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‘A truly South African family sport.’

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Dear Biathlon family

We have concluded a very first in SA Biathlon – electronic voting. The concept proved to be very effective with 35 (95%) of the potential 37 ballots casted.

As communicated via sms / WhatsApp to the provincial chairpersons and executive members, the voting result was as follows:

YES (agree)	NO (does not agree)	Abstain
19 (54%)	14 (40%)	2 (6%)

The motion is thus carried.

The proposal was: *‘That the SA Biathlon Technical Rules regarding points allocation for running, swimming and bonus points for the different age groups are adapted as indicated in the attached document.’*

The changes were communicated to provinces on 3 August 2016 (newsletter 1 of 2016/17) and on 8 September 2016 (Newsletter 2/2016/17).

The new times will thus be as follows (time needed for 1000 points – also attached):

AGE GROUP	RUNNING		SWIMMING		Bonus Points	Points difference
Girls/Ladies	Distance	Time	Distance	Time		
u/08	400	1 min 45	25	0 min 22		Not SA Championship event
u/09	800	3 min 43 (3 min 20)	50	0 min 53 (0 min 36)		New Points
u/11	800	3 min 16 (3 min 20)	50	0 min 46 (0 min 36)		New Points
u/13	1000	3 min 51 (4 min 00)	100	1 min 28 (1 min 20)		35 points more
u/15	1000	3 min 44 (4 min 00)	100	1 min 25 (1 min 20)		30 points less
u/17	1000	3 min 44 (3 min 45)	100	1 min 25 (1 min 20)		45 points more
u/19	1000	3 min 45	100	1 min 26 (1 min 20)		60 points more
Seniors	1000	3 min 45 (3 min 30)	100	1 min 29 (1 min 20)		165 points more
Jnr Vets (27 - 39)	1000	3 min 44 (3 min 45)	100	1 min 30	8 per year	New Points
Veterans (40 - 49)	1000	3 min 46 (4 min 00)	100	1 min 32 (1 min 36)	15 per year	110 points less
Snr Vets (50 - 59)	1000	4 min 08 (4 min 15)	100	1 min 40 (1 min 45)	15 per year	85 points less
Masters (60+)	800	3 min 56 (3 min 40)	50	0 min 52 (0 min 50)	15 per year	100 points more
AGE GROUP	RUNNING		SWIMMING			
Boys/Men	Distance	Time	Distance	Time		
u/08	400	1 min 40	25	0 min 22		Not SA Championship event
u/09	800	3 min 29 (3 min 10)	50	0 min 52 (0 min 35)		New Points
u/11	800	3 min 10	50	0 min 46 (0 min 35)		New Points
u/13	1200	4 min 21 (4 min 34)	100	1 min 26 (1 min 20)		5 points less
u/15	1500	5 min 10 (5 min 12)	100	1 min 22 (1 min 16)		50 points more
u/17	2000	6 min 31 (7 min 00)	100	1 min 21 (1 min 14)		75 points less
u/19	2000	6 min 30 (6 min 45)	100	1 min 22 (1 min 10)		60 points more
Seniors	2000	6 min 25 (6 min 30)	100	1 min 21 (1 min 10)		85 points more
Jnr Vets (27 - 39)	1000	3 min 17 (3 min 00)	100	1 min 19 (1 min 14)	8 per year	New Points
Veterans (40 - 49)	1000	3 min 24 (3 min 19)	100	1 min 22 (1 min 24)	15 per year	5 points more
Snr Vets (50 - 59)	1000	3 min 41 (3 min 32)	100	1 min 32 (1 min 31)	15 per year	55 points more
Masters (60+)	800	3 min 07 (3 min 20)	50	0 min 49 (0 min 45)	15 per year	25 points less

Die rekords vir alle ouderdomme word met die punteverskil aangepas soos op berekenings wat deurgegee is. Die rekord word dus verwerk en bly nog agter die naam van die bestaande rekordhouer. Die enigste uitsonderings is die o/9 (Provinsiale en Inter-Provinsiale rekords), onder 11's en Junior Veterane wat gezero moet word omdat die kriteria heeltemal verander en dit nie net met een of ander formule reggestel kan word nie. Die drie ouderdomsgroepe moet dus gezero word. Die ou rekords vir die drie ouderdomsgroepe sal dus bly staan soos vir die ou onder 15 rekord.

To effect the changes on the Biathlon programme for the 2016/2017 season, the following will apply:

Change the REGISTRATION > age date 2016/08/31 > recalculate all ages (under 8's will change back to under 9 and must be change back manually)

To add under 8s if not already on your computer:

Go to GROUPS > any age group details then NEW RECORD add the boys and then NEW RECORD and add the girls. Populate both these groups as per the screen shots for under 8's. If an athlete's age is 7 or less you must change their age group manually to under 8. The program will always add them as under 9s, and must be manually changed to under 8 as they are allowed to enter as under 9s also.

To change the details for the other GROUPS:

Go to any each age group and change the fields as per the screenshots. The SA Records are the revised records. The Provincial records are the WP records and each province must adjust their records as indicated on the screenshots.

Please note that depending on what version of the program you use the time might change in the group details from e.g. 5 to 5,17 – this will not influence the results as the program use the run seconds for its calculations.

The latest version is 3.0.2

I attach a document (in Word and PDF format) with screen shots to explain the changes to be made on the programme. Just note that you need to enter your own province's records. Also attached, please find the revised points table.

If you have any problem, feel free to contact me or our Executive Committee member for technical rules, Johan van de Venter, on 083 268 2363 or vdventer@mweb.co.za for help. If you need a copy of the electronic programme, you may contact Johan Ferreira on 073 032 5252 or johan@wpbiathlon.co.za and he will send it to you.

Note that we are busy developing a new programme as the current programme is not that 'friendly' any longer and a more user-friendly version need to be created. More information will be supplied in due course. Johan Ferreira also developed an Excel sheet with a manual points system – attached.

I accept the fact that it is difficult to implement all the changes immediately. We will thus need to use a phased approach. If provinces cannot change their programme, you can continue with your existing programme. However, the new points system will be used at the SA Championships. The selection per age group will not differ much and provinces can select ten additional athletes, which mean that in cases where the points difference (especially for the fifth and sixth athlete) differs slightly, the additional athlete can be given the benefit of the doubt. Where provinces implement the schools competition, the new points system will give a more equal comparison and result but as we only start with the schools competition this year, the points will not make such a big difference. Please take a look again at the two letter attached to the previous newsletter.

Biathlon friends, it was a tough time to organize the ballot and I know that there are varying viewpoints about the points. We honestly believe that it will give a better and more comparative and fair distribution of points and totals during competitions and championships. Please help us to continue to market our sport to more athletes and to get ready for the SA Championships in Paarl next year. I have received very promising information about the increase in participation numbers in Griekwas and Western Province will be holding their third league meeting on 1 October. You should all be ready for the new season. The official season kicks off with the first Interprovincial hosted by Southern Free State on 1 October 2016 in Bloemfontein followed by the Interprovincials in Port Elizabeth and Pretoria on 22 October. Good luck to the organisers and the participating teams. Please support our Interprovincial competitions!

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PRESIDENT, 26 September 2016

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