The Coaches Commission met at 0800 - 1100 UTC on 22 October 2020 electronically via Bluejeans.

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 The Commission received an update from the Chair which included a request for future meetings to be open to observers.

2. Minutes

2.1 The Commission noted the minutes of the meetings of 28 October 2019 and web-meeting of 6 June 2020 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

2.2 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Update from the Board

3.1 The Commission noted the Board minutes from their meetings since last Coaches Commission meeting.

3.2 The Commission received an update from the Director of Events, on behalf of the Board.

The main updates related to cancellation of World Cup regattas, Offshore Worlds, Youth World Championships, Continental Qualification regattas and the postponement of the 2022 Sailing World Championships to 2023.

The new World Sailing CEO, David Graham briefly introduced himself and thanked the Commission for their valued and ongoing work.
4. Safety

4.1 The Commission received an update on work of the WS Safety Panel and reviewed a summary of accidents that were reported from 2019-20. It was observed the majority of accidents occurred during training, rather than competition and many involved foiling equipment.

4.2 The Commission discussed safety concerns at major events, including the role of support boats and support personnel. The following points were agreed:

- There must be less dependence on coaches to provide safety cover and a greater need for regatta organisers to provide comprehensive safety plans and professional medical support both on and off the water.
- Medical and safety cover at regattas should be adapted and increased in-line with the popularity of foiling disciplines. Specialist foiling safety rules must be introduced as should mandatory safety training and qualifications for Coaches.

5. Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

5.1 The Commission received an update from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager on the preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, in addition to a committee paper circulated prior to the meeting.

The main points of discussion included the remaining Olympic qualification events to be re-scheduled in Europe, Asia and Africa. COVID-19 counter-measures are anticipated but are yet to be announced by Tokyo 2020. There are however, no major changes expected to the schedule or competition and no planned reductions of Athletes, Support Teams and Officials.

5.2 The WS Medical Commission prepared a report regarding Medical and Safety plans for Tokyo 2020 following the Test Event and World Cup held in Enoshima in 2019. The Commission is working closely with the IOC and Tokyo Sport Teams with regard to mitigating High Temperature and Humidity during the Games period. As a result, measures are being taken to introduce longer resting periods and increased fluid and ice suppliers on the FOP.

6. Paris 2024 Olympic Games

6.1 The Commission received a report on the Paris 2024 Olympic Games from the Director of Events and Olympic Manager. The Olympic Events and quotas will be announced by the IOC in December 2020, which may have an impact on scheduling for some Events and the Paris 2024 Sailing Staff have not yet been appointed.

6.2 Received a report on the 2020 iQFoil events format from the SUI Sailing Team Director. The racing proved to be great for spectators but concerns were raised around Format, Safety and the ability for the Race Committee and Jury to respond to quickly, especially with back to back slalom heats.

6.3 A paper written by the Events Committee Format WP, concerning the proposed formats for Paris 2024 was reviewed by the Commission. The Commission discussed the need for a representative from Athletes, Medical and Coaches Commissions to all work with the Format WP.

Recommendation: It was proposed and accepted that Tom Reulein would assume the role as Coaches Representative to follow the development of the iQFoil.

6.4 The Commission discussed weather data for the Paris 2024 venue and request that in the interest of fairness, only the Paris 2024 Organising Committee are approved to lay a weather buoy/s as soon as possible and publish reliable weather data to be made available to all MNAs and teams.
**Recommendation**: The Coaches Commission recommended that a meeting be held with Coaches and Team Leaders to gain a wider understanding of exactly what data is required of a centrally managed weather mark.

7. 2021-2028 Event Strategy

7.1 The Commission received an update on the implementation of the 2021-2028 Event Strategy, including the World Cup. It was noted that without the World Cup Series, there is a requirement for a single set of Regulations and Policies to be adopted for all major Olympic class regattas.

7.2 The Commission reviewed and calendar for 2021-2024 and discussed progress on the new ranking system. It is anticipated that Olympic class rankings will resume from March 2021 and the publication of the new rankings system is postponed until 2022/23.

7.3 The Commission received an update on the Hague Sailing World Championships following the postponement to 2023. Planning meetings will resume from December after the IOC have finalised the Events for Paris 2024.

**Action**: A representative from the Commission will work with the Organising Committee and the Commission will select its representative ahead of the meeting in December.

8. Youth Events

8.1 The Commission discussed the postponement of the July 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships and noted the many bids received for a December 2021 regatta which is well received.

**Recommendation**: The Coaches Commission recommended that a meeting be held with Coaches and Team Leaders to gain a wider understanding of exactly what data is required of a centrally managed weather mark. It was agreed that a recommendation to the Events Committee from this Commission, would be to allow one additional year of eligibility to competitors who would have missed out otherwise due to the age limit of 19 years.

8.2 The Commission received a report on the Youth Olympic Games from the Olympic Manager.

9. Policies at World Sailing Events and Olympic Games

9.1 The Commission agreed that there was no requirement to review any policy documents at this time. It was strongly agreed that all Competition Policies in place for the Games, for example Support Team Regulations, be adopted for all future Olympic Class Championships.

10. Coach Registration and coach entry to events

10.1 The Commission received an update from the World Sailing Executive on plans to introduce a Coach Registration system. It was noted that no progress had been made in this area for a number of reasons. The Commission have discussed this project for several years now and therefore stress the need for investment and development of the WS digital platform to support the work which is vitally important for the safety of Sailors and also of Coaches in terms of liability and professionalism.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 **Recommendation**: The Commission agreed to add the term ‘Team Leaders’ to the Commission title to accurately reflect the work and input of the Commission.
There being no further business, the meeting was closed.