

Technical Advisory Committee Update November 2008



Swimming New Zealand TAC Meeting, 30th November 2008, Wellington

Correspondence

The TAC discussed any correspondence received.

2008 Trans Tasman Tri-Series Report

The TAC discussed the 2008 Trans Tasman Tri-Series Report completed by Matt Meehan and Dave Beattie.

The report outlined how beneficial the tour is for the development of officials.

Meet Director Report

The TAC Members discussed the Meet Director Report from the 2008 Spring Competition and addressed any issues.

Relays – swimmers swimming out of order

The TAC discussed the issue of swimmers swimming out of order for relays and how to fix the problem. If officials see an infraction they should take the appropriate action.

Positioning of Judge of Stroke during 800m and 1500m Freestyle

The TAC discussed the positioning of the judge of strokes during the 800m and 1500m freestyle events and whether they could be seated. The decision is up to the Meet Director, based on the number of finals.

Officials Assessment System

A discussion was held in relation to each individual that was assessed.

The Officials Assessment System is working extremely well and the TAC are very happy with the positive attitudes towards the assessment system.

Appointments

1. 2009 National Competition Technical Official Appointments

The TAC appointed officials for the 2009 National Competitions. These can be found on the SNZ website under Technical Information. When making appointments, the TAC keep in mind that all referees require a referee/JOS appointment during the year. The TAC endeavour to appoint all referees that apply at least once. 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.

2. Trans Tasman Tri-Series **5-11th July 2009, Australia**

The 2009 Trans Tasman Tri-Series with Australia is a development tour for swimmers, coaches and officials. SNZ will cover the costs for 1 Technical Official to travel with the team. Swimming Australia has indicated that SNZ can send more than 1 Official. Any other officials that are invited to attend will be on a user-pays basis.

Yvonne Voss and Barbara Linton (user pays) were the successful applicants.

SNZ Open Water Officials Clinic

The TAC discussed the SNZ Open Water Officials Clinic that was held on 29-30th November in Wellington. The clinic, presented by Bill Ford from Australia, was held with an identified group of national open water officials. The clinic was extremely beneficial and outlined many areas in which we can lift the game, for both the FINA Marathon World Cup and NZ Open Water Championships.

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Officials Forum

The TAC decided that there should be an Officials Forum run by SNZ to discuss officiating in New Zealand. The new FINA Swimming Rules will be out in August/September 2009 and the Forum will be held around this time.

Referee to start 50m races in 50m pool

The TAC had a discussion regarding the referee starting 50m races when in a 50m pool and recommended that this be adopted.

Prime Ministers Officials Scholarships

Libby Peckham advised the TAC that Swimming New Zealand was applying for four Prime Ministers Officials Scholarships in the following priority order:

1. FINA 10km Marathon World Cup
2. 2009 Trans Tasman Tri-series
3. 13th FINA World Championships
4. Officials Assessment System – costs for assessors and those being assessed

Regulations

The TAC recommended and discussed suggested changes to the SNZ Regulations. Awarding regional ribbons at NZ Juniors and the seeding of NZ Spring were some of the Regulation changes discussed.

FINA DVD

FINA have published a DVD on Officiating Swimming and each regional association has a copy of the DVD. Anyone is able to view this DVD. Additional copies can also be purchased from Swimming New Zealand via Libby.

Disrobe Whistle

The TAC discussed the disrobe whistle which is used at international competitions (FINA Rule 2.1.5). The TAC decided to use the disrobe whistle at the 2008 NZ Summer Championships.