



CMAS
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DES ACTIVITÉS SUBAQUATIQUES
WORLD UNDERWATER FEDERATION

Commission-Meeting- Fredericia (DK)
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Underwater Rugby Commission President Søren Neubert

**Subject: Commission Meeting on Monday May 26th 2003 in Fredericia (DK)
during the 7th W.C. UWR**

Attendees : Lauri Nurminen, Jonas Andersson , Charlie Matthews, Søren Neubert and Carol Rose U.S.A. (who sat in).

1. CMAS calendar

The listing of international tournaments. The federations urge to turn in more applications for the CMAS calendar 2004 by end of June at the latest to Søren Neubert.

The federation was told about this at the general assembly the day before. Søren Neubert will try to retrieve more information from the federations, and send it to C.M.A.S. official calendar. The problem is that the most of the cups are not planned the year before, even though the cups have existed for many years. At 2004 there is only one planned international event, and that is the nordic championships held in

2. Organisers for the EC –2005 and WC 2007

The Finnish and the Swedish federations showed interest to organise the E.C. in 2005 at EC in Sandefjord 2001 is this still a fact.

Sweden and Finland is still showing interest, and are working together to find a solution for the E.C. 2005. Søren Neubert is following up on the work making the E.C. 2005 happen.

3. Candidates for the UWR Commission -elective november 22th to november 29th, 2003 in China, on the island of Hainan

Because Søren Neubert was elected as president, in a middle of a period between two G.A. the president for the UW-Rugby commission is up for reelection until G.A. 2005. Søren Neubert is ready for reelection for the period 2003-2005. At G.A. 2005 all the places in the commission is up for election for a new period of four years.



4. International judges

- Nomination of 3 Danish judges as International Judges.

The commission handled the nomination of the 3 Danish referees.

The following two Danish referees was elected as new Internation referees by the commission.

- **Lars Olsson**
- **Thomas Mørk**

5. Miscellaneous

a. Rules changes proposals

Jonas Andersson was appointed as rules director by the commission, and will follow up on the rules proposals from Sweden showed at the general meeting Sunday 25 May – 2003, with help from Siv Norstein from Norway. See also Appendix I + II

b. Grab a game

Charlie Matthews came with the idea that we could use the Internet to make it possible to “Grab a game”. A service for those individuals or clubs who are not enough to participate in cups with their own team, but with help from other individual or clubs, to gather enough people to make a team. Søren Neubert will look into the possibility.

c. Color code for the suits !

Charlie Matthews came with the idea to make a change in the color code for the suits, so other colors than Blue and White can be allowed. Charlie Matthews will follow up on this issue.

d. C.M.A.S. opinion/directions about Doping control.

Søren Neubert will still try to get an answer from C.M.A.S. on this topic, unless that he has tried for several months before WC-2003 in UW-Rugby without success, so the commissions now what to do in the future about this topic.



I

Procedure for Rules Changes

A. Rule suggestions will be discussed at the general meeting of the commission every 2 years, during the Zone or world Championships (WC)

The rule suggestions will be written down at the meeting.

B. Further rule suggestions can be sent to the rules director up to 7 month after the meeting. They must be in English.

C. 11 month after the meeting all suggestions will be put together by the rules director and sent out to all federations who participated in the previous meeting. It is intended that each federation discusses all new rule suggestions, and possibly try them out in their national system.

D. Not later than 19 month after the meeting, a written response from each federation shall be sent to the rules director so that suggestions for alteration in wording and/or meaning and/or comments concerning the proposed rule changes are recorded on paper. Only those changes sent out per paragraph C can be commented upon. No new rules can be suggested at this stage.

E. Not later than 20 month after the meeting the final rule suggestions will be sent to the participating federations. A copy of each nations response will be attached. These rule suggestions will then be voted on at the coming Zone/WC, 24 months after the previous meeting. Only minor changes in wording can be accepted for discussion before voting on the rule changes. The original meaning must not be altered.

A simple majority is required for acceptance of new proposals. New rule suggestions will also be discussed at the meeting. They can be voted on at the next meeting 24 months later.

F. The rules can be applied immediately after acceptance. The national federations must comply with the rules by July 1st the following year.



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II

Proposals for rules changes

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R = Rule

G = Guidance notes

[Text] = Comment

R&G3.1.2 (i) [Remove] (The surface referee will always starts the game)

R3.1.3 (iv) [Change] The start of the game, after half time, and after a referee ball and after a free throw and after a goal is scored.

R&G6.1.6 [Change] The free throw is given clearance by the surface referee.

R6.3.12 [Change] If the penalty throw is interrupted by incorrect behaviour by the attacking player, the ball is placed in the middle of the pool and the game is started as in rule 4.1.1.

G1.2.3 [New] A soft padding should be put at the bottom of the goal in order to prevent the ball from bouncing back. The thickness of this padding should be 100mm and securely fastened in order to prevent it from floating up.

R2.2.1 [Addition] Fins which are cut my not be shorter than 45cm.

R6.3.11 (iii) [New] The referee can use the advantage rule. If no goal is scored a new penalty throw is awarded and the goal keeper is given a penalty. If a goal is scored the goal keeper is given a penalty.

G6.3.11 (iii) [New] The advantage rule should only be used at a clear goal possibility. The referee will signal this by raising one hand. After the clear goal possibility is over the penalty throw should be stopped.

G4.2.6 [Addition] The surface referee will indicate to the teams when one minute has passed and the teams should have one minute 'effective' time-out.

R3.2.2 [Changed] The surface referee shall at least wear a white top (T-shirt or equivalent).

R5.1.20 [New] A free throw or referee ball can be given when the game is blocked at the surface.

G5.1.20 [New] During longer or repeated blockings in the surface, about 10sec, a free throw or referee ball can be given. A blocking which is moving is not to be considered as a true blocking. This rule can only be used when the blocking is in the surface.

R1.4.1 [New] An underwater signal equipment must be available.

G1.4.1 [New] All 3 referees should be equipped with the possibility to start and stop the game during international championships.

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G2.3.5 [New] Red is regarded as a neutral colour.

G4.3.1 [New] A goal is not valid if scored when the goal is not standing up.

R5.1.13 [Change] (Combine rules 5.1.13, 5.1.14, 5.1.16 and 5.1.17)

R5.1.14 [Change] (Combine rules 5.1.13, 5.1.14, 5.1.16 and 5.1.17)

R5.1.16 [Change] (Combine rules 5.1.13, 5.1.14, 5.1.16 and 5.1.17)

R5.1.17 [Change] (Combine rules 5.1.13, 5.1.14, 5.1.16 and 5.1.17)

G6.3.6 [Change] (Move the 2 first sentences about the goal keeper to G6.3.5)

G4.1.1 [New] If the game is stopped for a longer time than normal the surface referee should separate the teams in order to, for example, avoid continuous diving at one of the goals.

R4.3.2 (ii) [New] The maximum number of scores noted in the protocol will be 20 plus goals.

G6.1.5 [Addition] The free throw is started if the free thrower shows the ball in the surface, even if an opponent is within 2 m.

Procedures for the Organisation of CMAS UW-Rugby World, Continental and Zone Championships

7.3 (ii) The Team meeting should always be held before the referee meeting during an international championship.

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