



NAA - North Shore Aquatic Association AAN - Association Aquatique NorthShore

May 13th 2019 Meeting

AGENDA

Date: May 13th 2019

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Dorval Community Center, Salon B

Introduction and Welcome

1. Attendance
2. Approval of minutes and agenda
3. Executive Reports:
 - a) Treasurer
 - b) President
 - c) VP Water Polo
 - d) VP Synchro
 - e) VP Swimming
 - f) VP Diving
 - g) VP Marketing
4. Constitutional Changes to be voted on in June 2019
5. Vote on Constitutional Changes submitted at August Meeting:
6. Election of executives:
 - a) VP Synchro
 - b) VP Water Polo
 - c) VP Marketing
 - d) Secretary
 - e) Treasurer
7. Contact Info, Registration Forms, Web site pool contacts/info

8. Proposals for Constitutional Changes to be voted on in June 2019
9. New Business / Announcements
10. Next Meeting Details (June 17th 2019, Dorval Community Center)
11. Call for adjournment

Proposal #1 – Head judges must be certified

By Ashley Kennedy, VP Diving

Reason: Every year there are complaints about the head judges not following proper rules. This can be easily avoided if all head judges receive the same training.

Add

4.3.9.1

All referees are required to attend a judge's clinic at the beginning of the season, unless they have taken an official judge training through a winter club. The date, time, and location of the judge's clinic will be determined by the VP of Diving.

4.3.9.2

All pools who use a referee who has not gone to the clinic each year or who is not certified through a diving club, will receive a point deduction of fifty (50) points for every meet with an unqualified referee.

Proposal #2 – Change of definition of dive categories

Reason: The current rule has two different interpretations within the same amendment. The proposed rule is what is used in winter diving.

By Ashley Kennedy, VP Diving

Current

4.3.5

A diver in any age-group may not execute more than two (2) dives in any category but twist (Forward, backward, reverse, inward). For dives in the twist category, the grouping is defined by the direction (i.e. Forward dives with a twist are considered a forward dive and backward dives with a twist are considered backward dives) If a diver executes 2 dives from the same category, one MUST be a compulsory and the remaining an optional.

Change

4.3.5

A diver in any age group may not execute more than two (2) dives in the same category (forward, backward, inward, reverse, twist). All twist dives, regardless of direction, are part of the same category. If a diver executes 2 dives from the same category, one MUST be a compulsory and the remaining an optional.

Proposal #3 – Removing diving sections

Reason: We have been trying to find a fair solution for several seasons to make sure the correct divers end up at finals. By removing sections and having divers qualify for finals, you have a more representative sample of those divers who competed throughout the summer and their overall performance, rather than their performance from one night. The way sections work now, if a diver has one bad dive, they risk the chance of not qualifying even though they may have finished first at every dual meet of the summer. This does not provide a fair opportunity for divers.

By Ashley Kennedy, VP Diving

Remove 4.2.1 and 4.2.1.1

4.2.1 An individual must compete in at least two (2) regular season diving competitions in order to be eligible to compete in section finals. Should a division comprise of less than six (6) teams, an individual must compete in at least one (1) regular season diving competition in order to be eligible to compete in section finals.

4.2.1.1 If a diver is found to have broken rule 4.2.1, that diver will be disqualified and all his/her points will be removed from their team's total.

Current

4.4.8

The host pool must deliver a copy of the official score sheet to the VP of Diving within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the meet. There will be a penalty of 50 points if the score sheet is not handed in on time. An additional 25 points will be deducted for each subsequent week that score sheet is not handed in. The VP of Diving will determine the location for delivery of the score sheet at the beginning of each season.

Change

The host pool must deliver a copy of the official score sheet and their diver sheets to the VP of Diving within forty-eight (48) hours of the end of the meet. There will be a penalty of 50 points if the score sheet is not handed in on time. An additional 25 points will be deducted for each subsequent week that score sheet is not handed in. The VP of Diving will determine the location for delivery of the score sheet at the beginning of each season.

Current

4.5.1

A total of five (5) judges (one of which will be the referee) shall be used at each Section Finals event and the Championship Meet. All judges for these events will be provided by the VP of Diving.

Change

A total of five (5) judges (one of which will be the referee) shall be used at the Championship Meet. All judges for this event will be provided by the VP of Diving.

Remove 4.5.2

A maximum of twelve (12) divers from each pool (three (3) pre-juniors, three (3) juniors, three (3) intermediate, three (3) seniors) compete in section finals, provided that each competitor is considered eligible (see rule 4.2.1)

Current

4.5.5

All individual diver sheets from all section finals and championship events must be given to the VP of Diving following the end of the competition.

Change

All individual diver sheets from championship events must be given to the VP of Diving following the end of the competition.

Remove all of 4.6 – Preliminary Section Finals Competitions

Merge 4.5 and 4.7

Current

4.7.1

The NAA diving championship shall be held each year in august, once each section final event has been completed.

Change

The NAA diving championship shall be held each year in august.

Current

4.7.2

A total of twelve (12) divers shall compete in each age-group (Six (6) from each division).

Change

Only those divers who qualify will attend

Current

4.7.3

Should a diver be unable to compete in the Championship, an alternate will take his or her place. The alternates are expected to be present at the Championship event, in the chance that such a situation may occur.

Change

Should a diver be unable to compete in the Championship, no alternate will take his or her place.

Remove 4.7.4

If no alternate is available from the affected division the seventh (7) place finisher in the other division will be eligible to take their place.

Add NEW section 4.6

4.6 – Qualifying for NAA Diving Championships

4.6.1

In order to qualify for NAA Diving Championship, a diver must finish in the top 3 in at least 3 dual meets.

4.6.2

A diver must finish in the top 3 in the same age group in order to qualify (i.e. A diver cannot qualify if they placed 1st in Junior twice and 1st in intermediate twice).

4.6.3

A diver must attend the Championship meet in the age group in which they qualified.

4.6.4

If a diver qualifies in two (2) age groups, they must choose one in which to compete.

4.6.5

The VP of Diving will send an updated document at the end of each week with the results of each pool (in order for coaches to keep track of who has finished in the top 3).

Proposal #4

Proposed Amendments - EPRA

2.5.13: At The Time Trials, an event sheet (program) including the heat and lane of all participating swimmers shall be provided to the stroke & turn judges at the officials meeting prior to the start of the competition.

*reasons why:

- to ensure that all officials are better informed of the progression of the meet and who is swimming.
- to ensure that the identification and communication of infractions to officials is facilitated.

2.7.3: In the decision to postpone The Time Trials or the Championship meet, a meeting and a vote shall take place involving the head coach and one (1) executive committee member from each participating pool.

*reasons why:

- to ensure all participating pools are involved in the discussion and the decision of postponing the competition.
- to ensure fairness and objectivity is maintained during the deciding of whether or not to postpone the competition.

Proposal #5

Submitted by: Peter Korsos – addition of 40 plus age category, mixed relay.

Constitution change:

Swimming

2.1 general

2.1.1 The recognized events for categories

ADD a 40 plus age group

Mixed relays in 2019. 2 male and 2 female***

Keep all other age groups the same. Open would become 15- 39 in open relays.

Note 1: This change would not alter the Open stroke swim age category and all current constitutional rules governing number of swims and relay types would apply.

Note 2: *** Option to enable any pool to swim 6 swimmers instead of 4 in the mixed relay at which point it would become exhibition.

Swimmers would swim 25m and use the current 8 & under rule on shallow end takeovers.

To all concerned:

This proposal's aim is to create a new age category relay race during the summer swim season's 5 meets

plus Time Trials and Big Meet.

It would be an evolving proposition in an effort to raise awareness and participation. As a parent and

former (long long time ago) swimmer I have found it fun to participate in the swim meets as alternate

for current open swimmers.

From a competitive standpoint it makes little sense to expect a 50 plus-old to beat anyone younger than

35 unless they have been national calibre swimmers, and we have a few, however, this is to make it

more fun, get parents into the water and create yet another family experience at our Pools.

It opens another avenue for parents who may not have been competitive or high calibre swimmers, like

me, to participate.

Therefore, OPEN would become 15-40 which while still daunting for a 15-16-year-old, would make it

more representative, and then, there would be a 40 plus age category. Many of the pools have young

kids in the sub 10-11 year old category which a friend of mine reminded me so likely parents are in their

40's.

Originally, I thought of keeping to the open rules, 4 X 50 relay, however some parents have said they

could swim 25 but not 50.

Therefore, I am suggesting this be a formal event (read points) but that to the discretion of the visiting

pool, can comprise of more than 4 swimmers.

If there are more than 4 swimmers, then the 8 and under wall rules apply. However, this would be

maxed to 6 swimmers. (open to change)

Both pools would use the same number of swimmers.

The race would be Freestyle or Medley choice going to home pool.

I am hoping that we can pass this proposal and am very open to possible changes to get it passed and

make it fun, exciting and another reason the NAA is trying to make changes to attract families and make

it about everyone.

Proposal #6

Synchro Changes – By Annemarie Salama-Siroishka

Current

3.3.13 In Team competition, whether Preliminaries or Finals, one half (1/2) point shall be added to the Total Score for each additional competitor over four (4) in any one team up to a maximum of 8 competitors.

New

3.3.13 In Team competition, whether Preliminaries or Finals, two tenths (0.2) of a point shall be added to the Total Score for each additional competitor over four (4) in any one team up to a maximum of 9 competitors.

Minutes from NAA meeting held on August 27 th

2018 at Sarto Desnoyers

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Daniel Sikorski.

Attendance:

Absent: CSL and FOR. VER present with one vote. All other pools present with 2 votes.

Absent from NAA Executive: Jenn Robert (Secretary) and Brandon Adams (VP of

Competitive

Swimming). Remaining executives present.

Nomination of Ingrid for secretary for this meeting.

Approval of June 20 th meeting minutes: Approved by Chris V. Seconded by Rick.

Approval of agenda: proposed by Dave to add a point about code of conduct before new business announcements. Missing names of those who gave approval and seconded the motion

Treasurer Report (Ingrid Oldenburg)

\$299.25 account balance.

Most pools respected the fee payment deadline this year. No late charges had to be applied.

Funds were available for everything required but the closing balance is low; possibility of fees having to

be raised for the 2019 season.

President Report (Daniel Sikorski):

Thank you to all pools for making 2018 a great summer, it's a privilege to be a part of this organization.

Some swimming records were broken this summer.

The NAA is looking for new sponsorship opportunities.

The NAA needs to work on constitutional literacy for next season in order to be prepared for discussions

and situations.

Code of conduct to be elaborated upon. Discussion to be continued in constitutional proposals.

VP of Swimming Report (Brandon Adams):

Time trials brought forward some challenges. I believe some changes and amendments are needed.

Previous amendments were a success.

Big Meet ran very smoothly and was the most problem-free in recent memory.

Thanks to the host pools of time trials and Big Meet.

VP of Synchro Report (Annemarie Salama-Siroishka):

The 2018 season ran very smoothly and pool preparation was a big part of this. The coaches did a good

job with submitting forms.

Overall synchro team scores:

Glenmore 538

Fairview 528

- Ecclestone 500

VP of Diving Report (Ashley Kennedy):

- Thorndale 1410 (wins A division)
- Ballantyne 992.75 (wins B division)
- Westminster 802 (moving down)
- Ecclestone (moving down)

A few hiccups at the beginning of the season due to pools dropping out.

Ecclestone will move down to division B to even out the number of pools in each division.

VP of Water Polo Report (Taylor Vjih):

The season ran quite well. Thanks to the host pools for playoffs and finals.

2018 saw an increase in participation of girls and more female teams.

New rule to be suggested for the future which determines age according to participant's age as of January 1 of the current year. Currently, the cut-off date is participant's age as of June 30. The aim is to

increase participation, especially on girls' teams.

Constitutional Proposals (details provided under separate cover):

- Diving VP (Ashley Kennedy) proposes that whomever is going to be the head judge must be certified by a winter diving club or come to the diving clinic at the beginning of the season. This forces everyone to know the constitutional rules and be on the same page. Point deduction to the host pool would accompany any diving meet where there is no certified head judge. Add Diving sections 4.3.9.1 and 4.3.9.2.

- Diving VP (Ashley Kennedy) proposes a change to the definition of the diving categories. Current rules have contradictory language. Forward, backward, inward, reverse and twist would be 5 different categories. Modify Diving section 4.3.5.

- Diving VP (Ashley Kennedy) proposes to remove section meets and require pools to qualify for

finals based on running tally during the summer. Top 3 divers per category would go to finals.

This would make the caliber of divers more representative. Divers would have to compete in at least 3 meets to qualify for finals. Remove Diving sections 4.2.1, 4.2.1.1, 4.5.2, all of 4.6, and 4.7.4. Modify Diving sections 4.4.8, 4.5.1, 4.5.5, 4.7.1, 4.7.2 and 4.7.3. Merge Diving sections 4.5

and 4.7 into a new section 4.6.

- Elm Park proposes to have a program at Time Trials for each official to have a list of swimmers

per lane (heat sheet). Removes the possibility of mix-ups and accidental errors. Add Swimming section 2.5.13.

- Elm Park proposes that if we decide to postpone Time Trials or Big Meet, there would be a meeting beforehand including the head coach at one committee member from each pool. This would ensure fairness in the decision. Add Swimming section 2.7.3.

- VP of Synchro Report (Annemarie Salama-Siroishka) proposes that a half point be added to the

total score for each additional competitor over four (4) in any one team, to a maximum of 8

competitors. The goal is to show the value of the routine and to promote participation. Modify Synchro section 3.3.13.

ECC proposes that the VP of waterpolo uses an ordered list of criteria to determine participation in playoff competitions between two teams having equal records. Modify to Waterpolo section 5.5.4.1.

ECC proposes that a forfeit is scored according to how much notice is given. Modify Waterpolo section 5.4.5.

ECC proposes that any tam that has a BYE will be grated a WIN with a score of 1-0 in the score results. Modify Waterpolo section 5.4.6.

ECC proposes that any team shall not win by more than 7 goals. Modify Waterpolo section 5.4.7.

ECC proposes that pools affiliated with any event not scheduled by the end of the June of the current year be fined \$50 by the NAA.

ECC proposes adding a provision in the constitution for determining if an event is postponed or moved to an alternate date in the case of a rain or storm delay.

ECC proposes adding a provision in the constitution for all event start times.

ECC proposes that the NAA purchase a proper underwater speaker for synchro meets and lend it to pools hosting these types of events. Each pool would contribute to this cost.

ECC proposes that the sound quality for synchro events is evened off for all pools ahead of all competitions. Modify Synchro section 3.3.9.

Voting on these proposals will take place at the May 2019 meeting.

Non-Constitutional Proposals:

Peter Korsos proposes to organize a swim/run event to raise awareness of the outdoor pool community. He will further discuss this with municipalities to assess the resources required and available.

2019 Calendar

Calendar reviewed. No change to structure of calendar or order of events.

Awarding of Events

Swimming

Big Meet GLE

A Time Trials WES

B Time Trials SUR

C Time Trials WPK

Summer Swim Meet WAL

Synchro

Senior Finals VYC

Junior Finals THO

Pre Junior Finals ELM

Junior Prelims ECC

Senior Prelims WPK

Diving

Diving Finals FVW

A Sections FVW

B Sections TMR

Waterpolo

Finals VYC

Playoffs #1 ECC

Playoffs #2 ELM

Events with multiple bids:

- Big Meet: GLE, ECC
- Summer Swimmers Meet: VYC, WAL
- Waterpolo Finals: VYC, ELM

New Business/Announcements

Code of conduct: the NAA lacks a clear process for the “hearing” when a penalty is issued. Proposal to form a committee to handle the process of a code of conduct claim. Valleycrest board member will draft a proposal to be shared at the May 2019 meeting. Anyone involved with the NAA (coaches, parents, athletes, volunteers) that is considering participating in this committee should communicate with Daniel.

All trophies to be returned to the Sarto Desnoyers Community Center as soon as possible.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2019 at the Sarto Desnoyers Community Center in Dorval at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm - Unanimous

Constitutional Changes to be voted on in June 2019

Proposal #1

SYNCHRO

Current:

3.3.13

In Team competition, whether Preliminaries or Finals, one half (1/2) point shall be added to the Total Score for each additional competitor over four (4) in any one team up to a maximum of 8 competitors.

Counter Proposal to Annemarie's proposal – As Canada Artistic Swimming (formerly Synchro Canada) No longer applies penalties, you are judged on your Swim, the NAA should follow that lead.

From the Canada Artistic Swimming (formerly Synchro Canada) Rule Book.

4.7.2 Routines/Scoring (g):

iii) Routine Adjusted Score

1) Applicable penalties and deductions shall be subtracted to obtain the Routine Adjusted Score.

2) In Canada, there is no deduction for teams with less than eight (or ten in the case of Provincial age group, Masters or Free Combination routines) members.

Change:

3.3.13

To Follow Canada Artistic Swimming (formerly Synchro Canada) rule

4.7.2 Routines/Scoring (g)

iii) Routine Adjusted Score

There will be no points added to the Total Score for teams over four (4) competitors.

Proposal #2

DIVING

Proposed Changes would make Diving very similar to Swimming Qualification for Big Meet, while taking into consideration Diving is a judged Sport...not a timed one.

Current:

4.6.2 The six (6) highest scoring divers from each age-group will represent each division in the NAA diving championship meet.

Change:

4.6.2 The combined top 12 scoring divers in each age-group from both Section finals events will move on to the finals, as long as both A and B Divisions have at least 3 Representatives. If not, then the finals field will be added to until it meets the required representatives to a Max of 15 Divers.

Current:

4.6.3 Should there be a tie for six (6th) place at the section finals, both divers will advance to compete in the Championship Finals event.

Change:

4.6.3 Should there be a tie for twelfth (12th) place at the section finals, both divers will advance to compete in the Championship Finals event.

Current:

4.6.5 The alternates for each age-group will be the seventh (7th) and eight (8th) place finishers in that age group and division. Each division will have a total of eight (8) alternates (two (2) Pre-juniors, two (2) juniors, two (2) intermediates and two (2) seniors).

Change:

4.6.5 The alternates for each age-group will be the thirteenth (13th) and fourteenth (14th) place finishers in that age group. If neither the 13th or 14th place finisher in section finals is available, the alternate will be the following placed diver until an available alternate is found.

Current:

4.7.4 If no Alternate is available from the affected division the seventh (7) place finisher in the other division will be eligible to take their place.

Change:

Delete 4.7.4.....If 4.6.5 change passes, as would now be a duplicate in Ref to Alternates.

Current:

4.7.2 A total of twelve (12) divers shall compete in each age-group (Six (6) from each division).

Change:

4.7.2 The total number of divers to compete at Finals will be subject to rule 4.6.2 in each age-group.

Current:

4.6.1 The Section finals dates and times are set by the V.P. Diving and are scheduled for after the regular season dual meets are completed.

Change:

4.6.1 The Section finals dates and times are set by the V.P. Diving and are scheduled for after the regular season dual meets are completed. There will be one event for Pre Jr and Jr divers from both A and B divisions, and one event for Intermediate and Senior Divers from both A and B divisions this to ensure judging is equal for all divers at the Sections Finals events.

(The V.P can arrange Age Group combinations as they see fit for the Sections events for the best time management - EX: Pre JR and Senior Day 1 and JR and INT Day 2).

Proposal #3

WaterPolo

Proposal - Add a Mixed 10 and under age Category for the 2019 summer, could be played on same night as Girls Games...like the U12 is on the Boys night or same night as U12 if many of the Players are the same???

This would be similar to the 12 and under games rules. The VP in consultation with Coaches prior to the season starting, would adjust any necessary rules that best promote the Sport to new players in this age group.

Rules Examples to Discuss: Touching the bottom ok - unless shooting on the goal, 2 hands okay to pass only, maybe played in Shallow end of the pool widthwise or a shorten pool in the deep end, Size of the Nets, Ball and Length of game is maybe only 2 halves vs 4 Quarters...

Add:

5.9 Mixed 10 and under Games

This section to be constructed based on specific 10 and under rule differences in the summer of 2019 and adopted at the Aug 2019 NAA meeting for the summer of 2020 Play.

IF getting it going for 2019 is a stretch.....as already May.....

Glenmore would promote a U10 Festival/Tournament(s) like THO hosted last year. With advanced planning, Locations/participation could be high much like the U12 Forest Village Tournament is every year.