

Dear President Coaracy & UANA Executive Committee Members,

To update each of you who attended the PAG2015 meeting in Rio in April, you will be happy to know that Swimming Canada recently established a local organizing committee to plan and meet the requirements and expectations of UANA at the local level, to successfully present the Swimming competitions for the 2015 Pan American Games. That committee met May 21-22 with senior staff of TO2015 at their downtown Toronto offices.

As the UANA Technical Swimming Committee Chair, I was invited to attend this meeting and contribute to the development of milestones, deadlines, and critical dates, leading up to the PAG in 2015 so Toronto can be the strongest support possible to UANA in its planning of PAG 2015. In attendance at this meeting representing the TO2015 OC were Bob O'Doherty (Senior Vice President Sport & Venues); Denis Hainault (Vice President Sports); Rebecca Watts (Sports Manager); and Heidi Calder (Venue Representative).

Attached you will find a summary of the established critical dates and milestones that we drew up at the meeting and will be following in preparation for the presentation of the Swimming discipline at PAG 2015, including test event timelines, sport quota deadlines, venue planning, schedules, volunteer participation milestones, etc.

I do hope this information will assist you, President Coaracy, and your UANA Executive in your planning and preparations for Pan American Games 2015 in Toronto, Canada.

Best Regards,
Bill Hogan
UANA TSC Chair

REFER TO ATTACHMENT THAT ACCOMPANIES TODAY'S COMMUNICATION

Report on Toronto SOC Meeting (May 22, 2013)

On Tuesday afternoon May 21, I met with Bob O'Doherty (VP – Sport & Venues) at his invitation for discussions on the pool swimming components of PAG 2015. We discussed the placement of swimming dates which are now slated for July 14-18. He gave the rationale for the change from the original dates of July 11-16 which were due to the fact that both Diving and Synchro are scheduled for the first week in Kazan (July 19), and therefore need to be finished before swimming starts. I concurred with that reasoning. So Synchro will be scheduled from July 9-11 in Toronto, and Diving from July 10-13. Swimming will then start on July 14, 2015.

Bob O'Doherty did mention to me that he had reason to believe in his communications with FINA President Julio Maglione that the matter of starting dates for both events in Toronto and Kazan would be addressed in Barcelona this summer, with a possibility of increasing the separation of these events by some 5-7 days to alleviate the issue of date conflicts. However, for now, we have to make our plans based on the dates we have, those being July 14-18. He also asked me to send him electronically both the 5-day event format and 6-day that I have in my files.

Because the 800/1500m distance events in our program may possibly be affected in terms of athlete participation because of the Open Water schedule, depending on their placement in our event order, as well as the needed time gap between the finish of the OW event at the PAG and the beginning of the OW schedule in Kazan, we discussed those issues as well. The Open Water event at the PAG is scheduled for July 11, and then they begin their OW schedule in Kazan on July 19, the day of the Opening Ceremonies. It was agreed that this was not sufficient recovery time for athletes between these events, and could very easily affect participation of Open Water athletes and distance events swimmers from the Americas in PAG 2015.

Then on Wednesday, May 22, the Swimming Canada Sport Organizing Committee (SOC) that was appointed as the liaison with the PAG 2015 Organizing Committee met all day at their TO2015 offices. (Denis Hainault VP - Sports also addressed our meeting). This committee is responsible for the organization of Canadian participation in the Swimming events, Open Water events, and Para swimming at the Games. The agenda topics included an update from me as the UANA Swimming Technical Delegate to the PAG 2015. Some time was also spent on scheduling milestones for this committee in terms of Test Event planning, selection of the swimming competition coordinator for the test event, the Para Pan-Am Trials, and the scheduling of the Swimming Trials themselves for both the Pan Am Games and the Kazan FINA World Championships. We were also presented with overlay diagrams and reports of the Aquatic Center PAG facility, which will be the swimming venue located at the University of Toronto campus in Scarborough, Ontario.

Following those Toronto meetings, I sent my draft of the PAG 2015 Swimming Technical Manual to UANA President Coaracy Nunes Filho, UANA Past-President Eldon Godfrey, UANA Secretary-Treasurer Fernando Canales, the UANA Technical Swimming Committee Members, FINA Vice-President and Bureau Member Dale Neuburger, and Margo Mountjoy (UANA International Relations Officer). UANA President Coaracy and Eldon Godfrey will be including

this document in their submissions to key leaders at PASO/ODEPA and the Toronto 2015 Organizing Committee.

Further organizational meetings for the Toronto Sport Organizing Committee will take place beginning in October this year with a meeting for Technical Delegates.

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