

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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The primary activities of the UANA Technical Swimming Committee have been in 3 areas.

1. Developing qualification standards for the Pan American Games 2011. The task is difficult due to the lack of ranked performance information for Zones 1 & 2. The swimmer times that primarily fill our entries in the Games are below the FINA 150 place ranking. We do not have any reliable ranking information to work with in South and Central America below the FINA rankings. It has been magnified this time because of the technical advances in 2008 in swim suits and what impact that may have on the overall swimming population in the America's. The quota for swimming at Guadalajara is 256 swimmers. We are tasked with having a standard that will achieve close to that number without going over. We have been consulting with senior technical coaches for advice as to the impact. We are reviewing another source to determine if data from the rankings we need will provide information needed. We will have a standard for approval shortly.

The other recommendations identified by the UANA TSC regarding the event are;

-The 800 & 1500 free be swum as preliminary and finals regardless of the number of athletes entered.

- All events be swum through preliminary, semis (where scheduled) and finals regardless of the number of athletes entered.

-Relays to be swum in both preliminaries and finals regardless of teams entered.

2. The committee had sent out a call for nominations of Referees and Starters from the UANA Federations which will result in the 1<sup>st</sup> UANA Technical Officials listing. The existing FINA list 15 referees and starters were grandfathered to the listing. Those numbers were 35 referees and 20 starters grandfathered. At the deadline only another 9 referee and 4 starter nominations were received from 4 countries. If we are to use this listing as the list from which nominated officials must come for the 2011 Pan American Games we do not have sufficient technical officials to choose from.

Recommendation; we send out a further request for nominations to the 34 Federations who did not respond. We would propose the new deadline be August 31, 2009.

3. UANA Junior Swimming Championship.

The committee had identified a goal to have the first UANA Junior Championship in 2009. In April 2008 the countries of USA, Canada, Mexico & Brazil formed an agreement to hold a Junior event in southern USA in August 2009. The UANA TSC then backed off in trying to have an event in that the 4 charter nations planned to host an event to target the same swimmers. We now understand that the event will not occur as planned in August of this year.

The international swimming calendar is very crowded and we can not easily place another event into the calendar that will receive support from Zone 2 & 1.

Respectfully submitted

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