

<i>SUBJECT:</i>	World Games Birmingham Site Visit	<i>AGENDA #</i>	9.1 (part 2)
<i>AUTHOR:</i>	Marylou Laughlin, WG Liaison / Meet Director		
<i>DATE:</i>	March 3, 2022	<i>PAGES:</i>	2

World Games Birmingham Site Visit  
March 3, 2022

Arrive Birmingham airport 8:40am and depart 5:40pm.

Ian Bobo and Marylou Laughlin on ste and Albert Bechtold, Greg Windmiller and Jasper added input via phone video.

Steve Mistrot and the BOC team were extremely supportive for our entire time in Birmingham.

I believe even with the suggested modifications the proposed site will be extremely challenging but will be acceptable with some safety items and changes put in place.

**Observations:**

- 1) The venue is surrounded by trees.
- 2) The “channel” between the trees at the beginning of the course, on the right side, is 50 meters wide.
- 3) The trees at the beginning of the course, on either side of the “channel, are 19 m high.

**Proposed modifications:**

- 1) Rotate the entry of the pond toward the opening of the “channel”. To accomplish this, lock the back-left corner of the distance course and rotate the front left corner of the pond to the center line of the course.
- 2) Move the beginning of the pond back 70m away from the trees.
  - a) The entry gate of the Distance course will now be 90m from the trees at the entrance of the course.
  - b) The distance from G1 to the tree line at the back of the course will now be 191m.

Craig believes that 1 and 2 will be possible. He is evaluating them and will produce a new drawing.

- 3) Have all spectators enter from lower parking lot and walk up through path in the woods.
- 4) Handicapped individuals will be shuttled up and allowed to enter through the “channel” only when the helicopter is on the ground. The helicopter will be cleared to take off when the shuttle has returned to the lower parking lot.
- 5) The stands for competitors will be on the right side of the pond, that is the side that they will enter the venue eliminating the crossing of the course.
- 6) Move the helicopter to the top of the hill on the left. (former location for the Drones)
  - 1) Eliminating the rental for the other lot
  - 2) Competitors can walk up the hill to load

Nicole is reworking the diagram of the site to include items 1-6.

- 7) Level the ruts on the back of the distance course and fill the gravel walkway and plant grass over it all.
- 8) Have 2 weather balloons to observe winds above the tree line.
- 9) Extreme limitations will need to be watched for 270° of the venue starting at 3mps
- 10) Send 4 “wind seekers” in the helicopter to evaluate the winds before sending competitors.

\*Added spectator value, having canopies in the air

<i>SUBJECT:</i>	World Games Birmingham Site Visit	<i>AGENDA #</i>	9.1 (part 2)
<i>AUTHOR:</i>	Marylou Laughlin, WG Liaison / Meet Director		
<i>DATE:</i>	March 3, 2022	<i>PAGES:</i>	2

11) 2 or 3 additional days for competitors to be able to practice and be familiarized with the site.

- 1) This will increase the safety of the event.
- 2) Before the event starts observing individual competitors' ability to negotiate the venue
- 3) Can be used for media

12) Even with the proposed changes the venue will still be extremely challenging. After speaking with Greg, Ian, Albert, Curt & Jeannie there is a safety concern with 2 of the proposed competitors; Jonas Kristensen and Ivan Semenyaka. The unanimous recommendation is that they do not receive invitations. They believe that their skill level and experience is not up to what is required for this venue.

13) A letter should accompany the official invitations explaining the difficulty of the venue and the diagram of the site should also be included.

- 1) Highly restrictive
- 2) Know there is a potential to fly through a narrow 50m "channel" through trees
- 3) High profile DEMO environment
- 4) High pro level experience
- 5) Willingness to rollout in a close proximity to trees
- 6) Accept the challenging situations they will face and be professional at all times.

I am pleased to report that everyone worked together to find the solutions listed above to be able to come to a "Yes" to go forward with the CP World Games in Birmingham.

Thank you to Ian, Greg, Albert, Jasper, Steve, Craig, Nicole and the rest of the Birmingham team.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marylou Laughlin