



17th PAN AMERICAN GAMES

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING IN REVIEW



TO2015 PRE GAMES COMPETITION PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION

Excellent communication, consultation with Technical Delegate, Alternate Technical Delegate by teleconference, email and occasional phone calls

Alternate Technical Delegate represented the Technical delegate at 1 in person meeting

Both attended the TO2015 meeting and Test Event held in May 2015. The Test Event did not include Presentation, Scoring and Results systems for the Pan Am Games; the spectator seating area was enlarged after our visit.

Synchro Canada hosted the Chief Referee at the Test Event at our request.

GAMES IMPLEMENTATION

Nomination of International Technical Officials

Implemented by the UANA TSSC, call for nominations of judges resulted in 37 nominations from UANA Federations, 17 did not meet our selection criteria , 15 chosen as Pan American Games ITO's, 1 removed due to lack of federation support, alternate judge selected by UANA chair from Europe. 10 A, 3 B and 2 G Judges from 13 Federations served as the judges panels.

1 TSSC member withdrew due to health care demands

Chief Referee appointed by the Commission using the FINA guideline that the Chief Referee should not be from the host federation

Travel

arranged and paid for by TO2015; reservations completed in mid March

Uniforms

Request for sizes distributed by TO2015 on March 11; distributed at the pool

Accreditation



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Minor issues with photos submitted for the accreditation cards, major issues in distribution. While all were eventually received in time, it was a concern especially where the accreditation served as a Visa to enter Canada as well.

Technical Delegate nor the Alternate were not part of a review to confirm the accreditation list; FINA Evaluator was not confirmed resulting in a last minute issuance of accreditation

Entries

A full entry qualified for the Duet and Team events through the various qualifying competitions. The NOC's of 2 Federations (COL and PUR) declined their entry resulting in PER and GUA entering in their place

Technical Delegate asked to confirm Long List and Final Entries (eligibility, nationalities, birthdate); TO2015 informed UANA TSSC does not maintain a database of such information

Digital Music

Notice to submit music distributed by TO2015 June 6, due at noon June 19; all music received on time

ITO Guide

Distributed June 24 by TO2015; ITO briefing sent by TSSC to Judges on May 31

Team Leader Guide

Distributed June 22 by TO2015 to participating Federations

Training Schedule

Distributed on June 22 by TO2015 to participating Federations

GAMES OPERATIONS: Aquatics Sports moved to front of schedule to accommodate schedule of 2015 World Aquatic Championship in Kazan, RUS . Synchro and Water Polo started ahead of the official start of the 17th Pan American Games

Schedule: July 4 Training started



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- July 5 Alternate Technical Delegate and Chief Referee arrived
- July 6 Technical Delegate and remainder of TSSC, UANA Liaison, and Judges arrive; informal briefing held for UANA TSSC members
- July 8 UANA TSSC orientation to facility, TO2015 staff and sport organizing committee members, roles and duties; Team Leader Meeting, Judges Meeting, Broadcast Rehearsal
- July 9 Duet Technical Routine and Team Technical routine events held
- July 10 Opening Ceremonies; abbreviated practice schedule in place due to Diving competition start and Opening Ceremonies
- July 11 Duet Free Routine and Medal Ceremony, Team Free Routine and Medal Ceremony held

Transportation: airport to hotel seemed to be fine; Technical Delegate access to car also good for the 1st few days, then availability kept changing. Bus Transportation problematic- schedules and route confusion, drivers not knowing route. Organization seemed good but drivers did not seem well trained. Hourly schedule from hotel to pool for ITO's meant long waits. Volunteers and staff all very pleasant and helpful just not always well informed. Being a start up event probably worked against us in this instance.

Hotel: shared accommodations, roommates assigned by TSSC, full service hotel, breakfast included. Most of had our dinner here as well due to late return to hotel and distance to other restaurants. Shopping centre not far away but more than some people could/wished to walk.

Lunch: provided at pool; beverages available in the Officials Lounge as well

Per Diem: cheque issued and distributed at the pool; minor errors with spelling, 1 unsigned. With the help of a local judge and a TSSC member, judges were shuttled to a local bank to cash their cheques during the afternoon break between events

Technical Meeting: attended by all federations taking part in the completion, welcome from Aquatics Canada President Lisa Schott. Rebecca Watts, TO2015 Sport Manager and UANA TSSC Chief Referee led most of the meeting using a PowerPoint presentation.



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Team Leaders Meetings: held daily in the morning to share any changes and to remind leaders of key information

Judges Panels: circulated as a confidential document on a need to know basis to the scorers in advance of the competition; Technical panels announced to judges at Judges Meeting then circulated by email. Free Panels sent by email the night before.

Event Management: Duet Technical ran significantly over time; Team Tech ran slightly overtime due to a reswim because of the music system failing. These events were not broadcast live outside the building. Duet Free slightly overtime; Team Free on time. Both were broadcast live. 1st call and last call room supervisors asked to move competitors up sooner, have them enter deck as previous competitor got their scores, competitors asked to swim off quickly – this rarely happened. For the Team Free event, the scores of the 3 panels were not announced just the routine score, the technical routine score and the Championship score – this helped the event to end on time. *concerns about timelines allocated being too short were expressed by the SOC Chairperson and Technical Delegate in previous meetings but were not acted on.

Sharing the space with Diving did not present any problems

Underwater Monitoring: camera was rented to perform this function with a monitor placed on the Commission table. UANA TSSC member assigned to watch for use of bottom.

Results: managed by ATOS; concern over draw and similarity of the 3 draw versions it produced at the Technical Meeting. Scoreboard showed the score of each panel, then the routine score. In the lead up to the events a video was shown that oriented the audience to what the Technical and Free routines were, how they were scored and how the results were formulated. ATOS posted event results to TO2015 website each day; detailed results for the 4 events went up on the website at the conclusion of Synchro competition.

Sport Organizing Committee provided welcome support to the athletes, coaches, the competition, the field of play volunteers and the TSSC; National Technical Officials performed key support roles as well.

Protocol: unexpected expansion of the UANA Commission table to 10 from pre-games planning of 4.

Presentation: medal ceremonies followed very quickly after each Free Routine event. Location of podiums was unusual - not in full sight of all the audience but was presented on the video screen as well.