

2008 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – REPORT

U.A.N.A. held the 2008 Pan American Junior Championships, for athletes born in 1991 or later, in Sao Paulo, Brazil from July 25th through 31st. This event was the qualification tournament for the 2009 FINA Junior World Championships. Ten men's teams and five women's teams participated in the tournament. The top 5 men's teams and top 4 women's teams qualified for the FINA event. The results of this event follow at the end of this report.

The Brazilian Aquatics Federation - CBDA – did an excellent job in hosting the event at the Paineiras Sports Club. The facilities at the club were excellent. The pool was an all deep 50 meter pool with all the necessary electronic timing equipment, scoreboards, referee ramps, spectator seating, changing rooms for each team, etc. Attendance at the games (especially those involving Brazil) was good.

Transportation for all the teams was provided from the international airport to the hotel and return. Two pools were used, one for practice (Pacaembu) and one for games (Paineiras) and the organizing committee had buses to transport the teams to both facilities. The teams, referees, and technical committee members all stayed at the Lorena International Hotel which was 15 to 25 minutes from the competition pool depending on traffic. The hotel was a modern hotel with all necessary amenities. The athletes ate all 3 meals buffet style in the hotel dining room. It was a bit crowded, but the food was good and in ample supply. In the future, however, it is recommended that the referees and technical delegates stay at a separate hotel from the teams.

The technical meeting, followed by a referee's meeting was held at the hotel on July 24th. Also CBDA had a very nice official reception for the coaches and team leaders, the referees, and the TWPC members at the Paineiras Sports Club. Sixteen referees from twelve different countries took part in the tournament, three of them neutral. All referees did a good job with the minimum number of games officiated by any referee being four. Angel Moliner (ESP) put on a FINA Development Clinic during the tournament. The clinic was given in Spanish and English and was well attended. Five of the eight members of the U.A.N.A. TWPC, along with the executive committee liaison, were present at the event.

Special thanks for this excellent event should go to Coaracy Nunes Filho, President of the CBDA, Ricardo Cabral, Competition Director, and Jorge Pagura, UANA TWPC member. Without all their help and hard work this outstanding event could not have taken place.

Respectfully submitted,
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2008 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Day 1 – July 25

Women
MEX 2 USA 9
PUR 7 BRA 13

Men
AHO 4 COL 8
CAN 19 TRI 0
ARG 2 USA 22
BRA 9 MEX 4

Day 2 – July 26

Women
MEX 3 CAN 12
USA 11 BRA 5

Men
MEX 20 TRI 5
COL 3 USA 23
AHO 5 PUR 11
BRA 17 VEN 5

Day 3 – July 27

Women
USA 8 PUR 5
BRA 6 CAN 14

Men
TRI 10 VEN 16
USA 18 PUR 3
MEX 5 CAN 15
COL 7 ARG 4

Day 4 – July 28

Women
CAN 15 PUR 7
BRA 5 MEX 4

Men
VEN 3 CAN 23
PUR 10 ARG 3
USA 24 AHO 0
TRI 3 BRA 14

Day 5 – July 29

Women
PUR 2 MEX 11
CAN 4 USA 4

Men
ARG 14 AHO 7
VEN 4 MEX 10
PUR 9 COL 4
CAN 7 BRA 4

Semi-Final Day – July 30

Women
CAN 13 MEX 3
USA 14 BRA 4

Men
TRI 8 AHO 14
MEX 15 ARG 8
COL 8 VEN 3
CAN 10 PUR 5
USA 15 BRA 11

Final Day – July 31

Women
BRA 7 MEX 8 (3rd-4th)
USA 7 CAN 13 (1st-2nd)

Men
COL 4 MEX 9 (5th-6th)
PUR 5 BRA 11 (3rd-4th)
CAN 13 USA 14 (1st-2nd)

FINAL PLACINGS

WOMEN

1. Canada*
2. United States*
3. Mexico*
4. Brazil*
5. Puerto Rico

MEN

1. United States*
2. Canada*
3. Brazil*
4. Puerto Rico*
5. Mexico*
6. Colombia
7. Venezuela
8. Argentina
9. Netherlands Antilles
10. Trinidad

* = qualified for 2009 FINA Junior World Championships