



UANA TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE REPORT

2011-2015

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Meetings

Meetings of the Technical Water Polo Committee of UANA were held on an ongoing basis, at least annually and in conjunction with the various UANA Events which occurred throughout the quadrennial.

Main topics were discussed:

1. System rotation for qualification events
2. Increase the number of referees in UANA referees list,
3. Fine the country for not bring referees to UANA Events
4. Check with the host countries all conditions necessary to host the event .

Competitions

1. Junior Events

a. 2012– Pan-American Junior Water Polo Championships Montreal, Canada

- i. There was representation from ten (10) countries for the men and six (6) countries for the women. This was a qualification event for the 2013 Water Polo World Championships.
- ii. The final placing were as follows:
 1. Junior Men
 - a. BRA *
 - b. USA *

- c. CAN *
- d. COL *
- e. VEN
- f. TRI
- g. MEX
- h. PUR
- i. ARG
- j. PER

2. Women

- a. USA *
- b. CAN *
- c. BRA *
- d. MEX *
- e. PUR
- f. VEN

*Qualified for 2013 Junior World Championships

It was a successful event and was very well hosted by Canada Water Polo

b. 2013– Pan-American Youth (17U) Water Polo Championships Buenos Aires – Argentina

- i. There was representation from seven (7) countries for the men and six (6) countries for the women. This was a qualification event for the 2014 Water Polo World Championships.
- ii. The final placings were as follows:

1. Men

- a. BRA*
- b. USA*
- c. CAN*
- d. ARG*
- e. PER*
- f. TRI
- g. URU

2. Women

- a. USA*
- b. CAN*
- c. BRA*
- d. PUR*
- e. VEN
- f. ARG

* Qualified for 2014 Junior World Championships

It was a successful event and was very well hosted by CADA.

c. 2014– Pan-American Junior (19U) Waterpolo Championships Riverside –USA

- i. There was representation from eight (8) countries for the men and five (5) countries for the women. This was a qualification event for the 2015 Junior (19U) Water Polo World Championships.
- ii. The final placings were as follows:
 1. Men
 - a. USA*
 - b. BRA*
 - c. CAN*
 - d. ARG*
 - e. MEX*
 - f. TRI
 - g. PUR
 - h. PER
 2. Women
 - a. USA*
 - b. BRA*
 - c. CAN*
 - d. PUR*
 - e. MEX

* Qualified for 2015 Junior World Championships

It was a successful event and was very well hosted by USA Water Polo

2. Senior Events

a. 2013 (January) – Calgary Canada – UANA CUP

- i. The winner of this event Qualified for the 2013 FINA World Championships. The attending teams from the Americas, and their placings were:
 1. Men
 - a. CAN
 - b. USA
 - c. BRA
 - d. ARG
 2. Women
 - a. CAN
 - b. BRA
 - c. VEN
 - d. ARG

b. 2013 (December) – Costa Mesa CA – UANA CUP

- i. The winner qualified for the 2014 FINA World Cup. The attending teams from the Americas, and their placings were:

1. Men
 - a. USA
 - b. CAN
2. Women
 - a. USA
 - b. CAN

It was a successful event and was very well hosted , although both teams in each gender had already qualified ,serving only to define placings

c. 2015- (January) – Toronto –Canada UANA CUP

- i. The winner of this event would Qualify for the 2015 FINA World Championships. This was also a test event for Pan Am Games Toronto 2015 The attending teams from the Americas, and their placings were:
 1. Men
 - a. CAN
 - b. BRA
 - c. ARG
 2. Women
 - a. CAN
 - b. BRA

UANA Technical Water Polo Committee Key Initiatives

1. Coordinating with FINA, the holding of referee schools in the Americas and encouraging/lobbying FINA to have schools occur in both North and South America to be reflective of the extreme geographical distances. FINA (particularly the FINA TWPC) is reticent to recognize these factual matters and wishes to limit the Americas to 1 clinic per year.
2. Continuing to hold annual age group competitions – UANA had held them on an annual basis in the past and now FINA has adopted the same approach.
3. Continuing to encourage regional competitions for our UANA countries and to develop strategies to maintain and increase participation among our federations during challenging economic times.
4. Reviewing additional coaching, refereeing and competitive development opportunities for individuals and federations within the Americas.
5. Continuing a commitment to develop refereeing opportunities at major competitions in the Americas and encourage FINA to enhance the opportunities for UANA referees at major events.
6. Try to integrate an effective athlete representative into the TWPC structure and encourage the members with representatives on the UANA TWPC to fund their travel costs to meetings and events.
7. Developing and maintaining a better communication system among the ‘water polo family’ within the structures of both FINA and UANA to ensure that information is sent and received in a timely and effective manner.

8. Encourage federations to respect the entry deadlines for UANA Water Polo Events so that sanctions, which will impact mostly upon the athletes, do not have to be imposed upon teams either not entering until well past the deadlines or withdrawing after indicating that they would enter. The uncertainty and last minute changes which occur are costing the host federation extra money and, if left unchecked, will start limiting the number of federations prepared to bid to host UANA Events.

To finish this report I would like to emphasize the huge importance of all members in this committee, with a special mention to the Secretary Manuel de Jesus and TWPC member Jim Cullingham for their continuous effort to help me and the TWPC in this four years of hard work.