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1. SECTION-I

1.1 DEFINITIONS

1.1.1 Apnea;

The term "Apnea" designates a sports event where the athlete holds his breath keeping the breathing airways below the surface of the water.

1.1.2 Event, Competition and Performance

Event is the main case covers all competition and performances including individual attempts,

Competition covers Qualifications or Finals for each discipline and,

Performance is the single action that is done by the athlete either in qualification or final.

1.1.3 Dynamic Apnea;

Dynamic apnea is an event where the athlete aims at covering the maximal horizontal distance by keeping the body below the surface of the water in apnea with or without fins.

The event can be conducted in a swimming-pool or in open water and with the use of fins (bi-fins and monofin as separate competitions) or without. When fins are used, they must be powered only by the muscular power of the athlete, without use of any mechanism, even if the latter is activated by the muscles.

In Bi-Fins competition it is not only the material but also the style of kicking the fins (no dolphin kick is allowed except in 3 meters zone).

1.1.4 Loss of Consciousness-Black Out;

The term "Black-out" is used for loss of Consciousness.

Loss of Consciousness must be distinguished from the term "Samba" standing for a loss of motor control.

1.1.5 Use of male pronoun

In what follows the male pronoun will be used throughout. It goes without saying that this is done solely in order to avoid awkward formulations and it is perfectly understood that all persons participating at a competition, with whatever role, may be of either sex.

1.1.6 Penalty

Whenever a rule is violated in a way which does not entail a disqualification (these minor violations being defined in the corresponding articles) a general penalty is applied. It consists in subtracting 5 (five) meters from the total distance of the athlete. The penalty is applied only once for the same rule violation.

1.1.7 Violation of the rules

The violation of rules leads to disqualification unless otherwise is specified at the corresponding article.

1.1.8 Competitions and record homologations

Competitions and record homologations are subject to latest versions of “Procedures of Championships” and “Contract for Record Attempts” documents.

2. SECTION-II

2.1 TECHNICAL GENERALITIES

2.1.1 Categories, Materials and Equipment for the Athletes

2.1.1.1 Categories;

2.1.1.1.1 The official competitions are organized for men and/or women.

2.1.1.2 Authorized material;

2.1.1.2.1 Bi-fins and monofin without restriction concerning the dimensions and the material. In monofins competition use of Bi-Fins is allowed, in Bi-Fins competition use of monofin is not allowed.

2.1.1.2.2 The athlete's number is affixed on the fins (above and/or below),

2.1.1.2.3 Mask or goggles. The mask or goggles should be transparent for the judges to be able to see the eyes,

2.1.1.2.4 Nose clip.

2.1.1.3 Auxiliary equipment;

2.1.1.3.1 The use of neoprene costume or a diving suit is authorized,

2.1.1.3.2 The athletes may use their personal weight. If a weight is used, the athlete must necessarily use it with a quick release button and to put on top of his clothing. In no case may the athletes have weights hidden under their clothing. Violation leads to disqualification,

2.1.1.3.3 For all competitions and international championships, the wearing of advertising on the fins and mask is authorized without restriction,

2.1.1.3.4 Advertising is also allowed on the clothing, but it is nevertheless made clear that when international championships take place, athletes are obliged to present themselves for ceremonies in the official apparel of their national team,

2.1.1.3.5 The use of oxygen is strictly forbidden. An athlete who has been declared guilty of the use of oxygen or of a mixture with excess oxygen will be immediately disqualified and will be subjected to a procedure of suspension from participation in the CMAS competitions and championships for a period which will be defined by the Confederation.

2.1.2 Setting up the Competition Area

2.1.2.1 Competitions of dynamic apnea in swimming pools must take place in a 50 meters swimming pool (with fins competition) and 25/50 (twenty five/fifty) meters (without fins competition), with a minimum depth of 1.40 (one point forty) meters.

2.1.2.2 These measurements must be verified and validated by the CMAS Main Judge.

2.1.2.3 The starter must have a microphone/megaphone for giving verbal orders.

2.1.2.4 Up to 4 (four) competition areas may be installed in the same swimming pool. In this case, the two external lanes from each side of the pool are allowed as competition areas.

2.1.2.5 In order to assist the judges in their decisions an official video of the event should be present recording all performance of the athlete at the surface, and if it is technically possible, another one for the underwater part.

2.1.3 Competition Area

2.1.3.1 The starting area must be clearly marked in and outside the pool.

2.1.3.2 If the lane nearest to the pool's edge has undesirable features for conducting the event, the next lane can be used.

2.1.3.3 In case of one lane competition the competition area to the right (left) of the side of the pool is made up of three lanes. The lane nearest to the edge of the pool is reserved for the competitor. The lane immediately to his left (right) is reserved to the assistance and the one to the left (right) may be reserved for authorized video operators and photographers.

2.1.3.4 A "T" mark of at least 20 (twenty) cm width must be set out on the bottom of the swimming pool at a distance of two meters from the start and two meters before the turn.

2.1.3.5 There must be a central line indicating the 25th (twenty fifth) meter of the pool.

2.1.3.6 If the starting part of the pool is deeper than 1.40 (one point forty) meters then the competition site must be equipped with a mobile platform for the athlete to stand on.

2.1.4 The Measurement Instrument

2.1.4.1 The measurement of the distance will be done from the point where athletes breathing airways are out of water and measurement will be done by a meter put on the edge of the pool.

2.1.4.2 Other systems of automatic electronic measurement, which have been approved in advance by CMAS or have been assembled after a request by the organizing federation and approved by the main judge, may be used.

2.1.5 Warm-up Area

2.1.5.1 The rest of the lanes that are defined at article 2.1.3.3 are devoted to warm-up.

2.1.5.2 The warm-up area is reserved for the athletes who prepare themselves for the competition under the orders of the Warm-up Judge.

2.1.6 Loss of Consciousness-Black Out

2.1.6.1 In case of Loss of Consciousness or loss of motor control, the responsible judge gives order to safety assistants for action.

2.1.6.2 Loss of Consciousness-Black Out leads to suspension from current performance and the rest of the event.

2.1.6.3 A loss of motor control, leads simply to disqualification of the athlete from the performance if he can't perform his post-performance control by OK protocol.

2.1.7 Athlete's Assistants

2.1.7.1 The athlete may have only one assistant until the call of last three minutes, after the call of last three minutes no one is allowed. The assistant will leave the competition area and he can stay in the warm-up area.

2.1.7.2 Judge will warn the assistant one time only. If he continues to stay in the zone this violation leads to general penalty to the athlete.

2.1.7.3 Only the main judge can allow the coach to intervene in case of a technical problem.

2.2 The PANEL of JUDGES and the STAFF

2.2.1 General

2.2.1.1 The judges and the staff must take their decisions in an autonomous manner and, unless there is a contrary indication in the regulations, independently of one another.

2.2.1.2 The judges and the staff are responsible for preparing and conducting the competition.

2.2.1.3 Composition of the panel of Judges and the staff.

The Panel is made up of:

- main judge appointed, for the CMAS Championships, by CMAS,
- judge responsible for the competition area,
- surface judge,
- warm-up judge,
- technical and safety judge,
- competition secretary,
- medical assistance,
- other assistants.

2.2.1.4 The Panel of Judges and staff, with the exception of the main judge is put in place by the organizer. It is entirely responsible for the preparing and the conducting the events.

2.2.2 Main Judge

2.2.2.1 For CMAS Championships, the Main Judge is proposed by the Apnea Commission and appointed by the CMAS Executive Bureau.

2.2.2.2 He has full control and authority over all officials. He must approve their positions and give them instructions for the particular regulations concerning the competition.

2.2.2.3 His mission is:

- inspection of the competition installations,
- control and approval of the dossiers of the participants concerning their suitability to take part in the events,
- control and approval of the registration forms and the determination of the starting order,
- approval and signature of the classification before the publication of the results.

2.2.2.4 He must ensure that the regulations and the decisions of CMAS are obeyed and he must resolve all the questions concerning the organization of the competition when the regulations do not provide any solution.

2.2.2.5 He must ensure that all the necessary officials for the proper organization of the competition are at their respective positions. He may nominate replacements for absent judges, and substitutes for those who are incapable of carrying out their tasks or who turn out to be not up to the task. He may appoint supplementary officials if he judges this necessary.

2.2.2.6 He authorizes the starter to give the starting signal after he has assured himself that all the members of the panel of judges are in place and ready.

2.2.2.7 He may take the decision of a false start and restart the starting procedure.

2.2.2.8 The Main Judge has the right to cancel or to suspend, the competitions in case of force majeure such as unfavorable meteorological conditions (in the case of an outdoor swimming pool or open water) or if the location of the competition is no longer in accordance with the requirements of the regulations.

2.2.2.9 The Main Judge may disqualify any athlete for any violation of the regulations that he personally observes or of which he is notified by other officials.

2.2.3 Competition Area Judge

2.2.3.1 The judge responsible for the area of competition must locate himself on the edge of the swimming pool.

2.2.3.2 It is his task to organize the activity of the other judges of the area. He is responsible for changes of the judges and assistants in his zone.

2.2.3.3 He authorizes the start of the competition for each athlete and supervises the sequence of the events.

2.2.3.4 He receives the notes on the rule violations observed by other judges with the possible proposition of a sanction or disqualification which he must put into effect.

2.2.3.5 He receives the protests from the captains of the participating teams.

2.2.3.6 At the end of the events, he should,

2.2.3.6.1 request the intervention of the Main Judge and the Area Judges involved to examine the protests,

2.2.3.6.2 apply the decisions taken by the Main Judge on the protests,

2.2.3.6.3 draw up the definitive classification of his area of competition,

2.2.3.6.4 forward the copy of the final classification to the Main Judge,

2.2.4 Surface Judge

2.2.4.1 The surface judge must signal the arrival of the athlete at the surface by raising one arm.

2.2.4.2 The Surface Judge follows the athletes during the entire performance and he continues to do so during the 5 (five) seconds just after surfacing and the 5 (five) seconds which follow during which the athlete must touch the yellow OK disk which marks the validity of the performance.

2.2.4.3 He controls the measurement of the distance covered and transmits the result through his assistant to the judge responsible for the competition area.

2.2.4.4 He must check that the athlete, during the whole event, is in good condition and that he does not need any assistance. He signals any possible irregularities to the Main Judge.

2.2.4.5 He carries out his function at the edge of the swimming pool.

2.2.4.6 The Surface Judge may wear a yellow long sleeve T-Shirt.

2.2.5 Warm-up Judge

2.2.5.1 The Warm-up Judge is situated on the starting area at the centre of the swimming pool.

2.2.5.2 He is responsible for the competitors and, on the basis of the starting order, he calls the athletes, passes them the official marker with the participant number, and puts them at the disposal of the starting judge.

2.2.5.3 He checks that the competitors wait for their turn and he manages the warm-up of the athletes in the warm-up area.

2.2.5.4 He checks the equipment of the athlete: mask, weights, etc.

2.2.6 Technical and the Safety Judge

2.2.6.1 He is responsible for the observation of the safety requirements in force and the technical problems of the competition.

2.2.6.2 He is under the authority of the Main Judge.

2.2.6.3 He must take care of all the necessary material and apparatuses for the unfolding of the events.

2.2.6.4 He is responsible for the installation of the course according to the plans published in the specific regulations.

2.2.6.5 He may require that the organization committee put at his disposal a sufficient number of assistants so that he can fulfill his mission without difficulty.

2.2.6.6 At least two assistants must be in the water: one in the competition lane and the other in the lane next to the competition one.

2.2.6.7 One other assistant at the edge of the pool must have the life ring that the athlete can hold when he comes to the surface.

2.2.7 Competition Secretary

2.2.7.1 He is responsible for checking the written results and the positions in each competition received from the Main Judge.

2.2.7.2 He designates the assistant secretaries and directs their work.

2.2.7.3 He prepares all the material of the secretary's office as well as the documentation necessary for the competition.

2.2.7.4 He verifies the result, signs the new records and puts them in the official record. He ensures that the decisions of the Main Judge are put in the official record.

2.2.7.5 He transmits the results concerning the podium places and the composition of the finals.

2.2.7.6 The results and the records must not be forwarded to the secretary for distribution until this has been authorized by the Main Judge.

2.2.7.7 He prepares the final report of the competition.

2.2.7.8 If a press office exists, the competition secretary, upon permission of the Main Judge, provides all information about the competition for the media.

2.2.8 Medical Assistance

2.2.8.1 The medical assistance must guarantee the first aid interventions to those who suffer accidents by giving them the aid necessary from the beginning of the accident until the re-establishment of conditions of health in the local health facilities. Communication of medical assistance team to the doctor of local health facilities shall include the causes and circumstances of the accident occurring at the athlete.

2.2.8.2 The medical assistants are appointed by the Organizing Committee and they are responsible for controlling the event at the level of their (medical). The medical team is made up of:

- One doctor (MD) attending at a competition in apnea that must be skilled, experienced and capable of and equipped to perform CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and first aid who is responsible for the manifestation and always in the competition area,
- An ambulance reserved for the competition area, with a doctor on board, which must be located on land, close to the Health Centre,
- An official hospital facility which must be easily accessible for the ambulance,
- ,
- The availability of sanitary transportation by helicopter is advisable.

The assistants who occupy the first aid mission will be equipped with:

- Small masks for artificial respiration mouth to mouth,
- Ambu-bag,
- A tank of oxygen with a regulator,
- Water and sugared drinks,
- Any other equipment at the doctor's discretion.

2.2.9 Other Assistants

2.2.9.1 Other assistants are appointed by the Organizing Committee for the competition and answer to the person responsible for assistance who establishes, together with the Main Judge, the different missions to be assigned to each particular assistant.

3. SECTION-III

3.1 CONDUCTING the COMPETITIONS

3.1.1 Start

3.1.1.1 The athletes admitted to the competition present themselves one hour before at the waiting room of the swimming pool in the area for warm-up situated near the competition area.

3.1.1.2 30 (Thirty) minutes before their start (of the last three minutes) the athletes must be at the disposal of the Warm-Up Judge who will so inform the Start Judge.

3.1.1.3 Before the last 30 (thirty) minutes before his start the athlete is not allowed to go into the pool.

3.1.1.4 The athletes for each competition area will start every 8 (eight) minutes minimum.

3.1.1.5 In case of the existence of several competitions at the same time then the beginning of the performances must take place at shifted time intervals.

3.1.1.6 The event begins when the start judge informs the athlete that he must go to the start area.

3.1.1.7 The athlete will then have three minutes to immerse himself.

3.1.1.8 He will be reminded of the time by the starter:

3 more minutes,

2 more minutes,

1 more minute,

30 seconds,

10 seconds,

Every second from 10 to 0 or an acoustic signal.

3.1.1.9 The athlete who has not started at the count of zero or the acoustic signal, loses his right to pursue the event.

3.1.1.10 During the last three minutes given to the athlete he may start at any time that he feels ready.

3.1.2 Descent

3.1.2.1 The athlete must start touching the wall of the pool with any part of the body or equipment strictly related to the body and begin the phase of apnea before he has disconnected from the wall.

3.1.2.2 The athlete is allowed to sit on the edge of the pool wall at start point and go into the water from that position. Jumping into the water is not allowed.

3.1.2.3 The athlete must necessarily touch the edge of the swimming pool at each turn with a part of his body or with his equipment otherwise the athlete is disqualified.

3.1.3 Horizontal Path

3.1.3.1 During the rest of the horizontal path, the equipment or any part of the body, but not the breathing airways can get out of the water surface.

3.1.3.2 During the horizontal path, the athlete must be within the competition lane. If he strays of the competition lane with full body then a penalty is applied. Partial strays are allowed.

3.1.3.3 When the athlete decides to come to the surface he can get out. The measurement is done from the point where the breathing airways are out of water.

3.1.3.4 If he wants to get out of water at the edges (start end turn walls) then first he must touch the wall and get out. Otherwise the measurement of the performance will be done from the point where the breathing airways are out of water.

3.1.3.5 If he wants to get out of water just after turning at the edges (start or end turn walls) then first he must touch the wall then make a “U” turn and then the breathing airways are out of water. Otherwise the measurement of the performance will be done as defined as in article 3.1.3.4

3.1.4 Ascent

3.1.4.1 The athlete must not be helped or touched for any reason before the end of the effort, unless he is in difficulty.

3.1.4.2 In case of loss of consciousness, as defined in article 2.1.6, before, during or after his effort, the athlete is disqualified.

3.1.4.3 The official assistants must give the athlete, when he comes to the surface, a buoy which will help the athlete to recover while he holds it.

3.1.4.4 If the assistant of the athlete touches the life ring for helping the athlete before the whole protocol in article 3.1.4.6. is finished (5+5+15 seconds), the athlete is disqualified.

3.1.4.5 After the effort the athlete can hold the line of the lane, the edge wall and/or the life ring given to him.

3.1.4.6 At the end of the performance, back on the surface, the athlete, after a count of 5 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) seconds, must touch a yellow OK disc of a diameter of 30 centimeters which is at the end of a pole of a length of two-three meters which will be held for him by the Surface Judge. He must touch the disk during a second count of 5 (five-5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0) seconds. And during the next 15 (fifteen) seconds he must stay afloat (or stand) without necessitating external assistance.

3.1.4.7 Athlete can not touch the head or any part of body of judges or assistants during the first 5 seconds and last 15 seconds of the protocol. He is allowed to touch many times or hold the OK disc (only) of the protocol during the 5 seconds touching protocol time.

3.1.4.8 The Surface Judge manages the measurement, informs of the validity of the attempt the arrival judge who in turn informs the secretariat.

3.1.4.9 If a violation is signaled, the secretariat will indicate this by an asterisk noted beside the distance measured by the athlete. In this case, the recorded result will be provisional until the decision of the Main Judge.

3.1.4.10 Temporarily validated result will be announced and/or indicated to the public (e.g white and red flags).

3.1.5 Staging the Competition

3.1.5.1 The order for the performance of the athletes will be obtained by the declaration (during the technical meeting before the competition) of the distance that will be attempted. The athlete with the shortest objective will be the first to compete. If there are several athletes declaring the same depth the order of those are done with lottery by the main judge.

All the competitors will make one attempt for competition. At the end of this stage, a classification is established and made public immediately.

3.1.5.2 If the distance reached (DR) is less than the distance declared (DD) the performance distance will be given by DR minus (DD-DR). The penalty here is distance penalty which is one meter penalty for each missing meter.

e.g.

DD=100

DR=90

(DD-DR) is (100-90) = 10 meters

Final performance: 90-10=80 meters

At the technical meeting, the athlete must provide the goal distance declaration.

3.1.5.3 In the case of a tie, the one who is closer to the target distance declared will be the winner. If all the same then the athletes will be classified “ex aequo”.