

Held at the University of London Union

1:00pm 11th December 2004

Present: - Martyn Belwood (Chair), Alex Bazin (Secretary), Representatives of Southampton, Oxford, Bath, Cambridge, Birmingham, Warwick, Nottingham, Manchester, London, Loughborough, Aberdeen Universities.

With: - Stu Ward, Mel Hargreaves, Dan Graham, Rob Sharman (Judges)

Apologies: - None recieved

Introduction

The chair thanked everyone for attending and introduced the reason for this special meeting; he reminded everyone that at the previous AGM it had been agreed to write a BULSCA rules manual and introduce it as soon as possible. He agreed that the introduction could have been better planned and that there had been some problems; however he felt that the new rules had been generally successful. Martyn explained that the meeting had been called to discuss those rules that needed amending. It was agreed that all new rules would be introduced at the Birmingham competition unless specifically stated.

Rope Throw

- **Scoring:** For teams not getting all competitors in; they will receive the median position of all teams getting the same number of competitors in. Should there be an even number of teams all getting the same number of competitors in then the position shall include half marks.
- **Penalties:** For each infraction of the rules the team shall forfeit one competitor pulled in; **this will replace rule 5.4.26.1 and 5.4.26.2**
- **Rule 5.4.13:** Add "in front" after "outstretched" on line 2.
- **Rule 5.4.16:** Add "physical" between "further" and "assistance".
- **Lost Rope** Should a casualty let go of the rope before touching the pool side they must return to the cross line and the rope must be rethrown.

Swim and Tow

- **Rule 5.5.1.8:** Insert "turning edge" between "touch" and "again"; and replace "collecting" with "touching".
- **Rule 5.5.1.8.1:** Replace "wall" with "turning edge".

- **Wrist Tow:** The wrist tow is permitted as a tow but must be performed so that the casualty may not grasp the rescuer (i.e. the rescuer must grasp the back of the casualty's wrist).
- **Towing Stroke:** Correct sidestroke or lifesaving backstroke must be used during the tow. No overarm recovery is permitted.

SERC

The weighting of the SERC shall be increase from two to three, with the exception of the Student National Competition, **this updates rules 3.22 and 3.2.2.1.**

A guidance note for choking casualties shall be circulated to all judges.

Nationals

The events at the Student National Competition shall comprise of SERC, line throw, and swim and tow relay; **this updates rule 5.0.2.1.**

Calculation of League Placing

Non-league teams must be removed from the placings in each event for the calculation of the final results, these results shall be used for the league points, medals and trophies.

This clarifies rule 3.3.5 and shall retrospectively apply throughout the 2004-05 season

There exist a number of scoring spreadsheets and programmes throughout BULSCA members, the chair and secretary shall examine all of these programmes with a view to recommending one 'official' programme at the AGM. This programme will be made available via the BULSCA website.

Penalties

All infringements of rules during relay events shall attract a 15 second time penalty; with the exception of false starts or serious infringements (at the judges discretion) for which the team shall be disqualified.

Rescue Medley

For the purposes of **rule 5.8.3.10** the casualty must be in contact with the rescue tube before the end of the rescue tube passes the 5m-line.

Remove the word "not" in **rule 5.8.1.1.**

Timing and Reruns

Should the place judge disagree with the timing results, then the place judge's decision shall stand with the mean time of the disputed places becoming the official time.

There being no further business the chair declared the meeting closed at 2:00pm.

The location and date of the next meeting will be advertised in due course.