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

**Subject: Minutes of the General Meeting on Sunday May 25th 2003 in Fredericia (DK)
during the 7th W.C. UWR**

There have not come in any surgestions for the agenda, besides the Rules change proposals/guidelines from sweden. Therefore this short agenda.

The following countries was present with a representative.

Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Germany, U.S.A., Colombia, Russia, Czech Republic, Denmark

1. 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 ? Have the countries desided anything yet ?

Finland is still working on applying for E.C. 2005

2. CMAS calendar

The listing of international tournaments. The federations urge to turn in more applications for the CMAS calendar 2003-2004 by end of June 2003 at the latest to Soren Neubert.

3. Proposals for rules changes

Manuel Tito de Morais went through the proposals, and explaind what the purpose is with the proposals. Jonas Andersson was at the commission meeting next day apointed 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. Jonas will work together with Siv Norstein from Norway in the work with the rules change proposals.

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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.



4. Miscellaneous

The issue about C.M.A.S. missing oppions and directions about doping control was discussed , and the commission was asked to get a reply from C.M.A.S. to use in further competions. At the moment the UW-Rugby commission don't now how to deal with a positive doping sampel.

The Germans brought up the danish federations decission about that the Danish federation payed half of the participaint fee for (Russia, Turkey, Colombia and U.S.A.). When it came to the countries acknowledge that is was not a reduction, but that the Danish federation payed with there own money, as a sponsor, just to make the world championship 2003 the biggest ever, there was a big applause. The dissussion ended here.