

REPORT TO THE UANA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY 7 & 8, 2010

The activities of the UANA Technical Committee this past year have been focused on the 2011 Pan American Games.

UANA Junior Swimming Championships, as reported in 2009, we understood that 4 charter nations being the USA, Canada, Mexico, & Brazil had formed the understanding to hold a Junior event in southern USA in August 2009. Unfortunately that also did not happen. USA swimming is hosting the Junior Pan Pac Swimming Championship in Hawaii in August of this year at which we understand all UANA nations are invited to attend. As we have previously advised, in the crowded swimming event calendar it appears impossible to run a UANA Junior Championship that would receive the support of Zones I & 2 and make it a viable event. The members of the UANA TSC in attendance at the Fort Lauderdale meetings agreed to work towards hosting a UANA Junior Championship in 2011 with or without support of all Zones. The TSC Committee will work on the specifics during this year.

During the year we also prepared the List I of Referees & Starters for the UANA Technical Officials. We request this committees' approval of the list so that we may publish the List I in the UANA web site. The list is attached.

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The committee developed and submitted to the organizing committee; the 8 day order of events based on the Olympic Swimming event order with the exception of moving some events to accommodate holding the 800 & 1500 events on days 3, 4, & 5 to accommodate those distance swimmers who would also be participating in the Open Water event Sunday October 23rd the day after pool swimming ends.

In addition we finalized the time standards for the event based on 12th place at the 2007 Rio Games less 1%. We were faced with the difficult decision of creating very tough time standards to meet the maximum swimmer allocation of 256 swimmers which we exceeded in Rio. Because the standards developed were very difficult, we proposed that a Consideration time standard be presented to allow for the provision of selecting provisional swimmers to back fill the open spots available from the A & B standards. To accomplish this, we requested that final entries be August 31, 2011 to allow the committee and organizing committee time to select and advise those swimmers that would be added to meet the 256 quota. To date we have had not information from the host organizing committee to indicate where our proposal is currently at.

We have also made several recommendations as outlined last year being;

- a) The 800/1500 free be swum as a preliminary and final regardless of the number of swimmers entered.
- b) All events be swum through preliminary, semi (where schedule) and finals regardless of the number of swimmers entered.
- c) Relays to be swum in both preliminaries and finals regardless of the number of teams entered.