

PROTOCOL FOR RUNNING NATIONALS

These are the steps to follow in order to organise Nationals

| Nº | Item | Responsible | Time |
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| 1. | Determine venue and month | UWRA Committee | 6-12 months in advance |
| 2. | Release the Invitation | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3. | Invitation's requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Organisers b. Dates c. Entry fee d. Playing Schedule e. Characteristics of the Swimming pool f. Rules g. Referees h. Awards Ceremony i. Contact j. Registration form | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3c. | Entry Fee: It has to be paid by the teams on the due date | Teams | 1 months in advance |
| 3d. | Playing Schedule: Minimal of 30' per game Maximum of 45' per game | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3e. | Swimming pool: We have to ensure the safety of all persons in and around the pool. Option a: Mandatory walls behind the baskets, if not option b. Option b: No walls behind the basket (working on temporary walls) For tournaments in an open air swimming pools we need tents for the teams *We should recommend players to play with rashee vests rather than use creams in order to avoid slippery players/ball and that layer of oil in the swimming pool at the end of the day affecting the visibility. | UWRA Committee- Organisers | 6-4 months in advance |
| 3f. | Rules: The tournament should be played according the CMAS rules 2015. Any necessary changes should be noted in the invitation under "Special rules" (E.g. temporary walls, playing schedule) | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |

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| 3g. | Referees: The referee schedule will be done by the UWRA Committee. We should guarantee at least one referee with scuba tank. We should complete a Referee course before Nationals. | UWRA Committee | 1 month in Advance |
| 3h. | Awards Ceremony: An Awards Ceremony has to be done at the swimming pool or in a different venue. If there is a dinner we recommend a chair and a plate with food per person rather than food rations. | Organisers | At least 4 months in advance |
| 3j. | Registration form: It has to be done by the teams on the due date | Organisers | 2 months in advance |
| 4. | Game Schedule: A game schedule with numbers will be done by the UWRA Committee and a draw will be done to assign a number to each team. | UWRA Committee | 1 month in Advance |
| 5. | Game Protocol: An official game protocol (CMAS rules 2015) has to be filled and sent to the UWRA Committee in a soft copy | Organisers | 1 month after tournament |
| 6. | Report: A report has to be done and sent to the UWRA Committee with the next information: -Teams participating -Number of participants -Final ranking in each category -Results of the games | Organisers | 1 month after tournament |
| Special Rules | Referees should be ready before the game start. If any referee is not ready when the teams are ready to start (6 players for each team ready in the water), his team will be penalized with -1 point. • Teams should be ready before the game start. If any team is not ready when the referees and opposite team are ready to start (6 players ready in the water and three referees), this team will be penalized with -1 point. | UWRA Committee | 1 month in Advance |