

Dear Dale,

I am quite familiar with this proposal from PASO/ODEPA as I was the person in charge of the Synchro in the Pan American Sport Festival in Mexico 2014.

The proposed competition is similar to the one held in 2014. It follows the program in preparation to the UANA Pan American Games. 80 athletes, 8 teams and 12 duets. We were supposed to have a Senior competition but with the modifications of dates made by FINA we had to change to a Junior competition. We accomplished what was expected and federations were surprise of the quality of junior swimmers with great potential in the Americas came from this competition.

The pool specifications and the required equipment, like under water speakers and modern sound system meets our needs. Also the use of an extra pool for training/warm up.

The 2 days of competition and a day off after the first day is fine. The commission, the Referee and the Chief Scorer should arrive 2 day prior to the start of the competition. It is very important that we get together with the O.C. That way we can avoid some of the last minutes problems that can occur.

Officials: We will need a minimum of 15 judges. The TSSC 12 members are required to attend to add to the officials that have to be supplied by the OC. They all will have a job to do.

This is a very important competition as well as a great opportunity to bring synchro federations together. With the funding we had some countries enter that we do not regularly see.-

It is very important for the participation of synchro swimmers in an event like this. There is a great potential of athletes, judges and coaches but they need more competition at this level.

We are all in favor of the PASO/ODEPA proposed competition. This competition is very much needed in the Americas.

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