending on and projects as they arise.
7. Admission/Resignation of National Federations
 - a. USA communicated their difficulties in being active during the 2019 season and allowed their membership to lapse. They hope to re-join in 2020.
 - b. Slovakia have not been in touch and did not pay their membership fees and are therefore considered to have resigned.
 - c. Armenia contacted us early in the year to join the WQF and paid their subscription. They were accepted as "Provisional" members. In discussion we have agreed that

the Constitution intends that their acceptance as “Full” members at this Congress would allow them to vote at the 2020 Congress and thereafter. Also see next item for proposed additional requirement that new members be “Active”.

Armenia accepted as a Full member of the WQF (unanimous decision).

8. The following changes to the Constitution were unanimously approved.

a. Article 2.1 change *FROM*:

2.1 The World Quadriathlon Federation is registered in the Czech Republic by the Ministry of Interior, Electoral and Association Department as non-profit International Sports Federation, according to the Czech laws.

TO:

2.1 The World Quadrathlon Federation is registered in the Czech Republic with the Ministry of Justice as a non-profit International Sports Federation, according to Czech laws.

This is merely a formal change to conform to changes in Czech Government rules.

b. Articles 5.1 and 5.2 change *FROM*:

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c. Article 5.2 *ADD* to the end of the final sentence

or there must have been at least one athlete from the nation who participated in a World Cup race in the season before the Congress.

d. Articles 5.3 to 5.7 change *FROM*:

5.3 An Association applying for membership in the WQF shall do so by writing to the General Secretary and submitting to the WQF: its written Application, Constitution and Rules. If, after examination, these are found to be in accordance with the principles of the WQF, the membership shall be approved.

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e. Articles 6.1 and 6.2 change *FROM*:

6.1 A National Association may forfeit its membership for:

- a) non-payment of membership fee of the WQF and other debts,
- b) infringements of the Constitution and Rules of the WQF or dishonourable conduct,
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6.2 A National Federation may allow its affiliation to the WQF to lapse for up to two years. If it has been "Active" and, subject to approval by the Congress, it may be re-admitted as a full member and have voting rights at the same Congress at which it is re-instated. Without such approval any re-admission process will be treated as an application as a new member.

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9. Executive Board. No election needed this year. All members are happy to continue in post for 2020.

10. Proposal for 2020 World Cup race calendar.

- a. There was a discussion about the number of races, would fewer races result in a higher standard? There was a consensus that we should continue with the current system.

b. Ferenc has put together a programme of races – **Approved**.

i. Terceira (POR)	sprint MTB	26 April 2020
ii. Brigg (GBR)	middle EC	24 May 2020
iii. Kretinka (CZE)	sprint	13 June 2020
iv. Tyn (CZE)	middle WC	20 June 2020
v. Kaposvár (HUN)	sprint EC	27 June 2020
vi. Bydgoszcz (POL)	sprint	5 July 2020
vii. Wassersuppe (GER)	sprint	15 Aug 2020
viii. Sandvika (NOR)	sprint	22-23 Aug 2020
ix. Ratscher (GER)	sprint WC	5 Sept 2020
x. Tiszafüred (HUN)	middle	13 Sept 2020
xi. Cazalegas (ESP)	sprint	end of Sept 2020

11. Race Organisation

- a. During preliminary discussions it was agreed to provide a standard format document to set out the information that race organisers should provide on their race website, in English (see attached document).
- b. Similarly, a check list for organisers was agreed, covering items included in the race contract but not part of the sporting rules (document attached).

12. Points Calculation for World Cup Races

- a. There was a discussion about the new points calculation (based on finish time, rather than position). There was a clear view that we should continue with new system.
- b. We also considered the no. of races which count towards the total of World Cup points. There was agreement to reduce this from four to three. This is rule change – to modify rule 9.4 d -was **approved unanimously**.
- c. A consequence of such a change would be to increase the potential contribution of bonus points. We considered a couple of ways to address this but there was a consensus that this was not necessary.

13. Alteration to Race Rules (Sport and Competition Order)

- a. During the early part of the season we had some correspondence about the rules governing the use of wetsuits, particularly when the water temperature is cold. Some amendments to rule 4.2 were proposed and **approved unanimously**. Details of the proposed changes are given in the attached document.
 - i. To clarify the wording of rule 4.2.c
 - ii. To clarify the wording of 4.2.e (“can” changed to “must”)
 - iii. To allow neoprene glove or socks, for thermal insulation, when temperatures are low
- b. After a review of the rules, several minor spelling and use of English changes were proposed and **approved unanimously**. Details are given in the attached document.

14. Changes to the Race Contract

- a. A few points were discussed but did not reach a consensus for modification.
- b. The only change proposed and **approved** was a minor clarification. To include in section 5, before article a), the following statement: “Please note that in section 5 and 6 “must” is a mandatory requirement, “should” is a strong recommendation”.