

OFFICIALS' MEETING, WINTER SENIOR NATIONALS  
MARCH 29, 2001

The officials met in the morning on Thursday, March 29, 2001 as they usually do to discuss synchronized diving. Bev has photocopied the information from FINA and the officials discussed synchronized diving.

The officials also met Thursday evening to further discuss synchronized diving and studied films of it. They found the meeting very helpful and informative and valuable information was exchanged regarding how this event is judged at the FINA level. FINA is also in the process of learning how to judge synchronized diving.

The following is a list of recommendations and concerns arising from the Thursday evening meeting.

- Bev was to get clarification from Mike Lang regarding the status of their discussions from Age Group Nationals with reference to a parent refereeing an event their child is diving in. pp 66#5.  
It was agreed at three different committee levels that it would be okay for a parent to referee, but not judge an event that their child was in. It was verbally agreed to by the judges committee, coaches committee and technical committee. The officials committee are wondering what happened to the issue after this point. It is asked that this be corrected in next year's rulebook so that they can follow through on the recommendation.
- The officials committee requests that Tim Pfeifer from Boardworks make a short presentation (time permitting) at Age Group Nationals as to the program used and how officials can verify that the information is correct. The referee's signature on the sheets is means to be the final check and balance that everything is in order. The officials need to know what process was followed to ensure that everything is in order to sign the sheets with some assurance that they are correct.
- Officials are to promote synchronized diving within their provinces!! This will help the officials committee to prepare judges and divers for these events at nationals.
- Bev will make some films on synchronized diving and will also obtain the film that FINA produced. Copies will be made and every province will receive these tapes for educational purposes. The judging clinic videos need to be available to all the provinces. CADA will try to locate them and distribute them to the provinces.

- Bev will be on the agenda for the CDCA, speaking on behalf of the officials in regards to synchronized diving and any other issues the officials may bring forward.
- Clarification for the officials program for this year will be coming soon, ie. Apprentices at Age Groups, etc. The officials need new blood as there was trouble filling the roster for Age Group Nationals. Bev will be sending out this information very soon as anyone interested will need to write the exam 60 days prior to the event. Bev will be reviewing the exam to make sure that it is up-to-date and contains relevant information. Gordon Peterson will help her.
- Bev will contact Alan Hay as to his status on the National roster.
- Bev will contact CADA National with reference to the Canada Games judges.
- CADA National needs to contact FINA with reference to the French translation of the blue judging book. FPAQ has offered to translate the manual. To date, Kathy Seaman has been unable to get a response from FINA.