

**Pan American Festival
Mexico City
September 27-30, 2014
DELEGATES REPORT**

A. PARTICIPANTS

A.1 13 Federations with divers took part in this Pan Am Festival event. 67 divers, 31 women and 36 men participated in 8 events.

B. OFFICIALS

B.1 Referees and Judges

- Total of 14 judges from 11 federations; all judges were FINA certified.

Referees

- UANA TDC Members: Jim Stillson, Felix Calderon, Cristina Rios, and Ricardo Banuelos served as the referees for the events.

Judges

- 7 judge panels were used for all individual preliminary and final competitions.
- 11 judge panels were used for direct final synchro competitions.

Judges Evaluation

- Submitted to the Convenor of the TDC Judges Sub-Committee for FINA evaluation.
- Manual evaluations completed on all individual events and synchro judges on all synchro events. An initial judges' meeting was held on September 26th following the technical meeting. A separate (de)-briefing was held on each event day. ISS was not available to show video replay which would have been very helpful as the experience of some of the judges was limited.

C. COMPETITION

C.1 Competition Schedule, Competition Format and Results

Day One.	12:00	10m Women Prelims 3m Men Prelims
	20:00	10m Women Final 3m Men Final
Day Two.	12:00	3m Women Prelims 10m Men Prelims
	20:00	3m Women Final 10m Men Finals
Day Three.	13:00	10m Women Synchro
	14:00	3m Men Synchro
Day Four	13:00	3m Women Synchro
	14:00	10m Men Synchro

Competition Results – All events submitted daily to the UANA website

D. ACCOMMODATION

D.1 Category of Hotel for Officials and Teams

- The teams were housed at a Military Sport Institute. As many as 27 divers and team support staff per room.
- Team Canada moved to a Holiday Inn approximately 15 minutes' drive to the pool

UANA TDC and Judges

- The officials' accommodation was at the Holliday Inn Dali. Shared accommodation was arranged in double rooms of good quality.

E. MEALS

E.1 Quality & Quantity

All meals were provided at the hotel and the Military Sport Institute. Boxed dinners were provided on Day 1 and 2 as the competition started late in the evening and the meal service concluded for the teams.

Meal service at the Holiday Inn was available until 12:00 midnight.

F. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

F.1 Airport/Hotel/Airport

Organisers had minivans or car to shuttle people as they arrived. Several of the UANA officials required shuttle provided by the hotel as the organizers missed their flight arrival. Return to airport was well organized.

F.2 Hotel/Venue/Hotel

Hotel was on average a 30 minute drive to the pool. Traffic was a small problem. Team transport was 60 minutes each way.

F.3 Type of Transport for UANA Executive Committee Member and TDC Chairman

A dedicated driver was available for all event days which was most appreciated.

G. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

G.1 Room Rate per person

The organizing committee provided accommodation at no cost

G.2 Meals

No cost to teams

H. DOPING CONTROL

6 Random doping tests were taken on Day1 and 2 finals only.

I. VENUE

I.1 Name

Alberca Olimpica Francisco Marquez. This was the 1968 Olympic Pool

I.2 Capacity

5000 seats.

I.3 Seating For Athletes, Officials, Etc.

Adequate seating for all teams and support staff

I.4 Distance from Hotel

60 minute drive for the teams

I.5 Hot-Tub or Sauna

Available behind the tower complex one day prior to the start of the first event. The divers were cold at this event.

I.6 Equipment

There were three three-metre springboards, four one metre springboards and a full tower complex (I can't remember exactly – correct as required)

Two trampolines and dryboard was set up on the far side of the pool.

1 x main scoreboard on South pool side

1 x dive number board on opposite side of pool

Wireless consoles for judges

I.7 For Synchronised Diving: Distance Between 3m Springboards & Width of 10m Platform

- As per FINA Handbook minimum requirement

I.8 Scoreboard (Number of Lines & Digits)

- Electronic scoreboard, 10 lines, multiple digits

- 1.8 Lighting**
- Adequate

J. MARKETING

J.1 Number of Boards

- Boards lining the deck around the diving boards
- Banners on the platforms

J.2 Names of Sponsors

- CONADE (Sport Mexico)
- Pan American Festival Organizing Committee

K. SPECTATORS

K.1 Number of Spectators by Sessions

Saturday and Sunday – appr. 250 average

Monday and Tuesday – appr.200 average

L. RULES

L.1 Rule Issues

None

N. GENERAL REMARKS ON THE ORGANISATION

- Lifeguards on duty except for the last day first event. Coaches from Canada assisted until the lifeguard staff arrived. Medical staff available on pool deck. Ambulance was also readily available.
- Dryland area available with dry board and trampolines on pool deck.
- Dive Meets provided the electronic scoring equipment. Several problems occurred during the event with the wireless score pads however the meet did work well besides the disruptions.
- Technical Meeting was held at the pool on September 26th in the Media room
- Opening Ceremonies for the swimmers and divers was held on September 27th at 4:00 pm which worked for the swimmers but due to transportation distance and schedule no divers were present.
- Duraflex CEO Doug Bowman hosted a closing dinner for all the UANA committee members and invited judges as well as Juan Colin meet manager and his wife. The restaurant that was chosen was in a unique area of Mexico City and everyone enjoyed the Mexican cuisine.
- This competition was very beneficial for the UANA federations as the results will be used as one of the selection criteria for the upcoming Pan American Games 2015.
- The UANA Executive Committee member, Steve McFarland, and the UANA TDC members require a special thank you for assisting me during this competition. In summary a very well delivered and successful Pan American Festival event.

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