

UANA TECHNICAL SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

The UANA TSSC has had a productive and busy year. The TSSC Commission has been committed to improving our resources and planning ahead for LIM2019. Our Judges and Coaches sub committees have been active and conducted information meetings during the 2016 UANA Pan Am Junior Synchronized Swimming Championships in San Juan, PR.

As a TSSC we supported the PR Federation who very ably hosted the 2016 UANA Pan Am Competition as mentioned above. IT was wonderful that they were also able to host a coaches clinic following the competition with a session provided on Mixed Duet choreography. Going forward we will be focused on the completion of the Bid Contract for the 2017 Pan Am Competition.

We continue to use the UANA website and our email databases to communicate regularly with our Synchro Federations across the Americas. Our Calendar of Events is updated annually and Synchro Events are promoted as they occur. The website is a very effective communication tool for all Federations within the Americas.

One of our foals is to see more "Open" competitions hosted in the Americas, a goal that has been promoted by our support of the proposed PASO competition.

This past year saw events added to our annual competition. A full program of Senior Events was added as was the Mixed Duet event to a full crowd of spectators eager to see this new form of Synchronized Swimming at a Competition.

As a TSSC we are committed to supporting the growth and strength of our sport within the Americas. Our thanks to the UANA Executive and our UANA Liason Dr. Margo Mountjoy for the support you give us to carry out our work in the Americas.

Respectfully submitted by.

Rose Cody, UANA TSSC Chairperson

A Summary of the work done by the UANA TSSC over the course of 2015/2016 is as follows:

- A new Bid Application package and Host Agreement Manual was provided for all future Federations applying to host our competitions.
- The TSSC submitted a draft of the proposed Technical Manual for LIM2019. This manual will need to be finalized as we move in to a new FINA Quadrennial.
- Proposed that the PASO Youth Games go ahead as this competition is very much needed in the Americas.
- Submitted UANA TSSC proposed budget for 2016-2019.
- Finalization and release of the Summons for the 2016 Pan Am Synchronized Swimming Championships held in San Juan, PR.
- Proposal for LIM2019 to add two events to the Synchronized Swimming portion. Mixed Duet and Free Combination with an additional request for 6 athletes to be added to our quota.
- Management by the entire TSSC of the 2016 Pan Am Synchronized Swimming Championships in San Juan, PR held from September 1-5 2016.
- Finalization of a new Judges Guide for the UANA Federations.
- Finalization of a new Competition Guide for the UANA Federations.
- Creation of an online coaching certification program to be made available to all coaches within our Federations

Reports Included with this Submission

1. Recommendation for PASO Youth Games
2. LIM2019 proposal for Additional Events
3. UANA Judges List for 2016/2017
4. UANA Judge Subcommittee Report
5. UANA Coaches Subcommittee Report
6. UANA Coaching Online Certification Program Proposal

PASO/ODEPA PROPOSAL

The proposed competition is similar to the one held in 2014. It follows the program in preparation to the UANA Panamerican Games. 80 athletes, 8 teams and 12 duets. We were supposed to have a Senior competition but with the modifications of dates made by FINA we had to change to a Junior competition. We accomplished what was expected and federations were surprised of the quality of junior swimmers with great potential in the Americas came from this competition.

The pool specifications and the required equipment, like under water speakers and modern sound system meets our needs. Also the use of an extra pool for training/warm up.

The 2 days of competition and a day off after the first day is fine. The commission, the Referee and the Chief Scorer should arrive 2 day prior to the start of the competition. It is very important that we get together with the O.C. That way we can avoid some of the last minutes problems that can occur.

Officials: We will need a minimum of 15 judges. The TSSC 12 members are required to attend to add to the officials that have to be supplied by the OC. They all will have a job to do.

This is a very important competition as well as a great opportunity to bring synchro federations together. With the funding we had some countries enter that we do not regularly see.-

It is very important for the participation of synchro swimmers in an event like this. There is a great potential of athletes, judges and coaches but they need more competition at this level.

We are all in favor of the PASO/ODEPA proposed competition. This competition is very much needed in the Americas.

Rose Cody

Chair UANA TSSC

Margo Mountjoy
Liaison UANA TSSC

LIM2019 PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS

The 2015 Panam Games in Toronto saw four Synchronized Swimming events unfold before sellout crowds. The increase in attendance and popularity of these events lead to discussion concerning how we can enhance the existing program for the 2019 Panam Games.

Currently, Synchronized Swimming competes in team and duet events only at the games. We propose that we add two further events, Free Combination and Mixed Duet. The Free Combination is an exciting event that highlights all aspects of synchronized swimming and is a broadcast and fan favourite.

At the World Championships in 2015 the Mixed Duet was added with much success. In our sport the inclusion of males is very much a forward thinking essential progression. We believe that the addition of the Mixed Duet to the 2019 Panam Games realizes the Olympic 2020 Agenda supporting mixed gender events. The IOC is emphasizing and encouraging sport organizations to introduce and develop opportunities for gender equity.

The Free Combination can be added in 2019 without an addition of any athletes outside of the existing quotas. In order to add the Mixed Duet we respectfully request an increase of 6 male athletes bringing the total number of Synchronized Swimming competitors to 86.

The complete Synchro event program would therefore consist of:

Free Team Competition	8 teams
Technical Team Competition	8 teams
Free Duet Competition	12 duets
Technical Duet Competition	12 duets
Free Combination	8 teams
Mixed Duet Competition	6 duets

The Mixed Duet event would consist of 6 duets qualifying from the following zones:

Zone 1	2 duets
Zone 2	2 duets
Zone 3	1 duet
Zone 4	1 duet

This is an exciting time for our sport as we look to be proactive and gender inclusive at all levels. With PASO's support we believe the addition of these two crowd drawing events will be a great addition to the 2019 Panam Games.

Respectively,

Margo Mountjoy MD, PhD.
UANA Vice President
Liaison to the TSSC

Rose Cody
Chair
UANA TSSC

UANA JUDGES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Prepared by Betty Hazle, Judges Subcommittee chair

UANA SY Judges List – 2016 & 2017

The 2016 UANA SY Judges List was published 2 times in 2016 – a preliminary draft with full details on Jan 12th and a final version on August 28th. Being new to the position of Judges Subcommittee chair, I took the time to obtain as much information as possible from the Federations in order to provide the most accurate list of Judges. Many Federations cooperated fully, while some did not.

Communication and adhering to deadlines was a struggle in 2016, including understanding the request and required forms. This led to many follow-up emails to which some were never responded to. So, based on the experience in preparing the list for 2016, it was my goal to try to simplify the process and the needed forms.

The 2016 list included the following 20 Federations: ARG (6), ARU (7), BRA (9), CAN (14), CHI (7), COL (10), CRC (6), CUB (6), CUR (6), DOM (8), ESA (8), GUA (3), JAM (7), MEX (6), PAN (1),

PER (6), PUR (7), URU (4), USA (16), VEN (9)

Total Judges: 146

The preliminary draft of the 2017 list is available and will soon be posted to the website. In the preparation of this list, the Federations were much better about adhering to the November 1st deadline and using the new forms that were provided. Again, in order to have the most accurate UANA Database, there are many follow-up emails needed to ensure the information is complete. I do find that it is much easier to obtain the information when working directly with a Synchro person/department in a Federation, as they are quicker to respond and have the requested information readily available.

The preliminary draft list for 2017 will unfortunately not include the following Federations as they have not submitted their forms: **ESA, GUA and PAN**.

If received at a later date, their judges will be added.

With some minor adjustments (additions/ removals), the total number of judges on the 2017 preliminary list, including ones awaiting confirmation, will be **134**, with a breakdown as follows:
A judges - 23 B judges – 12 G judges - 99

Goals:

- To continue to encourage UANA Federations to provide a list of judges for the UANA list.
- To continue to encourage UANA Federations to provide FINA with a list of judges. It has been surprising to find that a few of our SY Federations do not turn in their SY Judges list to FINA.
- To continue to strive to collect as much information so the UANA Database is a valuable tool.
- To remind UANA Federations that all judges will need to attend a FINA school and be retested after the new rules are approved in July 2017.

2

UANA SY Judges Forms

As mentioned previously, the UANA SY Judges list forms were revised this year. Permission was obtained from the FINA SY department to use the FINA forms with modifications. This made the UANA forms more professional looking, and easier to complete due to a fill-in format. This also provided easier to read forms for updating the List and Database.

UANA Judges Manual

The Goal for 2017 will be to finalize updates to the UANA Judges Manual. A first draft was prepared prior to the UANA Championships and distributed to the Judges Subcommittee of Esther Croes (ARU), Jorge Ruz Guerra (CUR) and Lina Zapata (COL). Beginning discussions were held by the subcommittee in San Juan, with a continuation to be done in 2017 via email.

Goals:

- To complete the revisions to the UANA Judges Manual prior to the 2017 UANA Championships.
- To standardize the process followed for promotions, selection of judges, etc.
- To review possible judges for promotion (to be discussed at the 2017 UANA Championship).

UANA Database

In previous years, the Database was maintained by Barbara McNamee. It is my understanding that the program that was used was no longer supported by the manufacturer, so converting the information to a new program that could be transferred to the new Judges Subcommittee Chair was a lengthy, difficult process. Success was finally obtained and the Database was received in early August. It is a FileMaker Pro program now which had to be purchased in order to continue to update and maintain it properly. The Database is a fantastic tool that maintains personal information and evaluation data on each judge. It is continuously updated each year based on the information submitted by the Federations on the Activity Reports as well as evaluations received throughout the year. The information is then used for possible promotions and selection of judges.

My gratitude to Barbara McNamee for her assistance with the Database is beyond words.

2016 UANA Championships - San Juan, Puerto Rico (Sept 1-4, 2016)

We had judges attend from 12 Federations as follows:

ARG – 1 (A judge)
ARU – 2 (G judges)
CAN – 3 (G judges)
COL – 1 (G judge)
CRC – 4 (A, B + 2 G judges)
CUR – 1 (G judge)
DOM–1 (A judge) JAM – 1 (G judge)
PAN – 1 (G judge)
PUR – 3 (B + 2 G judges)
USA – 3 (A + 2 G judges)
VEN – 1 (G judge) 3

On occasion, we also needed to use TSSC members who were FINA/UANA judges to fill in the panels for figures and routines. We used 5 TSSC members which added one A judge, one B judge and three G judges.

Total number of judges used: **27**

FINA provided an evaluator from Russia, Irina Butuzova. The evaluations for all 27 judges have been received and updated in the Database.

2016/2017 UANA JUDGES LIST

FED	Fami	Give	FINA	UAN	Com
ARG	Darigo	Nadia Alejandra	G	G	
ARG	Fernandez	Gabriela	G	G	
ARG	Franchetto	Maria Gabriela	B	B	
ARG	Temperini	Orestes Nazareno	B	A	
ARG	Valesi	Patricia Susana	Non	G	
ARG	Vigilino	Gabriela Marina	A	A	
ARU	Croes	Esther	B	B	
ARU	Croes	Irina	G	G	
ARU	Gacueva	Anna	G	G	FINA rating-awaiting
ARU	Henriquez	Jourrenn	Non	G	
ARU	Leslie-van Doremalen	Stella	A	A	
ARU	Maduro	Amanda	G	G	
ARU	Soekandar	Jennifer	G	G	
ARU	Thuis	Yvette	G	G	
BRA	Bastos Chrispim De Souza	Celma	B	B	
BRA	Batista de Souza	Andreia	Non	G	
BRA	Borges Lopes	Helzir	A	A	
BRA	Dias Da Silva Machado	Juliana	G	G	
BRA	Neves Valladao	Marina	G	G	
BRA	Pereira De Siqueira	Ana Carolina	G	G	
BRA	Ponciano	Katia Regina	A	A	
BRA	Raposo Alenteiano	Teresa Cristina	A	A	
BRA	Reis Avelheda	Luciana	Non	G	
BRA	Rodrigues Cruz	Cintia	G	G	
BRA	Teixeira Da Silva	Jaqueline	G	G	
CAN	Ahara	Lesley	Non	G	
CAN	Archer	Heather	A	A	
CAN	Balcombe	Elisabeth (Lisa)	Non	G	
CAN	Brough	Kirsten	Non	G	
CAN	Daudelin	Josee	B	B	
CAN	Ealing	Laura	A	A	
CAN	Kennedy	Robin Louise Scott	A	A	
CAN	Lamontagne	Jessica	G	G	
CAN	Newburry	Louise	G	G	
CAN	Reed	Nancy Jean	A	A	FINA rating-awaiting
CAN	Sottile	Lianna Mary	G	G	
CAN	van der Pol	M Diane (Diane)	A	A	

FED	Fami	Givo	FINA	LIAN	Com
CHI	Aceituno	Cecilia	G	G	
CHI	Aranquiz	Claudia	Non	G	
CHI	Gacitua Fuentes	Claudia	G	G	
CHI	Lizana	Loreto	Non	G	
CHI	Martinez	Macarena	G	G	
CHI	Veneqas	Viviana	G	G	
COL	Camacho	Sandra Maria	G	G	
COL	Estrada	Claudia Maria	Non	G	
COL	Gomez	Angela Maria	G	G	
COL	Martinez	Marcela Aleiandra	G	G	
COL	Medina	Liliana	G	G	
COL	Montano	Alvaro	A	A	
COL	Navarro	Lina Maria	B	B	
COL	Osorio	Lina Maria	G	G	
COL	Sierra Buitrago	Oscar Joane	Non	G	
COL	Zapata	Lina Maria	A	A-	
CRC	Arce Fernandez	Veronica	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
CRC	Arriaga Madrigal	Andrea Yure	Non	G	
CRC	Diakova	Olga	A	A	
CRC	Hiller	Cristina	B	B	
CRC	Leiton Gradovitch	Olga	G	G	
CRC	Mc Quidy Vasquez	Carolina	Non	G	
CRC	Mitnian Diakova	Violeta	G	G	
CRC	Munoz	Georgette	Non	G	
CRC	Vega Gonzalez	Azaria Karolina	Non	G	
CUB	Bacallao Llanio	Ivette Maria	Non	G	
CUB	Levva Roque	Niurka	Non	G	
CUB	Pena Martinez	Maria Catalina	Non	G	
CUB	Prado Lage	Yulaine	Non	G	
CUB	Segura Pascual	Viviam	Non	G	
CUR	Koomen Djaoen	Adria Ursula	G	G	
CUR	Pietersz-Haseth	Monique	Non	G	
CUR	Ruz Guerra	Jorge	G	G	
CUR	Ruz Guerra-Sling	Iama Sandra	Non	G	
DOM	Aquino	Mercedes	Non	G	
DOM	Cueli	Claudia	G	G	
DOM	Marrero	Nellie	G	G	

FED	Fami	Give	FINA	LIAN	Com
DOM	Martinez	Katherine	G	G	
DOM	Perez	Irina	G	G	
DOM	Solis	Maria Isabel (Maribel)	A	A	
DOM	Tavarez	Vivianna	G	G	
ESA					Awaiting confirmation
GUA					Awaiting confirmation
JAM	Campbell	Diahann Rose	G	G	
JAM	Gabbadon	Christine	G	G	
JAM	Lee	Michelle	G	G	
JAM	March	Tanva	Non	G	
JAM	Smith	Maureen	G	G	
JAM	Smith	Sharon	Non	G	
JAM	Thompson	Nicole	G	G	
MEX	Andrade	Mireya	A	A	
MEX	Cervantes Quaas	Elizabeth	G	G	
MEX	Olivera	Patricia	A	A	
MEX	Pavon Gonzaga	Martha Veronica	G	G	
MEX	Pelaez Aviles	Aida Elizabeth	G	G	
PAN					Awaiting confirmation
PER	Alva Rendon	Pamela	G	G	
PER	Barrios Canepa	Patricia	G	G	Awaiting confirmation
PER	Castro Callirgos	Claudia Marina	Non	G	
PER	Collado Navarro	Yrene Ysabel	Non	G	
PER	Martinez Zapata	Natalie Stephanie	G	G	
PER	Solorio del Carpio Bellido	Dinia Venisse (Venisse)	Non	G	
PUR	Garcia Lopez	Zul Yanille	G	G	
PUR	Mendez Buso	Carla Margarita	Non	G	
PUR	Montes Rodriquez	Laura	G	G	
PUR	Pabon Rodriquez	Edith Carmen	G	G	
PUR	Perez	Bernice	Non	G	
PUR	Rodriquez	Laura	G	G	
PUR	Vega	Marisol	B	B	
URU	Montedonico	Victoria	G	G -	
URU	Nin	Maria Jose	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
URU	Orihuela	Sofia	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
URU	Pardinas	Maria Ximena	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
URU	Saporiti Percibal	Olga Cristina	???	G	
USA	Darst	Sharon (Shari)	B	B	
USA	Hangen	JoAnne	B	B	
USA	Hawes	Irene	A	A	
USA	Hazle	Elizabeth (Betty)	A	A -	
USA	Jasontek	Virginia (Ginnv)	AF -	A	
USA	King	Erin	G	G	
USA	Kohut	Kimberly	Non	G	
USA	Korpela	Shannon	A	A	
USA	Latchford	Debbie Jo	B	B	
USA	Loehndorf	Linda Sue	A	A	
USA	Lurenz	Heidi	G	G	

USA	McNabb	Sheila	G	G	
USA	Roonev	Britt	G	G	
USA	Russell	Cheryl	B	B	
USA	Wallace	Melodie	G	G	
VEN	Avila	Silvia	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
VEN	Briceno	Norma	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
VEN	Carrillo Cruz	Josue	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
VEN	Falcon	Marlon	A	A	
VEN	Gutierrez Guerrero	Francisco Antonio	G	B	
VEN	Lopez Medina	Genny Nathaly	G	G	
VEN	Oviedo Herrera	Clari Yineth	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
VEN	Pernia Anchicoque	Victor Manuel	G	G	
VEN	Rivera	Evvar	G	G	
VEN	Rodriguez Viamonte	Frank Benito	Non	G	Awaiting confirmation
VEN	Salabarría Salazar	Johanna Mercedes	G	G	

2016 UANA TECHNICAL SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING COACHES SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

2016 Activities of the UANA Coaches Sub-Committee:

1. Sent suggestions and provided videos to the FINA TSSC for new figures and Elements for consideration for the new quadrenium. These ideas were provided by coaches from the Americas.
2. Submitted budget ideas for UANA TSSC projects.
3. Provided ongoing communications with Coaches throughout UANA to keep Federations updated on UANA activities, clinic and competitive opportunities, dates and deadlines.
4. Worked on the proposal to include Mixed Duet and Free Combination in the 2019 Pan American Games.
5. Provided input for updating the UANA Bid template for hosting competitions and the UANA TSSC Competition Manual including guidelines for competition protocol, coach and athlete behaviour, suggested competition and practice schedules.
6. Provided input for updating the Technical Manual for the 2019 Pan American Championships.
7. Working toward providing more opportunities for coach education and mentorship by developing an UANA On-line Coaches Education and Certification program. This work is in progress.
8. Worked on the Summons and Schedule for the 2016 UANA Pan American Synchronized Swimming Championships.
9. A Coaches and Judges de-briefing was held at the end of the 2016 UANA Pan American Synchronized Swimming Championships. This included discussions about the competition schedule, where the Americas stand in World rankings and suggested training focus to elevate all of UANA to become more competitive with the rest of the World.
10. A well received presentation by Olympic coach, Chris Carver, World champion Bill May and duet partner Kanako was held in Puerto Rico following the 2016 UANA Championships to promote Mixed Duets.