

2nd UANA Swimming Cup

February 20-23, 2020

Videna Aquatic Center

Lima, Peru

The second meeting of the UANA Swimming Cup was held at the Videna Aquatic Center in Lima, Peru

Technical Specifications of the Competition

1. Three Day Program, Timed Final, Age Group (11-12, 13,14, 15-17).
2. 216 Female and 222 Male swimmers representing 25 National Federations were registered.
3. 438 athletes swam 2,047 events.
4. 17 Federations entered 167 relays.
5. Awards were presented as follows:
 - a. Individual and Relay Events – Medals 1st-3th place
 - b. Individual High Point Award—A high point award was presented to one swimmer in each age group (female & male) based on the number of points scored in their individual events.
 - c. National Federation Point Award—A National Federation high point award was presented to the National Federation winner in each age group (female & male) based on the total number of points scored by adding individual and relay points.
 - d. UANA Swimming Cup Zone Award—The 2020 UANA Swimming Cup Zone Award - This award was determined by adding the scoring of National Federations from each ZONE in individual and relay events. CCCAN vs. CONSANANT was awarded to CONSANANT. USA vs. CAN was not awarded.

General Impressions

Ground Transportation

1. Airport Transfers – Generally acceptable with some reports of 45 minute to 1 hour delay after arrival from customs and immigration for pickup. There were no reported issues for the return trip to the airport.
2. Daily Transfers to the venue and return – Accomplished in clean and comfortable tour busses and mini-busses. Scheduling was convenient, on-time and appropriate.

Accreditation

1. Accreditation of the TSC/ITO/NTO team was efficient and was without any significant issues.

Hotel Accommodations

1. The TSC and ITO's were accommodated at the Sheraton Hotel. The hotel was clean and comfortable.

Food

1. Hotel – Buffet style meals were offered for breakfast and dinner at the hotel. The meals were fresh and of good variety.
2. Venue – There were a variety of snack food available both from venue arrival to departure. Small sandwich offerings were provided at departure. Coffee and assorted beverages were abundant.

Technical Officials

1. The full compliment of the Technical Swimming Committee (12) was present and participated serving as either members of the Commission or as Technical Officials. The Athlete Member was in attendance serving in a mentorship role for the athletes.
2. ITO – Further support for Technical Officials was provided by 16 ITO’s from 8 different NF’s.
3. NTO – PER provided 8 NTO’s for the competition. Their participation was appreciated.

Summary of the Competition

1. Overall, the OC did an excellent job preparing the venue for competition. There were adequate volunteers and staff for support functions. Only following significant issues were noted.
 - a. Event support
 - i. The English-speaking announcer was never confirmed. The UANA Director – Patricio Romalo was recruited to serve in that capacity for the duration of the competition.
 - ii. Communications radios without headsets were available for use. The lack of headsets made communication on the FOP almost impossible.
 - iii. The outside of lanes 0 and 9 were not configured with lane ropes as per FINA FR 3.8. The TSC made the decision to leave that configuration unchanged.
 - b. Event Operations
 - i. At the start of the competition, the OMEGA Timing System hardware was configured incorrectly which caused the first 1.5 hours of the competition to run very slowly. The delays were due to manual verification of times that were caused by the incorrect configuration. Once the configuration issue was resolved, the competition proceeded smoothly.

Disqualification and Jury of Appeal Summary

1. There were 14 individual and one relay disqualification for violations of technical rules.
2. One disqualification was appealed to the Jury of Appeal. The basis of the appeal was the assertion by the NF that the Referee had misapplied FINA SW6.4 during the 200 Individual Medley. The Jury of Appeal unanimously supported the Referees decision that FINA SW9.4 was correctly applied - and denied the Appeal. The US\$100 fee was remitted to the UANA financial manager.

Summary: The Peruvian Federation should be commended for the presentation of such a significant and well-presented event. There were certainly challenges during the entry and registration processes – however the Organizing Committee persevered and those issues were soon forgotten. We feel that the competition presented by Peru was fair and gave the athletes the opportunity to compete at a high-level international competition in a world class venue. The TSC recommends that the Peruvian Federation be supported if they express intentions to bid on future UANA or FINA competitions.

Respectfully Submitted,



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