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2008-10-02 CGT - TSA - Junior Race Distances/Competitive Element - on TSA AGM Agenda

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Should there be any CGT Member that would like to discuss /give input in respect of this point and the details below, then in that event they are requested to contact Craig at cgtriathlon@webmail.co.za.

At the meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of TRIATHLON SOUTH AFRICA held by telecom on Wednesday, 30 July 2008, the issue of Race distances in respect of Juniors was again discussed. The summary of this point (5.2.4 of the minutes), in terms of the rules to be applied for the 2008 / 2009 season are follows –

a) A Junior athlete turning 16 on or before 30 December 2009, may from the commencement of the season (1 September 2008), compete in a sprint distance.

i.e. If 15 yrs old now and turn 16 before 31 December2009 you can compete in the sprint distance events.

b) A Junior athlete turning 15 on or before 30 December 2008, may from the commencement of the season (1 September 2008), compete in a sprint distance.

i.e. If 14 yrs old now and 15 before 31 December2008 you can compete in the sprint distance events.

c) The decision on the Juniors Age Group 8 – 15, with regard to races with a competitive element, is referred to the AGM/Board Meeting in October for a ruling.

i.e. There is no final decision on this point. A medical commission was appointed by TSA and a report made. The final decision will be discussed and finalised at TSA's AGM. To discuss /make input in this regard, then in that event they are requested to contact Craig at cgtriathlon@webmail.co.za to get a copy of the aforementioned report and to discuss same.

d) COPY OF POINT 5.2.4

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5.2.4 The meeting again discusses the various views on the junior age/competition distances, including the report of the Medical Commission. Debbie Alexander proposes that the race rule definition of a junior athlete 16 years old, be defined as follows:

As from the commencement of the TSA season (1 September) a junior athlete turning 16 on or before 30 December the following year, may from the commencement of the season compete in a sprint distance event. In other words, as from 1 September 2008, a junior athlete turning 15 on or before 31 December 2008, may compete in a sprint distance event.

After discussion, the meeting accepts this proposal. The meeting request that an amendment be noted to the TSA Race Rules to be formalized at the AGM/Board Meeting in October 2009, together with the recommendation that same be implemented as from 1 September 2008, enabling the junior athletes to participate in the 2008 Energade Series and to compete in their respective provincial championships in 2008 based on their age/distance in 2009.

With regard to races with a competitive element for juniors in the 8 – 15 age categories, the meeting holds different views and is unable to make a recommendation to the AGM/Board Meeting. The meeting is satisfied that the matter be referred to the AGM/Board Meeting for a ruling.

During the discussion it appears that a misunderstanding exist between the advertised junior age/distance of the Energade Series. Retief will address same with the Event Organiser. RF”

Kind Regards

For and behalf of the CGT Committee

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