



Press release

Sport – Duathlon

CANCELLATION OF THE POWERMAN DUATHLON TRAMELAN

The members of the Association Sportive Triathlon Tramelan (ASTT) met for the annual General Assembly on the 19th of November. They were asked to give their opinion on the future of the Powerman Duathlon Tramelan, World Series. The assembly decided not to organise the 2020 edition due to a lack of means to guarantee the sustainability of the event and to respect the standards.

The agenda of the association 2019 general meeting proposed two particular items: determine the future of the Powerman Duathlon Tramelan and give a preliminary opinion on the content of the 2020 event.

The members of the ASTT heard the technical and financial reports of the 2019 edition of the Powerman Duathlon and the Triathlon of Tramelan, as well as the consideration of the committee who pointed four essential conditions to continue organising a duathlon international competition in Tramelan: the financial equilibrium of the event after the deficits of the 2018 and 2019 editions, the guarantee of a clarification for the collaboration between the International Powerman Association (IPA) and Powerman Switzerland (PMS) and of the support that these two bodies owe to the Powerman organisers, the assurance to be able to rely on an enhanced support from the partners outside the ASTT, the assurance of the steering committee's commitment and of the minimum number of volunteers necessary to organise such an event.

The assembly found that these conditions have not been met for 2020. Furthermore, the members also underlined the number of athletes taking part in the Powerman Duathlon Tramelan in 2018 and 2019 that considerably below the expectations, as well as the regional public's slack of interest for duathlon and for the annual event.

The committee provided all the necessary information and among others, the financial consequences linked to a breach of the contract signed on the 15th of August 2017 between PMS and the ASTT. Eventually, the present members unanimously agreed to a resolution moving towards the renunciation to organise the 2020 edition of the Powerman Duathlon Tramelan (see in box below).

The members asked the committee to make the decision known without delay through appropriate channels to the members of the association and of the steering committee, to the affected bodies, to the athletes and to the partners of the event.

The assembly then also gave a preliminary opinion about the sports content of the 2020 event.



In order to avoid the dissolution of the association in a foreseeable future and the permanent abandonment of the sports event the ASTT has organised for 29 years, its members unanimously decided during the general meeting on the 19th of November 2019:

- not to hold the 3rd edition of the Powerman Duathlon Tramelan in 2020 and to cease the collaboration with the IPA and PMS beyond the year 2020
- to propose to the association to restrict the 2020 event programme to the organisation of the regional triathlon, as well as youth and popular competitions
- to respect the conditions of this contact breach, as defined by all parties on the 6th of September 2019 in Zofingen.

The ASTT and especially the initiators of the PMT:

- are aware that the chosen option is damaging for the association's image, for the promotion of the region, for the duathlon development and for the duathletes who enjoyed discovering Tramelan and a new round of the Powerman Duathlon World Series
- regret this final decision, though inevitable to guarantee the ASTT survival, which was reasoned on the basis of organisational, financial, logistical and human criteria
- thank every person, institutions, bodies and partners for their collaboration, their support and their contribution in 2018 and 2019, and, despite the extraordinary situation, they strongly desire the renewal of these expressions of support for the next editions of the resized sports event.

Association Sportive Triathlon Tramelan, on the 21st of November 2019