

Technical Advisory Committee Update May 2009



Swimming New Zealand TAC Meeting, 2-3 May 2009, Wellington

Correspondence

The TAC discussed any correspondence received.

Meet Director Reports

The TAC discussed the Meet Director Reports from 2008 NZ Summer Champs to the 2009 NZ Open Champs and addressed any issues.

Officials Assessment System

The TAC discussed any issues within the assessments completed since 2008 NZ Summer Champs.

After coming through the second season of officials assessments, the TAC enjoy watching the officials on pool deck. The standard of officiating at national competitions has reached a new level and the TAC is very proud of what they have done as a committee.

The TAC made the decision to assess chief inspector of turns. Draft assessment documents will be created and will take effect at the 2009 NZ Spring Competition.

Another assessment line will be added to the starter and referee assessment documents in relation to false starts and will be updated on the web.

Appointments for Spring and Summer

The TAC appointed officials for the 2009 NZ Spring Competition and 2009 NZ Summer Championships. The 2009 NZ Spring Competition appointments can be found on the SNZ website.

The 2009 NZ Summer Champs appointments will be advised if the decision is to hold the NZ Summer Championships in 2009 (decision pending feedback from stakeholders on 2009 SNZ National Competition Review).

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.

Pool Surveys

To ensure that the pools that are being used for national competitions comply with FINA Rules, all pools must provide a pool survey that has been completed in the year in which the national competition will be held. For pools with moveable bulkheads, if the bulkhead is moved during the competition, another survey must be completed once back at the correct length.

Opening Ceremonies and Victory Ceremonies

The TAC discussed opening ceremonies and victory ceremonies at national competitions. They made the recommendation that only the NZ Open Championships should have an opening ceremony, and only the NZ Open Water, NZ Age Group Champs and NZ Open Champs should have victory ceremonies.

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Club/Regional Trophies

The SNZ club and regional trophy calculations are to be completed by the control room supervisor as part of their duties at national competitions.

Late withdrawal of relay team

If a relay team is forced to withdraw late from a final due to illness of a team member, then the team may replace the ill swimmer and swim as exhibition, only if there is no substitute team to replace them.

Reporting to marshalling for fastest heat of timed final

A discussion was held regarding swimmers marshalling for the fastest heat of a timed final. The fastest heat will not need to marshal in the morning.

International Appointments

The TAC would like to congratulate the following officials who have been appointed to the 13th FINA World Championships in 2009:

- Jo Davidson – swimming
- Ann Benseman – open water

SNZ Officials Shirts

Due to the significant costs associated with providing SNZ Officials shirts at national competitions, timekeepers will be required to wear their own white tops/shirts. If they have received a white SNZ official's shirt in the past then they should wear that.

Judge of Stroke Placement when only 1 swimmer

For races when there is only 1 swimmer, for example at NZ Junior Champs, the judge of stroke is only required to walk the pool deck if the swimmer is on their side of the pool.

Dubai Charter

The [Dubai Charter](#) relates to the FINA requirements for swimwear approval. Due to the logistics of checking every swimmer's togs, the Dubai Charter will only be enforced at NZ Open Champs, NZ Age Group Champs and any other qualifying competition. Swimmers must still comply with the Dubai Charter at other swimming competitions.

Regional Updates

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

TAC Vacancies

The TAC positions of Chair and Upper North Island are due for renewal this year. Applications will be sent out in June 2009.

Officials Forum

The TAC discussed the purpose of the Officials Forum and the areas that need to be addressed with the regional technical committee representatives.