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## **1. CMAS FINSWIMMING JUDGE**

**1.1** The status of CMAS Finswimming Judge is acquired by every graduate of the Course of CMAS Judges, which has been conducted in any part of the world, by the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee, according to BoD223/11-02-2023 decision.

**1.2** In the period following the approval of this rule by the CMAS Board of Directors and its publication, a gradual implementation will follow, while the potential of active CMAS Finswimming Judges will be recorded in the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee of International Judges and the relevant categorization of judges will be made.

**1.3** Graduates of the CMAS Finswimming Judges course who happen to be active athletes, coaches, officials of clubs or federations and people involved in commercial companies are not eligible to perform their duties.

**1.4** When they cease these incompatible activities, a fact certified by the judge's National Federation, they may perform again the duties of CMAS Finswimming Judges.

**1.5** It is stressed that only the CMAS Finswimming Commission has the right to organise Continental, International and Chief Judges courses and workshops.

**1.6** CMAS Finswimming Judges are classified into categories and are called: Continental Judges, International Judges, CMAS Chief Judges and finally CMAS Technical Delegates.

**1.7** The archive of the active CMAS Finswimming Judges belonging to each category, as well as the inactive ones, shall be drawn up by the CMAS Finswimming Commission, and will be updated periodically.

## **2. CATEGORIES OF CMAS FINSWIMMING JUDGES**

### **2.1 CMAS Finswimming Continental Judge:**

**2.1.1** They are proposed by their National Federation and must have a proven level of national judge in order to follow the CMAS - organised judges' course.

**2.1.2** The course may be organized in their national languages.

**2.1.3** It is not mandatory to speak any of the CMAS three official languages (English, French, Spanish).

**2.1.4** After completing successfully, the examination in their national language, they must officiate at an Open Water and a Swimming - Pool CMAS international competition or/and Continental Championships in the following period of 2 or 3 years.

**2.1.5** In these competitions they must be evaluated by the CMAS Technical Delegate who issues a favourable or unfavourable recommendation. Only after a favourable recommendation will the judges obtain the CMAS Finswimming Continental Judges certification.

**2.1.6** CMAS Finswimming Continental Judges can officiate in international competitions, zone and continental championships.

### **2.2 CMAS Finswimming International Judge:**

**2.2.1** They are proposed by their National Federation and must have a proven level of national judge in order to follow the CMAS - organised judges' course.

**2.2.2** The course is organised in one of the CMAS three official languages (English, French, Spanish).

**2.2.3** They have to speak and write at least one of the CMAS three official languages (English, French, Spanish).

**2.2.4** After completing successfully, the examination in the CMAS official language, they must officiate at an Open Water and a Swimming - Pool CMAS World Cup or CMAS Championship in the following period of 2 or 3 years.

**2.2.5** In these competitions they must be evaluated by the CMAS Technical Delegate who issues a favourable or unfavourable recommendation. Only after a favourable

recommendation will the judges obtain the CMAS Finswimming International Judges certification.

**2.2.6** They must obtain the three judge's certificates in order to be able to be nominated at the corresponding positions in CMAS competitions.

Certificates:

- Open Water (after serving as judge in an open water CMAS competition).
- Style judge (after serving as assistant style judge in a CMAS competition).
- Chief Judge (after serving as assistant chief judge in a CMAS competition).

The certificates are delivered only when the technical delegate's report on the competence and behaviour of the candidate is favourable.

**2.3 CMAS Finswimming Chief Judge:**

**2.3.1** They are selected by the CMAS Finswimming Commission among the International Judges who score best at the examination, obtain a favourable appreciation from the technical delegate and follow regularly the Judges' workshops.

**2.3.2** They must participate at the CMAS Judges' workshops in a teaching position, preparing presentations and tests.

**2.3.3** The CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee will propose the Chief Judge for CMAS Championships selected among the pool of CMAS Chief Judges.

**2.4 CMAS Finswimming Technical Delegate:**

**2.4.1** They must follow the Technical Delegate seminar organised by the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee.

**2.4.2** It is mandatory that the candidates possess the CMAS Finswimming Chief Judge degree.

**2.4.3** They must master two of the CMAS official languages (English, French, Spanish). In the exceptional case where a candidate with this required profile is not available, the minimum requirement is that the Technical Delegate be fluent in English and have some elementary knowledge of either French or Spanish.

**2.4.4** They are proposed by the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee, ratified by the CMAS Finswimming Commission and nominated by the CMAS BoD.

**3. OBLIGATIONS OF CMAS FINSWIMMING JUDGES (DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES).**

**3.1** CMAS Finswimming Judges are must participate in training courses and workshops organized by the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee.

**3.2** The CMAS Finswimming Judges must offer their services, whenever requested by the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee, for the conduct of all competitions announced by CMAS.

**3.3** The CMAS Finswimming Judges must notify in due time the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee of an inability to participate in competitions, before the latter proceeds to an appointment.

**3.4** They must arrive at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the race at the swimming pool where the race, they have been appointed to, is to be held. In case of inability to arrive or in case of tardiness, they must notify the Chief Judge.

**3.5** They must not make public or to third parties or to other colleagues or to the media any judgments on their colleagues, the Chief Judges, athletes, coaches, agents of teams, after a race, nor make judgments about the performance of athletes. They may only make judgments about colleagues or other factors of a race in writing to the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee.

**3.6** They must not post and publish comments about Clubs, National Teams, Federations, or any other body or institution with political or religious overtones thus avoiding any suspicion of biased judgment (CMAS Code of Ethics).

**3.7** In the performance of their duties, CMAS Finswimming Judges shall wear the standard uniform with the prescribed CMAS logo. They shall not wear any clothing bearing distinctive names or insignia of companies marketing products of the sport. Appearance must be uniform and white. Only Chief judges may wear uniforms of a different colour.

**3.8** They shall not smoke nor drink (coffee or alcoholic beverages) nor carry cell phones while performing their duties.

**3.9** They shall not prejudge a situation or a decision and shall judge with understanding and respect.

**3.10** They will only give an infringement when they are 100 % sure that it has been committed. Doubt is always in favour of the athletes.

**3.11** They must always appear to be in good standing and in control.

**3.12** They must ensure that everything is conducted in a safe, controlled, transparent and equal manner.

**3.13** They are expressly not allowed to talk to coaches and athletes during the race, on matters of the validity of the athlete's performance.

#### **4. CMAS FINSWIMMING JUDGES COMMITTEE**

**4.1** The CMAS Finswimming Commission, in order to ensure the principles of transparency of procedures and equality and to ensure the unbiased work of the CMAS Finswimming Judges, creates a five-member Finswimming Judges Committee, whose term of service is the same as that of the CMAS Finswimming Commission.

**4.2** The CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee shall be staffed by the Director, the Secretary and three members of the Finswimming Commission of high standing or Professors of Finswimming Judging Courses. They shall be appointed by the CMAS Finswimming Commission and may be removed only by a decision of the CMAS BoD for a particularly serious cause.

**4.3** The CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee shall be appointed by the CMAS Finswimming Commission and ratified by the CMAS BoD in order to ensure the uniform application and observance of the Rules of Finswimming, the Finswimming Judges Rules throughout the world as well as the education and training of the judges.

**4.4** The Finswimming Judges Committee has all responsibilities regarding the selection, evaluation, appointment and disciplinary control of CMAS Finswimming Judges of CMAS Championships and World Cups.

**4.5** All decisions of the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee are ratified by the CMAS Finswimming Commission.

#### **5. CMAS FINSWIMMING JUDGES COURSES - TRAINING WORKSHOPS - COURSES TEACHERS**

**5.1** The CMAS Finswimming Commission announces Courses of Finswimming Judges upon proposal by the Finswimming Judges Committee.

**5.2** The organization of Finswimming Judges' Courses is carried out by the Judges' Committee in cooperation with the CMAS Finswimming Commission. The organization of the Course requires:

- a) The theoretical courses that will be conducted through the CMAS e-learning platform.
- b) The notification of the course to the National Federations and through the CMAS communication channels.
- c) The collection of the information of the candidates.

**5.3** Exceptionally, at the request of a National Federation, an on-site course or workshop may be held in the presence of at least two members of the Judges Committee.

**5.4** The teachers who will teach at the Finswimming Judges Courses will be members of the Judges' Committee.

**5.5** The head of the course is responsible:

- To coordinate the work of all those involved in the operation of the Course
- To ensure the integrity of the educational material and the subjects of the written examinations of the students of the Course.
- After the written examination, to corrects the candidates' papers.
- Draw up a list of successful candidates and a list of unsuccessful candidates.
- Prepare a report on the operation of the Course, on any problems that have arisen and on the solutions given.

The report, together with the marked papers and the list of pass and fail, shall be handed over to the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee with notification to the CMAS Finswimming Commission.

## **6. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS FOR CMAS FINSWIMMING JUDGES**

**6.1** In case of misconduct of a CMAS Finswimming Judge, the matter will be referred to the CMAS Board of Directors who will pronounce the appropriate sanctions. The disciplinary decisions of the CMAS Board of Directors will be communicated to the judge's National Federation.

## **7. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

**7.1** The CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee, will be fully operational during the 2023 - 2024 season.

**7.2** In the period following the approval of the present Regulation by the CMAS Board of Directors and its publication, will follow a gradual implementation. In the same time the potential of the active CMAS Finswimming Judges will be recorded in the CMAS Finswimming Judges Committee and the relevant categorization of judges will be made.

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