

AAC Meeting December 11-12, 2010

Nomination Committee Update

Paralympics Task Force Update

- Overall – is to improve the competition of the Paralympics team.
- Team USA overall ranking and medals at Paralympics Games last 22 years have been dropping significantly, going from 1<sup>st</sup> in medal count to below top 3 in 2008 and 2010.
- USOC agreed to continue promoting Paralympics Brand
- Other topics of Focus
  - Ways to improve our role in NPC
  - NGB Focus Groups
    - Relationships, challenges, how to improve, models of success with integrated programs
  - Increase Paralympics representation at the highest levels of our NPC – the USOC BoD
- Recommendations
  - Need better communication between USOC and AAC, esp. AAC Paralympics reps, regarding Paralympics.
  - AAC Task Force/Committee should conduct an annual review of Paralympics within USOC and Paralympics within AAC
  - USOC BoD is creating a Paralympics Advisory Committee which will report to the BoD
  - Recommend to nominate 2 current AAC athletes, 1 Paralympian and 1 Olympian, to this committee

Round Table Discussion

- Issues to bring up to the IOC
  - Safe venues
    - Discussion about the 2 deaths recently, one about the swimmer who died in the open water swim, who did mention that he felt the weather was too hot and not safe for the swim
  - Development
    - Important to introduce and engage the youth about other sports other than basketball, football and baseball. There are many other sports in the Olympics that may not be as popular in the US and it's important to be able to teach and share new sports with the younger athletes.
  - Paralympics
    - Think about how to integrate it into the Youth Olympic Games
  - Doping
    - Supplement and TUEs
  - Gambling
    - How do we ensure that referees and judges are not being bought?
- Olympism
  - Outreach program
  - Need to help discuss the issue of nutrition and the increase of obesity with children today

- How can we spread Olympism through the media, maybe we can talk to NBC and negotiate a contract

#### International Games Update

- The Pan Am Games and Olympics Games are coming up.
  - Pan Am Games
    - Safety is very important. Mexico is having a lot of problems with the drug cartels right now so security is the number one important issue.
    - The venues and athlete's village is not all done yet, they are quite behind but we are confident that everything should all be done on time.
    - Sponsor is Nike
    - Having the Pan Am Game in Guadalajara, Mexico is an advantage to us because it's close so our athletes will not have to adjust to any big time change.
    - Team Processing will be in Houston.

#### Mentorship Program Update

#### USADA Update

- On January 1, 2011 USADA will change to a 2-pool system
  - International Testing Pool (a smaller pool) – all international federation registered testing pool athletes
    - All whereabouts rules apply, including a 60-minute time slots
    - Phone call made to athlete in last 5 minute of 60-minutes time slot
    - The phone call is for confirming availability of athlete, not to locate an athlete for testing
  - National Testing Pool – athletes meeting NGB, USOC, and/or USADA criteria
    - All whereabouts rules apply, except athletes do not have to provide a 60-minute time slot
    - Phone call made to athlete after a reasonable attempt is made
    - Athlete has 1 hour from time of the phone call to be available for testing

#### Group Discussion – Relay medals

- The issue regarding the 2 relay teams that had one athlete caught for doping, do the athletes who completed clean have the right to keep the medals?

#### ASC Selection Committee Update

#### Ombudsman Update

- CAS
  - President – John Coates
  - Vice President - Mike Lenard
- WADA
  - Unintentional vs. Intentional doping
  - Length of sanction
  - No de novo appeals (you only get one appeal and one appeal only)
  - IOC – 6 month “memo”
- IOC
  - Revenue Share
    - TOP 20%
    - Broadcasting 12.75%

#### Compliance Task Force Update

- Ed Williams and Micki King arranged a meeting with Scott Blackmun at the Olympic Assembly to talk about NGB compliance
- Opportunity for the AAC to step in and help athletes
- Recommendation
  - Create joint AAC/NGBC Taskforce
    - Will allow us to work collaboratively with the NGBs, not against them
    - Identify most important compliance issues
    - Carefully define best practices
      - HPP athlete representation?
      - AAC representative on NGB board?
    - Establish and enable a mechanism for enforcement of compliance
- How to Enforce Compliance?
  - USOC can use the withholding of funds and the decertification of the NGB
    - Both of these hurt athletes
  - Create a new Membership Committee
    - Formed of representatives from AAC and NGBC
    - Peer pressure the enforcement mechanism

#### Athlete Presentation

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#### Athlete Survey

- AAC Athlete Survey Insights
- Olympic Networking Program
  - Over 50% of athletes feel as if it would be very valuable to have a program for current athletes and Olympic Alumni mentors that could provide professional mentorship.
- Anti-Doping Clean Supplement
  - Almost 60% of athletes feel it is important for the AAC to work with relevant groups to develop set of approved clean supplements and vitamins.

#### COO Update (Norm Bellingham)

- How do you determine how much resource each sport gets cut?
- How can you be supporting athletes when you're cutting slots out of the training center, you're not giving the athletes a fair chance to train leading up to the Pan Am Games and the Olympic Games.
- A lot of sports have lost their residential programs.
  - Maybe we can find ways to research, which sports really do need the residential programs and how much they utilize it to determine which sports should stay.

#### Athlete Support Update