

Technical Advisory Committee Update May 2008



Swimming New Zealand TAC Meeting, 17-18th May 2008, Wellington

2008 NZ Tri Series

The TAC discussed the 2008 NZ Tri –Series Report completed by Yvonne Voss.

The dates for 2009 are currently being finalised and SNZ will be calling for officials shortly. In 2009, a National starter and National referee will be appointed, one of which will be user-pays. Keep an eye on the SNZ website for more information.

TAC Vacancy

TAC Member Brent Singer advised his resignation from the Central North Island TAC position. Swimming New Zealand would like to thank Brent for all his work on the TAC over the past few years.

Former TAC Member Ross Bragg was approached to fill the remaining term.

Meet Director Reports

The TAC Members discussed the Meet Director Reports from 2007 Summer Champs to Olympic Trials and addressed any issues.

Officials Assessment System

The TAC discussed every assessment from the past year.

The TAC has recommended changing the 'No' column to 'Needs Improvement'. This change will enable to Assessors to more easily assess the officials and give clear feedback on areas that need improvement. The altered Assessment documents can be found on the SNZ website.

Control Room Supervisor and Inspector of Turns Assessment documents are currently being developed and will be on the SNZ website shortly.

Referee, JOS and Starters Database

There are a lot of Nationally qualified referees, judge of strokes and starters that are not applying for positions at National Competitions. An email of intent will be sent to those who have not applied recently.

Appointments for Spring and Summer

The TAC appointed officials for the 2008 Spring Competition and 2008 Summer Championships. The appointments can be found on the SNZ website.

When making appointments, the TAC keep in mind that all referees require a referee/JOS appointment during the year. The TAC are also responsible for ensuring that those appointed as referees, judges of strokes and starters have the ability to be assessed during the year.

Regions will now be required to appoint the Recorder at SNZ National Competitions.

International Competitions

The TAC asked Bill Matson to speak with Swimming Australia to see if New Zealand was able to recommend an official for the FINA World Cup in Sydney, October 2008.

Regional Updates

The TAC members discussed their areas' performance and areas of improvement.

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FINA Marathon

The TAC discussed the big step up from the NZ Open Water Champs to the requirements for the Oceania Open Water Championships. The FINA Marathon World Cup is taking place on March 28th 2009 in Wellington. As NZ will have to supply all of the 20-30 officials, the TAC discussed the need for an Open Water Officials Clinic to educate the New Zealand open water officials. SNZ has pencilled in the 29-30th November for the Open Water Clinic. More information about the clinic will be available shortly.

Officials Guide

The TAC members are currently working on the Officials Guide and apologises for the delay in publishing this document. We hope to have the Guide available shortly.

Regional Booklets

It appears there are inconsistencies across regions for the criteria to sit National Qualifications. SNZ determines the criteria for National qualifications and there should be no additional regional criteria placed on these qualifications in order for an official to sit a National exam.

Regulations

The TAC recommended and discussed suggested changes to the SNZ Regulations. Swimmers with a disability scoring club points, having a 150 IM for AWD swimmers and A & B Finals were some of the Regulation changes discussed.

Regional Forum/Workshop

The TAC discussed the need for a Regional Forum/Workshop for technical committees. The main purpose of the Forum would be to brainstorm and determine the regions' responsibilities in the qualification framework as well as in other areas of officiating. The SNZ Officials Strategy will also be discussed at this Forum.

TAC Strategy

The TAC had a brainstorming session about what the purpose of the TAC is. By assessing the required outcomes of the TAC, they were easily able to identify the inputs needed to get them to their destination.

The TAC decided that the goal of the TAC is to:

Provide leadership to and promote excellence in technical officials in New Zealand through development and communication.