



UANA TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE REPORT 2015-2019

The UANA TWPC Report for the 2015-2019 period will include the following:

1. UANA TWPC proposals for 2015-2019
2. Agenda and Minutes of every meeting
3. Results of every event
4. Goals achieved by the TWPC
5. Recommendations for the 2019-2023 TWPC

1. UANA TWPC proposals for 2015-2019

During their first formal meeting, UANA TWPC established some guidelines that would be used during the 2015-2019 competitions.

UANA TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR 2015-2019

A. Sub-committees

- a. PanAm Games & UANA Cup (senior events) referee appointments:
 - i. Cabral (Chair), De Jesus, Inoue , Valouche
- b. PanAm Jr. referee appointments:
 - i. De Jesús (Chair) Cullingham , Zambrano, Valouche
- c. PanAm Youth referee appointments:
 - i. Inoue (Chair), Keman, Meyer, Brochero
- d. Delegate and Evaluator appointments;
 - i. De Jesus (Chair), Brochero
- e. On site management at PanAm Jr/Youth tournament
 - i. Inoue (Chair), Echandi, Borde Meyer
- f. UANA Water Polo Calendar administrators;
 - i. De Jesus (Chair), Inoue, Zambrano
- g. Coordinator of Communication to UANA media
 - i. Cullingham

B. 2016-2019 Tournaments

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| a. 2016 | | | |
| i. | Pan Am Jr (U1997) | July 13-21 | Edmonton, CAN |
| ii. | Olympic Games | Aug | Rio de Janeiro, BRA |
| iii. | Zone I Championships | March 20-27 | |
| iv. | Zone II Championships | June 21- 26, | Guatemala |
| v. | Zone III Championships | July 23-31, | Northern California |
| vi. | Zone IV Championships | TBD | |
| b. 2017 | | | |
| i. | Pan Am Youth (U2000) | June 30- July 9 | CONSANAT |
| ii. | UANA Cup Qual. for World Champ | TBD | TBD |
| iii. | World Championship | July 15-30 | Budapest, HUN |
| iv. | Zone I Championship | TBD | TBD |
| v. | Zone II Championship | June 23-29 | Trinidad |
| | Tobago | | |
| vi. | Zone III Championship | July 22-30 | |
| | California | | |
| vii. | Zone IV Championship | TBD | TBD |
| viii. | FINA Jr. World Championship Men | August 8-15 | Russia |
| ix. | FINA Jr. World Championship Women | September 2-10 | Greece |
| x. | FISU Games | August 19-30 | Taiwan |
| c. 2018 | | | |
| i. | Pan Am Jr (U1999) | July | USA |
| ii. | UNAN Cup Q for W Cup | TBD | TBD |
| iii. | FINA Cup | TBD | TBD |
| iv. | Zone I Championships | TBD | |
| v. | Zone II Championships | TBD | |
| vi. | Zone III Championships | July 21-29 | |
| vii. | Zone IV Championships | TBD | |
| d. 2019 | | | |
| i. | Pan Am Youth (U2002) | TBD | CCCAN |
| ii. | Pan Am Games | July | Lima, PER |
| iii. | World Championship | July | Guangzu, KOR |
| iv. | Zone I Championships | TBD | |
| v. | Zone II Championships | TBD | |
| vi. | Zone III Championships | TBD | |
| vii. | Zone IV Championships | TBD | |

*** No UANA Tournament can be programmed to conflict with any Zone Championship that has set their tournament dates in advance

C. Tournament Format

- a. 2 teams – Best of 3 games
- b. 3 to 4 teams – Double round Robin and Final
- c. 5 teams – Round Robin, Semi (1st of the round robin bye) and the Final
- d. 6 to 7 teams – Round Robin and the Final
- e. 8 teams or more – 2 Bracket, then QF, Semi Final & Final

D. Tournament length

- a. Host must expect 6 days. If 7 teams' tournament, teams may play 2 games in one of the days.

E. Protocol for selection of neutral referees to PanAm Games 2019 in Lima, PER

- a. The nomination/selection of the referees is UANA TWPC executive commission's responsibility.
- b. The neutral referees must be current on the FINA list with following considerations:
 - i. Olympic Games or/and World Championship experience
 - ii. FINA event experience
 - iii. Consult FINA TWPC

F. Protocol for selection of neutral referees to Senior UANA Cup

- a. Minimum 2 neutral referees need to be invited by tournament host.
- b. The tournament host recommend the neutral referees with consideration of following;
 - i. The referee must be current on the FINA list
 - ii. The selection must be approved by UANA TWPC executive committee.

G. Participating referees for PanAm Jr/Youth

- a. It is mandatory that participating countries bring one (1) referee per team.
- b. Participating teams will have the option to bring one (1) additional referee. This would give countries the opportunity to bring up to three (3) referees to the Youth/Junior tournaments
- c. UANA non participating countries will be allowed to send one (1) referee.

H. Tournament site for PanAm Jr./Youth

- a. Rotation zone responsible to declare location & dates 6 months before or by January 1st of the tournament year whichever comes first.
 - i. It must also must finalize summons (include all details) 5 months before the tournament.
- b. In case rotation zone cannot determine tournament site by mid January, another country will have right to bid to host the tournament within 30 days of announcement

- c. The tournament host must do everything in their power to avoid a schedule conflict with any FINA events. UANA will state the possible dates to avoid conflicts.

I. Tournament site for UANA Cup (Senior tournament)

- a. Selecting the site will be conducted using a bidding system.
- b. UANA will announce the requirements.
- c. Host must schedule event following FINA guidelines

J. Site inspection.

- a. The hosting zone's UANA TWPC member will responsible (own expense) to conduct the site inspection before all directives/bids are finalized , in case the appropriate member is not available to conduct the site inspection, the Vice Chairman must be notified in a timely manner who will take over the responsibility.

K. Result's report

- a. Cullingham will continue act as Liaison to UANA media representative (Greg Eggert)
- b. Inoue will be responsible in reporting the final tournament results to FINA if the tournament is a qualification event to a FINA event. Also, Inoue will act as Liaison to FINA.

L. Referee evaluation system

- a. UANA TWPC will adopt the FINA TWPC procedure regarding referee evaluations.
- b. All evaluators will be required to submit the form to the UANA TWPC secretary by in a typed format.
- c. To avoid confusion & consider referee emotional control, the UANA TWPC will stop discussion between the referee and the evaluator at immediately after the game.
- d. UANA TWPC executives will review all evaluation reports & conduct referee meeting on a necessary basis.

M. Referee Ranking system

- a. UANA TWPC will create a referee ranking system to identify UANA referee level of skill & future promotion to the FINA level.
- b. Details procedure will need to be finalized at the next UANA event which will be 2016 Pan Am Jr. in Canada.
- c. A system must be established to enforce countries name referee's to the UANA list. UANA TWPC may not assign non-UANA Water Polo Referee list referee's to officiate a game,

N. Other

- a. UANA TWPC uniform
 - i. Inoue voluntarily ordered UANA logo shirts which are similar to FINA TWPC shirts. Shirts will be delivered at 2016 UANA PanAm Jr in Canada.
 - ii. The cost per shirt will be US\$20 each.
 - iii. Anybody who would like to order a shirt, will need to submit their size to Inoue before mid May.
 - iv. There will be choice of Blue shirts or White shirts, both shirts will have same UANA logo.

O. Game summary

- a. UANA TWPC Secretary will be responsible for the following:
 - i. (Addition to Collect all games' delegate sheets, game sheet, and typed evaluation sheet)
 - Agenda
 - Minutes of meetings
 - Game summary to UANA web site

2. 2015 UANA YOUTH WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

This event was the first event with mostly the members of the new 2015-2019 TWPC. We invited Wim Keman from Curacao to assist the TWPC in the event and to be introduced as a new member of the Committee.

UANA TECHNICAL WATER POLO MEETING AUGUST 26, 2015 NATIONAL AQUATIC CENTER, KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Members in attendance: William Shaw, Liaison, Brenda Villa Incoming Liaison, Roberto Cabral, TWPC President, Manuel de Jesus TWPC Secretary, Members Jim Cullingham, Takeshi Inoue, Bill Meyer, Rick Valouche.

1. TWPC welcomes Brenda Villa, 2015-2019 TWPC Liaison.
2. Lance Rochester, Head of Youth Pan American Organizing Committee, joins the meeting to talk about different aspects of the tournament
 - a. There will be a short opening ceremony. All teams should be present at the ceremony
 - b. We will have player introduction for all games. National anthems will only be played during the last game of competition. Teams will line up in the deck between the warm up pool and the competition pool for the presentation.
 - c. TWPC delegates will verify with coaches who will be the 11 players that will participate in the game. Each team will be allowed to switch their field players but will need two goalkeepers if they have an 11 team roster.
 - d. Red card for coaches will apply by gender.
 - e. A minor schedule change was made. All schedules were adjusted accordingly

- f. Event will have its own web site. Matches results and live streaming will be available at the web site.
 - g. Pertinent information regarding the event will be posted at the UANA website. Results, Game Summaries, Leading Scorers, Team Standings, Schedules are among the links that will be updated daily by our TWPC member Cullingham
 - h. Referees assignments will be done by members Cullingham and Meyer. They will be posted at the end of every competition date.
 - i. Time out and penalty board will not be available for the tournament.
3. The subject of why the additional game suspension sanction to USA Men's Head Coach issued during the Pan American Games by the UANA TWPC was not honored at the FINA World Championship in Kazan. Member Inoue advised the TWPC that FINA had no obligation to honor the sanction since no copy of the letter was ever sent to FINA. He also stated that sanctions at UANA events which if does not report to FINA or other member body should apply only to UANA. On this matter, Shaw disagreed and indicated that FINA C 12.4 comes into consideration.
4. TWPC encourage that the following topics be discussed at the next meeting in Canada 2016
- a. Minutes be taken approved at the meeting
 - b. Establish a process to use the referee's evaluation form for future assignments
 - c. Establish a formal policy regarding UANA sanctions and its implications for FINA events
 - d. Establish a formal procedure for UANA sanctions
 - e. Explore the possibility that UANA TWPC will be responsible to name referees for important events. A process should be established accordingly
 - i. Pan American Games
 - ii. Olympic Games Qualifier
 - iii. World Games Qualifier
 - f. Establish a procedure to evaluate referee's performance and its implications for future UANA events

Event Results

The event was well organized by Jamaica. We received 16 teams for the event, one with the most participation of all Youth events. Top four teams for men and women qualified for the World Championships. All games were available by live streaming. Final results for the event were as follows:

WOMEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	UNITED STATES
SILVER	CANADA
BRONZE	MEXICO
4TH	BRAZIL
5TH	PUERTO RICO
6TH	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	BRAZIL
SILVER	UNITED STATES
BRONZE	CANADA
4 TH	PUERTO RICO
5 TH	COLOMBIA
6 TH	ARGENTINA
7 TH	MEXICO
8 TH	PERU
9 TH	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
10 TH	JAMAICA

3. 2016 UANA JUNIOR WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

This 2016 event was hosted by the city of Edmonton, Canada. The event, as it is traditional of WPC, was well hosted. 12 teams participated in the event (5 women and 7 men). Top four teams for men and women qualified for the World Championships

TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 17, 2016 10:00 AM CONSULATE ROOM, WESTIN HOTEL EDMONTON

AGENDA

Members present: Cabral (BRA), Inoue (USA), De Jesus (PUR), Brochero (ARG), Keman (CUR), Cullingham (USA), Valouche (CAN), Meyer (CAN)

1. UANA TWPC REPORT 2011-2015
 - a. Meyer presents a recommendation regarding #8 of Key Initiatives. His observations are regarding what will UANA TWPC do to encourage federations to respect entry deadlines according to summons. This initiative, if sanctions will be imposed to those federations that don't comply, will have to go through UANA Executive Committee. Clarity on sanctions have to be prepared so that all Federations are aware of penalties for not complying with the deadlines.
 - b. All information regarding the summons must be addressed directly to the particular federations. CCCAN and CONSANAT TWPC members have to work on this matter, while the UANA Secretary will still send information to all Federations.
2. UANA TWPC 2015-2019 PROPOSAL TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. De Jesus clarifies for all members the composition of the 2015-2019 TWPC. The committee has three (3) additional members (11 total). There are also five (5) new members in the TWPC (Brochero-ARG, Borde-TTO, Keman-CUR, Echandi-CRC and Villa-USA. Villa will be the liaison between the executive committee and the TWPC
- b. De Jesus clarifies that for the 2015-2019 period, all UANA TC will have an Executive Commission. The TWPC Executive Commission will be comprised of President Cabral, Vice Chair Inoue, Secretary De Jesus and Liaison Villa.
 - i. Regarding this matter, a question was brought up regarding the Liaison's right to vote. With even number members there exists the possibility of a tie. It was proposed that TWPC Secretary sends this inquiry to the Executive. The Executive's position regarding this matter is as follows:
 - 1. **The UANA Constitution is silent on this. Past precedent is that the Liaison has a vote but hardly exercises it. The Chairman of the Technical Committee has a casting vote.**
- c. Brochero brings the point on point D. Tournament length. She wants to make sure that countries have a chance to organize a proper event. It was brought up that the amount of days has been shorten based upon economic restraints from some from some countries.
- d. Points E and F were clarified for all TWPC members. This will establish a clear and objective procedure in the selection of neutral referees.
- e. Point H was associated with the new UANA Bid request document that would be discussed later in the meeting. It was also mentioned that Bid document will help in formalizing communication between UANA and all federations interested in bidding for events
 - i. It was emphasized the importance of countries complying with the deadlines as established in the summons of each particular event.
 - ii. It was emphasized the importance of establishing a deadline for determining the host country
 - iii. TWPC members will work with their particular zones to ensure that deadlines are fulfilled by participating countries
- f. TWPC members wants to make sure that Federations participate in Senior events. Participation in UANA Cups has been less the past years. UANA need to look for ways to increase and promote participation at Senior events.
- g. Regarding Point L:
 - i. TWPC members wants to establish a procedure that will fulfill the following:
 - 1. Ability to effectively communicate with referees
 - 2. Ability to educate referees so that they will be able to be prepared for FINA world level competition
 - 3. Establish clear guidelines with regards to referee's evaluation form
 - ii. Member Meyers presents a document regarding referee's observation regarding the referee's evaluation procedures that UANA uses.

- iii. Member Cullingham states that USA has developed a process that includes an evaluation form and Evaluation Criteria Considerations. He has sent the document to all TWPC members.
- iv. Members will evaluate USA's system and will evaluate present system. This will help to establish the following:
 - 1. An objective evaluation procedure
 - 2. A tool that can be used to help our referee's with their weaknesses
 - 3. A form that will help the referee's commission with game assignments
 - 4. A standardize document that can be shared with referee's. This ay they will have an understanding on what is expected from them
- v. TWPC will look for ways to establish procedures in which referees can be able to evaluate themselves, using objective documents that TWPC can share with them. To be able to achieve this, TWPC will work on the present document and further recommendations from all parties.
- vi. Members Cullingham emphasizes the importance to adhere to the UANA list. This has to be made clear to all National federations when appointing referees for any particular UANA event.
 - 1. TWPC members will communicate with TWPC commissions from their zones to be able to access their referee's list and to have them send it to UANA TWPC.

3. UANA PAG 2019 RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Document was sent to all TWPC members with no particular observations or comments

4. UANA WATER POLO 2017 EVENTS

- a. Events were discussed as part of the 2015-2019 UANA TWPC proposals to the Executive Committee.
- b. TWPC members will work with their zones to get formal dates for each zone championship

5. NEW UANA BID DOCUMENT

- a. Member De Jesus mentions that a new UANA Bid document will be used to determine host for all UANA events
 - i. It was clarified that the document will be used for all UANA disciplines
 - ii. Questions were raised about the bid document. The questions were forwarded to UANA Executive. The inquiries and UANA's response are as follows:
 - 1. In the preamble of the Bid to Host document it states that the event is property of UANA. Will that mean that all federations will submit their proposal directly to UANA and not go through the Zone? **Response: Yes. The call for Bids is made by UANA and the Bids are submitted to the Secretary of UANA with copy to the President of UANA.**
 - 2. It is not clear who will initially receive the document and what will the responsibilities of the TWPC, its Commission and/or the Executive Committee. **Response: The Technical Committee prepares the Summons, UANA prepares the Invitation to Bid and**

the Agreement/Contract. Bids are submitted to UANA Executive as indicated in Item 2 above. The UANA Executive reviews the Bids in consultation with the Tech Comm and the UANA Exec awards the Event to the most advantageous bidder.

3. There is a list of names in the document but it is not clear if the bid should be sent to all those persons. Response: I am not clear of the list referred to but the Invitation to bid should be sent to all federations in the particular Zone if the competition is rotated by Zones (applies to Zones 1 and 2). If only one federation is in the Zone (Zones 3 and 4), the Invitation will be sent to only that federation. If the competition is not by rotation among the Zones, the Invitation will be sent to all UANA federations.
4. What will be the process if we have no bids after the established deadline has expired? Response: UANA Executive will encourage and work with a federation to submit one.
5. Regarding the rooming arrangements at our competitions, UANA will work with the host Organizing Committee to try to achieve the best conditions for its committee members, taking into account any financial constraints. We have so far proposed the FINA model where TC members share rooms and the Commission members have single rooms.

6. BEACH WATER POLO

- a. Member De Jesus shares information regarding Beach Water Polo. The communication read as follows:
 - i. PASO/ODEPA is considering hosting a “Beach Games,” and we have been asked to provide input about the disciplines that would be included in such a competition.
 - ii. Although the IOC is not involved in the World Beach Games that will be held in San Diego in 2017, they have reached an agreement with ANOC that specifies that none of the Olympic events can be included in the Beach Games.
- b. The document that was sent by ACODEPA Asociacion de Confederaciones Deportivas Panamericanas or Association of Pan American Sports Confederations will be included as an Appendix

7. OTHER TOPICS

- a. Members Inoue asks all TWPC members to verify if they want to order UANA formal shirt. This would be used at all UANA formal events (technical meetings, awards ceremony, among others).
 - i. De Jesus will communicate with
- b. Members De Jesus presents the following:
 - i. Motion to develop a procedure to sanction a player who receives more than one red card for the following offenses
 1. Excessive violence
 2. Aggressive play
 3. Disrespect
 - ii. TWPC recommends the following:

1. A letter should be sent to the team stressing the importance of not having that type of conduct and the possible sanctions if there is a repeated offense
2. A possible one game suspension for a second red card

With no further topics to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Event Results

WOMEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	CANADA
SILVER	UNITED STATES
BRONZE	BRAZIL
4TH	PUERTO RICO
5TH	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	UNITED STATES
SILVER	CANADA
BRONZE	BRAZIL
4TH	ARGENTINA
5TH	PUERTO RICO
6TH	COLOMBIA
7TH	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

4. 2017 UANA WATER POLO CUP FOR MEN

For the first time, the UANA Cup was held outside of the traditional hosts (USA, CAN, and BRA). This event was used as a qualifier for the 2017 World Championship in Kazan. Trinidad did a wonderful job hosting the event.

It was in this event where not every TWPC member was present at the event. Members in attendance were: Liaison Villa, Vice Chair Inoue, Secretary De Jesus, TWPC members Meyer Keman and Brochero. No formal TWPC meeting was held at the event. The only meeting we had was to determine the topics that would be discussed in the Technical Meeting with Coaches and Delegates

Event results

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	BRAZIL
SILVER	CANADA
BRONZE	ARGENTINA
4 TH	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

5. 2017 UANA YOUTH WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Lima, Peru was the host of the event. Every participant stayed at the magnificent Marriot hotel in downtown Lima. The Peru LOC was magnificent in their organization. This event marked the first time where all athletes had the chance to receive fluids and food during every competition day as part of the UANA Athlete's Enhancement Initiative. Top four teams for men and women qualified for the World Championships. Fifteen teams participated in the event (7 women and eight men)

TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 3 2017, 1:00 PM CAMPO DE MARTE MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

Members present: Villa (USA), Cabral (BRA), Inoue (USA), De Jesus (PUR), Brochero (ARG), Keman (CUR), Cullingham (USA), Valouche (CAN), Meyer (CAN), Zambrano (VEN)

1. FINA Water Polo Congress
 - a. There is no certainty of what rules will be approved at the Congress. 25 second possession and 15 seconds for ejection have a good chance to be accepted
 - b. Takeshi will send the final FINA Rule Change Proposal to all TWPC members
 - c. For Olympic Games, there will be 10 female teams but teams will be of 11 players
 - d. For Pan Am games, the quota that was established was 11 players per team
 - e. Rules that have better chance to be approved are 25 seconds possession, 15 seconds ejection, 2 time outs per game, 3 minutes rest in halftime
2. PAG Technical and Qualification Manual
 - a. Manuel prepared the Technical and Qualification Manual based on Toronto 2015 documents
 - b. Technical Manual still needs to include, if there will be any, a test event. Usually, UANA Cup is the event used for this purpose

- c. Competition dates in the Manual are not included since these dates will be changed (later we were informed that the official dates would be August 2-10, 2019)
 - d. Qualification Manual still needs the dates for the CONSANAT qualifying event dates
 - e. Game schedule in the Technical Manual will be adjusted based on the facilities available for practice, warmup and games. Previous schedule was prepared based on a facility that had no warm up pool
3. UANA Referee's list
- a. The list includes 50 referees from eight different countries
 - b. UANA TWPC members will contact the federations within their zones to update
 - c. UANA should ask to host a FINA school that is tied to one of either the youth or Junior event
 - d. UANA TWPC members will talk to referees that are here to inform them that they will not be able to work in any UANA event if they are not included in the list
4. Referee's Evaluation System
- a. Event though this was discussed in our last meeting, UANA has to come with an evaluation system to go along with the UANA list
 - b. Cullingham will resend the evaluation format used in the USA to be used as a guideline in the development of a system
 - c. FINA has established a referee's commission that is working on a system to qualify referee's as A-B-C
5. UANA CUP
- a. Dates and host will depend on results from Budapest.
 - i. First three spots automatically qualify for FINA Cup
 - ii. The other five spots will come from champion of continental event
 - b. The event must be hosted before the FINA deadline (to be decided)
 - i. Preferably between December and February
 - c. TWPC members at event
 - i. It was approved by the Commission, after taking into consideration what other TC are implementing, that for UANA Cup events the TWPC members will be as follows:
 - 1. Liaison
 - 2. One from each zone
 - 3. One extra from host zone
 - ii. It is recommended that at least one member of the TWPC commission be present at each event (not including the Liaison)
 - iii. For Youth and Junior events and the Pan Am Games, all TWPC have to attend
 - d. Neutral referees
 - i. It was recommended that for the UANA Cup we use the following criteria:
 - 1. If the particular event (gender) has four or less teams participating, two neutral referees must be appointed.

2. With more than four teams, two neutral referees will be recommended but will accept one neutral referee
 - ii. Host country will be responsible for all expenses for the neutral referees.
6. 2018 UANA Events
- a. UANA Juniors
 - i. Event will be hosted by USA
 1. Possible states are Florida and Texas
 2. Possible dates are the first 15 days of July
7. Open discussion
- a. There was a discussion regarding the use of three referees from same country while leaving a country without representation in a particular day of competition
 - b. It was approved that the Referee's Commission for the event will evaluate every situation and will, at their discretion, use the referees they seem appropriate for every session.

Event results

WOMEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	UNITED STATES
SILVER	BRAZIL
BRONZE	CANADA
4TH	ARGENTINA
5TH	PERU
6th	PUERTO RICO
7th	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	UNITED STATES
SILVER	BRAZIL
BRONZE	CANADA
4TH	COLOMBIA
5TH	PERU
6TH	ARGENTINA
7TH	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
8TH	PUERTO RICO

6. 2018 UANA WATER POLO CUP FOR MEN

Cochabamba, Bolivia was the host for the 2018 UANA Cup. This event was used as a qualifier for the 2018 FINA Water Polo Cup. Bolivia did a wonderful job as host of the event.

No formal TWPC meeting was held at the event. Members in attendance where: Liaison Villa, Vice Chair Inoue, TWPC members Valouche and Brochero.

Event results:

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	COLOMBIA
SILVER	ARGENTINA
BRONZE	CHILE
4TH	BOLIVIA

7. 2018 UANA JUNIOR WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Clearwater, Florida served as host of this 2018 Junior event. USAWP did a fantastic job organizing the event. Thirteen teams participated in this event (5 women and eight men)



**TECHNICAL WATER POLO COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 12, 2017, 7:30 PM
INNSBROOK RESORT**

Members in attendance: Dale Neuburger, UANA President, Greg Eggert UANA Director, Brenda Villa, Liaison, Takeshi Inoue, Vice Chairman, Manuel de Jesus, Secretary, Monica Brochero, Jim Cullingham, Wim Keman, Bill Meyer, Rick Valouche

Meeting is call to order at 7:30 PM

1. UANA WATER POLO CUP

a. Proposal

- i. Discussion of every aspect regarding UANA Cup was held among all members of the TWPC, President Neuburger and Director Eggert
- ii. Key points that were expressed in the discussion were:
 1. There is a need to select a host with plenty of time for all countries to budget the event
 2. We need to announce the event early

3. We need to look for a way to have top countries make a commitment to participate at the event. This would raise level of competition. Reference was made to the letter signed by USA, BRA and CAN.
 4. The need to emphasize that this is a continental event, not only a qualification one
 5. Economic support was recommended as an attractive for the event. UANA has Budgeted \$2,500 for Athlete Enhancement and \$2,500 for the Fluidra advertising. UANA has also stated that entry fee will go straight to host country, not shared with UANA as it was in the past The economic support can go straight to the host country or as prize money for winners.
- iii. The following aspects were approved:
1. We will have UANA Water Polo Cup 2019, 2021 and 2022
 2. The events will serve as qualifiers to either World Championship or FINA World Cup
 3. Panamerican Games will be used to determine Olympic Games representative at the games and the team that will represent the continent at the Olympic Games qualifier
 4. Three representatives from the TWPC will have conversations with their countries WP heads to determine if there is any interest in hosting 2019 UANA Water Polo Cup
 - a. Brochero will talk with Brazil
 - b. Valouche will talk to WP Canada
 - c. Cullingham will talk to USAWP
 5. A document will be sent to those countries that show interest in hosting the event. Deadline to comply with the document should be received no later than August 15
 6. Bid document has to be distributed 9-12 months in advance for the 2021-2022 events
 7. Bids have to be awarded 6-9 months in advance for the 2021-2022 events
 8. UANA Cup in the ONLY event that will serve as qualifier for FINA World Cup or World Championships
 9. TWPC will formulate a rotation among zones for the 2021-2022 events
 10. Have tournament host be the number one alternative if we have no shows
 11. Ask for teams to participate in events even if already qualified. To help on this matter we can set this country to be the first selection as host of the event
 12. Lower bid responsibilities for the host: Have UANA use entry fee to help host with expenses
- iv. TWPC members at event
1. Maximum of four Commission members and one TWPC member from the host zone will attend the event

- v. Bid documents
 - 1. Documents will be adjusted to reflect changes approved in meeting
 - vi. Referees
 - 1. Referees for the tournament must be either in FINA/UANA list with FINA School certification
2. Lima 2019
- a. Neutral Referees
 - i. TWPC members will send their recommendations
 - ii. Referees that are participating during the World Championships would not be considered for the Lima Games
 - b. Schedule
 - i. Change in schedule was proposed by Lima TV sponsors to accommodate for live games. Proposed schedule was to move it to August 2-8 from August 4-10.
 - ii. July 26 is the last day for women's event at World's while men's is July 27
 - iii. Based on the amount of rest teams would have after world championships, and taking into consideration that this event serves as qualifier for both Olympic games and Olympics qualifier, TWPC recommends that dates stay as they are.
 - c. Assignment of Referees:
 - i. The TWPC Secretary shall receive proposals for this concerning number of persons and names
3. FINA Proposed new rules
- a. There will be a FINA Extra Ordinary Technical Water Polo Congress on the 10th of December.
 - b. UANA TWPC members should talk to their federations so that they send a person with water polo knowledge to that congress to vote for the position that is approved by the TWPC. President Neuburger shall bring the matter to the attention during the FINA Bureau Meeting, next week in Lausanne to explore the possibility for extra financial support of 1 (one) extra person, (with knowledge of technical water polo matters)
4. UANA Junior/Youth
- a. Eliminate automatic qualification
 - i. It was suggested and approved that summons will not include the section that stipulates automatic qualification for top three teams
 - b. Sanctions for No Shows
 - i. There is no protocol established for teams that are no shows after the final entry date
 - c. Site Inspection/Minimum requirements
 - i. It is recommended that one TWPC member does a site inspection before the event
 - ii. TWPC member from the host zone is recommended to do the site inspection
 - d. Deadline for final entry of teams
 - i. The entry deadline has to be enforced. Late entries will not be accepted

5. Beach Water Polo

a. Qualification System

- i. A qualification system has to be established for the 2019 FINA Beach Water Polo World Championships
- ii. System has to be developed and distributed to all UANA members during 2018

b. Bids

- i. Bid document will be prepared accordingly

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

Event results

WOMEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	CANADA
SILVER	BRAZIL
BRONZE	UNITED STATES
4TH	ARGENTINA
5TH	PUERTO RICO

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	BRAZIL
SILVER	UNITED STATES
BRONZE	CANADA
4TH	ARGENTINA
5TH	PUERTO RICO
6TH	COLOMBIA
7TH	PERU
8TH	BARBADOS

8. 2019 UANA WATER POLO CUP FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The city of Sao Paolo in Brazil served as host of the 2019 UANA Water Polo Cup. The event served as the qualifier for the 2019 World Championships to be held in Korea. There were no formal meetings scheduled for the event. TWPC members at the event were Chair Cabral, Vice Chair Inoue, TWPC Members Brochero, Echandi and Valouche. Important games were seeing by live streaming

Event results

WOMEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	CANADA
SILVER	CUBA
BRONZE	BRAZIL

MEN

MEDAL	TEAM
GOLD	BRAZIL
SILVER	UNITED STATES
BRONZE	CANADA
4 TH	ARGENTINA

Goals achieved:

1. A Commission of four members was formed within the TWPC. The four members of the Commission were Liaison Brenda Villa, Chair Roberto Cabral, Vice Chair Takeshi Inoue and Secretary Manuel de Jesus
2. A bid document was produced to assist in the selection of hosts for UANA Cup events
3. UANA Cup events have been programmed until 2023
 - a. 2021 USA
 - b. 2022 CAN
 - c. 2023 BRA
4. A new referee's evaluation form will be used in every event. This form will be the same used by FINA
5. We reduced the amount of TWPC members attending the UANA Cup events. It used to be that every member would be allowed to be present at the event. We reduced the amount of members to less than half (5)
6. We established different commissions within the TWPC:
 - a. Referees commission for Youth events
 - b. Referees commission for Junior events
 - c. Web site Commission
 - d. Site Inspection Commission

Recommendations:

1. More emphasis should be given to the UANA referees list.
2. More referees with approved FINA Schools. For that we need more schools in the Americas, preferably tied to a particular UANA event
3. Beach water polo is an area which has to be maximized in UANA
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. Keep the Athletes enhancement and Fluidra funds available for every UANA Water Polo event
7. Event site visit prior to the competition should be mandatory. We need to make sure that every host complies with what is asked from in the bid document. The visit can be done by any of the TWPC members, preferably the one that is geographically closer.
8. Develop a site inspection form based on the FINA Site Inspection document already available
9. We need to emphasize that all events are available by streaming