

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE

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During this quadrennial the committee it has been primarily involved in three primary activities.

Ongoing throughout has been a consideration of hosting the first UANA Junior Swimming Championships. This has long been identified as important for UANA to establish a championship in the swimming discipline. All other disciplines within UANA have active Championships. Several attempts to get an event undertaken have been challenged by a very crowded swimming calendar. All of the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships have been hosted in the Americas plus the commitment of Zones 3 & 4 to Junior Pan Pacific events have lead to those countries indicating they would not likely participate in another Junior event being a UANA Junior Championships squeezed into the calendar. Thus the entire viability of hosting such has been in question if we do not have 2 of the continents major swimming nations participate.

The Executive Committee in considering potential sponsorship opportunities for UANA have deemed that UANA must provide a UANA swimming event and have so committed that the UANA Technical Swimming Committee shall organize the first UANA Junior Swimming Championship event regardless of the support of all zones. The full TSC committee will meet immediately prior to the Pan American Games and will make preparations for the event to be held in the summer of 2012 or early in the new year of 2013.

During the quadrennial the committee established the first UANA Technical Officials listing of Referees and Starters. 54 Referees and 27 Starters were approved to the first UANA Officials listing. List # 1 is effective from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2014.

Nominations have been requested for the UANA Officials listing #2 which will be effective from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016.

Much of the committees work centered around establishing the program and qualification system for the 2011 Pan American Games. Initially the swimming program was scheduled to be an 8 day Olympic program. Then in order to accommodate potential distance swimmers who might also be representing their country in the Open Water event at Puerto Vallarta the order of events was amended to move the

800/1500 freestyle events to the middle of the week. Subsequent to that the local organizing committee came back with a request to reduce the swimming program to a 7 day event to accommodate the Open Water swimming to be held on October 22, which was to have been the final day of swimming. The program was again amended to accommodate the unique needs of our Guadalajara host organization.

Additionally the very difficult task of finalizing the time standards to produce 256 swimmers was undertaken. The committee ended up using the 12 place finish at the Rio 2007 Games less 1%. Because this standard is very difficult and we lack any kind of a reliable deep data base of swimming performances from the Americas to effectively base the time standards on we introduced an easier provisional qualifying time standard from which the hope will be we are able to draw swimmers forward for the competition should the A & B standards produce entries numbers less than 256.

As this will be my last UANA event I personally would like to thank all the leaders and volunteers from all over the Americas that I have had the pleasure over the past 20 years of work on UANA Committees.

Respectfully Submitted

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