

UANA SYNCHRONIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TOURNAMENT REPORT

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UANA PAN-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
SAN JUAN P.R.

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FROM; ROSE CODY
CHAIR TSSC

TO: DALE NUEBERGUER
PRESIDENT UANA

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This years championship was held at the beautiful Natatorium in San Juan, P.R. The competition was attended by 264 athletes from 14 Federations and 4 Clubs from the Americas. (Argentina, Aruba, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela)

Organizing Committee:

Mr. Morgan Toro – President Federacion de Natacion Puertorriqueña de Natacion
Ms, Isabel Martin – Meet Manager
Ms. Zully Garcia - .P. R. Synchronized Committee chair

The competition was very well conducted by the UANA Technical Committee and the Organizing Committee.

Accommodations, Transportation and Meals

The Host Hotel: Caribe Hilton – a five start hotel provided very good accommodation for all participating Federations

Transportation: Brand new coach buses provided excellent transportation to and from the airport as well as to the pool daily.

Meals- Very good meals were provided at the hotel for breakfast and at the pool for lunch and dinner

Facility Services

Medical Services: provided by the Municipality with ambulance and paramedic service available
on call at the pool

Parking Facilities at the Natatorium: Excellent with accessible parking also available

Security: At the hotel and at the pool 24/7 by the local police department

Competition Meetings

Technical Meeting: Was presented in Power Point by UANA TSSC Secretary Mrs. Erika Lindner and Victoria Montedonico in both languages .

We had the honour to have the President of UANA in attendance, Mr Dale Nueburger, Mr Morgan Toro, Isabel Martin and Mrs. Rose Cody Chair UANA TSSC. Also in attendance was Ms. Irina Bululova, from Russia as the evaluator from FINA

Judges Meeting: Was presented in Power Point by UANA TSSC Secretary Erika Lindner and Judges Subcommittee Chair Betty Hazle in both languages. 24 Judges from the Americas attended which made it possible for the first time in our competition history that we were able to assign 4 panels of 6 judges each for the figure competition.

TSSC: The Commission of Dr. Margo Mountjoy, Erika Lindner and Rose Cody. Victoria Montedonico as Chief Referee with Assistant Referees Charlotte Davis, Lilianne Grenier, Esther Croes and Lina Zapata. Judges Sub-Committee Chair Betty Hazel and Jorge Ruz and Patricia Vila in the Last Call Room. Athlete's Representative Laura Montes stepped in as Announcer for the competition. 11 members were present each one performing an excellent job throughout the 4 days of competition. Missing without excuse was Lourdes Gongalvez, TSSC Vice Chair from Venezuela.

Scoring & Results

Chief Scorer was Ms. Sue Johnson from the USA and Assistant Scorer was Ms. Barbara McNamee from the USA. TSSC Committee Members Laura Montes and Lilianne Grenier were our Announcers and announced unofficial results in both Spanish and English. Official Results were posted at the pool on deck and for spectators in the stands. Summary and Detailed Results were posted on the UANA website daily by Ms. McNamee who also served as our UANA Web Master for the Competition.

Mixed Duet

The addition of the Mixed Duet to our program was well received by the audience, officials and athletes. The entries of Bill May & Kanako Spendlove from the USA as well as Alberto Pinto & Milagro Meneses from Panama added fabulous performances to our competition. Coaches were also able to benefit from Instruction on Mixed Duet presented by Coach Chris Carver from the USA during our competition de-briefing.

Suggestions for Future Competitions

As the UANA TSSC we are always looking for ways to improve our competitions to ensure that they are efficient, transparent to all attendees and provide the best schedule of events for the athletes. Some suggestions put forth by TSSC Members are as follows:

- Combine or have more back to back events if there are few entries in certain categories.
- Use flashcards to flash marks for figures and have recorders document the scores to make it easier for them to be entered by the scorers.
- Have finals only events for categories with fewer than 12 competitors.
- Attempt to have separate Judges, Scoring and TSSC rooms when possible at hosting facilities.

- Change the arrival of the TSSC to two days prior to the Technical Meeting to allow for finalization of competition organizational details.
- Make use of electronic scoreboards in facilities when available
- In the future we would like to use a TSSC member to oversee the collection and organization of chits from routines to ensure that they are in the correct order when presented to the scorers

Special Thanks to Errol Clarke and Mel Goldstein for taking care of the TSSC payments for their air travel and to our Hosts for a wonderful Competition in beautiful Puerto Rico

Respectfully,

Rose Cody
Chair, UANA TSSC