

## Going forward: TOs' conduct webinar – DTU case study

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# Current situation

## Overall view

- National lockdown with no amateur sports allowed until beginning of March
- Very homogenic situation in Germany regarding infection numbers and regulations
  - Different regulations per state
  - Health authorities are operating on a very regional level
- With last decisions of releasing parts of the lockdown, sports is allowed again under certain circumstances
  - Indoor: only two people in one room (e.g. the whole gym)
  - Outdoor: 10 adults or 20 people up to age 14 without contact
- Currently again rising numbers and discussion about lockdown

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### Triathlon view

- Last year only 10% of events
- This year on 50% in calendar, some already postponed or cancelled; lots of LOCs are watching the situation to decide
- Challenges:
  - Very homogenic decisions about events and COVID rules per health authority
  - Impossible to have early talks about events as authorities are busy with the pandemic
  - Basically only last minute calls on go or no-go decision
  - More costs due to COVID regulations and less income due to less or no spectators
  - Kids and junior races are cancelled first as they take time and cost money
- No TO courses as usually done with personal attendance and no or only few opportunities for assignments

# Learnings from last year

## General

- Concepts cannot be copied from one event to the other due to heterogenic situation in health system
- Need of concepts of sports administration and national federation
  - One general concept by DOSB which is officially approved and covers sports in general
  - One concept of DTU for triathlon specific measures
  - One concept per event to cover event specific topics
- Athletes want to race, but also clear cancellation policies
- Athletes are solidaric to LOCs
- Interesting formats were presented to keep the sport running
- Events were more "back to the roots"

## Learnings from last year

### Technical Officials

- TOs were assigned rather by region than levels
  - Less travel
  - Some hidden talents discovered
- Medical measures, COVID measures, event location etc. need to be re-designed according to regulations
  - TD cannot be responsible for ensuring that measures are taken
  - Close cooperation between authorities, LOC and NF/TD in terms of COVID measures
- Reduced number of TOs due to less starters and a low staff count due to maximum number of persons allowed
- Evaluation of TO positions in terms of contact with others (registration, check-in)
- Flexibility on protest times (in Germany 30 minutes after final results are out) – possibility to file protest afterwards

## Changes

- More short meetings online rather than just one big meeting a year personally
- More intense communication with all stakeholders
- Cancellation policies will be more in focus in future