

CUGA 2004 AGM Agenda

Quebec City.

Meeting called to order at 8:48 pm

Heather briefly went over what executive did this year.

Motion to accept the minutes from 2003.

Darryl Brambilla motioned.

Will Litchfield seconded.

Cathie gave her report

Talked about selection process.

Jeff gave his report.

Talked about finances.

Margaret talked about ref, commission, rules, associations.

Financial Report

Finance:

Worlds – 2002 & 2004

Insurance

Other Issues

Old Business:

1. Worlds Selection process – Martin objected to the policy proposed. It was talked about the committee meeting here and finalizing the committee.
Finance
Team Accounts
Canadian Ref reimbursement
2. Insurance Info
Fees
Coverage
3. Tax Receipt/policy and Donation form
4. Coaching program
Ongoing further information at a later date

New Business:

1. Refereeing
Requirements and incentives
Who is certified
Should we require that all members of a National team be Level 1 trained?
How to gain experience?
Qualified level 3 ref is required to represent Canada at Worlds

Motion by Chris Alneiuk. To Cost Share amongst teams for accommodations and flight for a level 3 ref going to Worlds.
Seconded by Julie Munday

1 Against

2. Rule Changes – notes from meeting at Worlds.
3. Other Events – Masters World Games, C games
4. Future Nationals – Calgary 2005, Montreal 2006
5. Youth Nationals – Alisdair stated that Alberta did not send teams because there were no other teams. Wanted a separate youth Nationals. London had a team. Talk about a youth director position. Need to have a contact person to organize finding

Elections:

Vice President

Nominations:

Will Litchfiled - Chris Alnieuk Will voted in.
Fonzo

Simone Dufour – Cathie Pearson
Sebastian Falardeau

Director At Large
Simone Dufour - Nominated by Alisdair Simone Dufour voted
in.
Second by Cathie Pearson

Jerrilin Spence - Nominated by Heather Lindholm
Seconded by Scott Cannon.

Thanks to Martin Tanguay from Michel Langois regarding his work for team Canada 2004.

Thanks to Sylvain Neuveau for working on selection of mens team.

Congratulations to Mens, Womens, Youth teams represented in New Zealand.

Need to work on ensuring that we have a open masters, and womens masters teams for future worlds.

Discussion on A division by Michel and what his opinions on it on.

Meeting adjourned.

2004 CMAS Rules Meeting Report of What Transpired

Submitted by Margaret Francis

These are my notes. Original copy is in black, my notes are in red, results are in blue.

Official Documents will be released in the future by CMAS

RULE S MEETING

Underwater Hockey Commission Rules Subcommittee

March 19, 04

Christchurch, New Zealand

France – Gilles

New Zealand – Murray

Canada – Margaret

USA – Greg Appling

Netherlands – Erwin Post

Australia – Simon Talbot

Late Arrival – Great Britain - Perry

Woody Lee – Chair

Carol Rose – Secretary

- 1) The following is from Pierre Dernier, CMAS Secretary General. Our rule changes must reflect his comments. Resistance is futile.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Object: Rules and procedures for the organization of C.M.A.S. Championships.

Please find here enclosed the Articles 1.15 and 1.16 which have to be added to the Rules and Procedures for the organization of C.M.A.S. championships, and approved by the C.M.A.S. Executive Bureau on 28/09/03

Best Regards,

Pierre Dernier

1.15 Championships for age categories

1.15.1 C.M.A.S. championships may be organized in different age categories (cadet, junior, senior, veteran, master and so on) on the reserve (reserve means “on the condition”)

1.15.1.1 that all conditions in these rules are observed as concerns each created category

- 1.15.1.2 that all age categories fixed for each discipline are not crossing in any case
- 1.15.1.3 that the limit of age is the age of the competition on January 1 of the year of the championship, athlete will compete in this category until December 31 of the same year

This means that what ever age you are on January 1 of the year you want to compete is the age that you will qualify to be in that division.

- 1.15.2 An athlete belonging to an age category so established can be authorized to participate in a championship of the immediately higher age category only if the following conditions are observed without any exception (As long as we have a minimum age for masters and a maximum age for youth we are okay. Because CMAS does not recognize youth and masters at these championships, this is not taking effect until CMAS recognizes those groups. The hockey commission recognizes all categories- CMAS only recognizes mens and womens)

The matter of 10 teams to make a division is being brought up at the CMAS General Assembly in Rome at the end of April.

- 1.15.2.1 At the moment of entry, by handing the international referee a written agreement
 - of the athlete if he/she has attained his/her majority or
 - of parents or legal tutors of the athlete if he/she is minor

- 1.15.2.2 By having a medical certificate stating that the athlete may compete in a championship of higher category than his/her own

- 1.15.2.3 in this case, he/she cannot participate in the championship of his/her category if both championships are scheduled in the same venue and/or time, and competitions of both championships are scheduled at the same time or one after another.

- 1.15.3 No athlete is admitted to take part in a championships of an age category lower than his/her own age category.

- 1.15.4 No competitor is admitted to compete in more than one age category is those championships are scheduled at the same time or one after another in the same venue.

1.16 Technical Meeting

- 1.16.1 A meeting must be organized within and not later than 24 hours before the beginning of competition with the attendance of:

- responsible of the organization
- Chief Referee appointed by CMAS

- Team Leaders
- Doctor of organization
- 1.16.2 The goal of the technical meeting is:
 - 1.16.2.1 To communicate all information about:
 - Technical matters
 - Timetable and means of transportation
 - Guidelines for prize giving ceremonies
 - Safety measures
 - Antidoping control
 - 1.16.2.2 To choose the international jury

II) I have not included all the housekeeping issues with this report. They will be in the version sent from CMAS. All housekeeping issues do is fixed spelling and grammar.

III) Mandatory items by Commission President Ulysse Munoz to confirm with CMAS. Votes can only be yes or abstain.

0.2.2 Definitions of the CMAS Championships

- 0.2.2.1 World Championship
 - For each division, an international competition may be registered in the calendar as “World Championship” only if one of the below mentioned requirements have been fulfilled during the previous World Championship or the previous tentative World Championship:
 - a) 10 nations at least from 3 continents at least
 - b) 10 nations at least from 2 continents at least, with 2 countries minimum per continent
- 02.2.2. Zone or Continental Championship:
 - For each division, an international competition may be registered in the calendar as Zone or Continental Championship only if all the below mentioned requirements have been fulfilled during the last Zone or Continental Championship or during the last tentative Zone or Continental Championship
 - a) 5 nations at least
 - b) CMAS adopts sine varietur the continental subdivision of countries as established up today, and as it may be changed in the future by the IOC
 - c) No derogation will be admitted.
- 0.2.2.3 All international competitions not complying with the above mentioned requirements will be registered in the calendar as “International competition”
- 0.2.2.4 Only the countries which have their federation properly registered with CMAS are allowed to enter a CMAS tournament. A Federation banned for any reason may not enter a CMAS competition.
- 0.2.2.5 The name of the tournament has to include the names of the concerned divisions. When no division is mentioned, Men’s Division is implied. For a meeting where several divisions are concerned, the name of the tournament must include all the names of the divisions with the corresponding CMAS name.

Example: XCMAS World Championships – Men and Women
CMAS International Competition- Open Master, Women Master and Open Juniors

02.3 Definitions of the Divisions (see article 1.15 of rules and procedures for the organization of CMAS championships)

02.3.1 Mens Teams

02.3.2 Womens Teams

02.3.3 Open Masters teams aged 35 years or more

02.3.4 Women's Masters teams aged 32 years or more

02.3.5 Open Junior teams aged 18 years or younger

02.3.6 Junior Women Teams aged 18 years or younger

02.3.7 Open Youth teams aged 14 years or younger

02.3.8 Open Teams may be mixed gender in any combination

02.3.9 The limit of age is the age of the competitor on January 1st of the year of the championship, athlete will compete in this category until December 31 of the same year.

IV) Rule Change Proposals USA

1. The USA had proposed a number of changes to the number of teams that comprised an official division, however this was already set by CMAS and could not be changed except at a GA.
2. During play, the team is allowed up to 3 people to help them in the match area. One may be in the water, on the side lines, and the other two in the team substitution area. If the team decides not to have a person in the water, they can use two people in the team substitution area

Discussion: 2.1.5 deck crew- do we need a change with side subbing? Should we allow 2 persons with side subs and 1 at end line? Can the deck crew travel/ walk between their sub area and end line?

Rule 2.1.5 – will allow 2 deck people plus 1 in water. The 2 deck people can be in the sub boxes or end line or both, and can move from end box to sub box at will Passed to be used at this tournament.

3. 3.4.2.5 Keeping a written record of the goals scored, the player and team credited with the goals, and other information pertaining to the match which is deemed necessary to be recorded

Discussion: The rules say score keeper must keep written record of which player scored... Why? This data is not used for any purpose currently, makes the score

sheet more complicated, wastes time for water and deck referee to determine scoring player, often cannot be determined. What is value or purpose?

In effect for these worlds, will be done away with in rules. Countries can keep their own statistics if needed.

4. 4.4.2.9 When substitutes enter the playing area after a goal is scored or following the playing of a penalty shot, they must touch their end-line before re-entering play.

And:

4.4.3.6 When substitutes enter the playing area after a goal is scored or following the playing of a penalty shot, they must touch their end-line before re-entering play.

Discussion: could we add to rule: unless play has restarted and puck is in possession.

Passed and in effect for this tournament Basically what this means is that if you are subbing and play has restarted you can wait until the puck is touched and then enter play rather than having to touch your wall. If you choose to enter play before the puck is touched you must touch the wall.

5.. 4.4.3.1 Both team substitution areas must be marked on the same side of the playing area. The preferred placement of the team substitution area is the side-line opposite that of the Chief Referee and Timekeeper(s)/Scorer(s) so substitution can be easily observed.

4.4.2.2 Both team substitution areas must be on the same side of the playing area, marked on the pool deck and visible from the water surface of the playing area. The preferred placement of the team substitution areas is along the sideline opposite that of the Chief Referee and Timekeeper(s)/Scorer(s) so substitution can be easily observed.

Discussion: I take exception to the idea that far side deck/water subbing can easily be observed. With in water, it will be impossible for deck ref to see.

Withdrawn

6. 4.4.2.9 When substitutes enter the playing area after a goal is scored or following the playing of a penalty shot, they must touch their end line before re-entering play.

Already discussed.

7. 4.4.3.2 The side-line of the playing area must be adjacent to the substitution area. There may not be a neutral area between the playing area and team substitution area.

What is the point of their being no neutral zone?

Tabled until French proposal is discussed.

Margs notes: Having no neutral zone was awful for the players and refs. Subbing was on top of the players on the side walls and the ref was being swum over all the time.

8. 5.1.2 If an infringement is observed and the advantage rule is being played, once play has stopped the Referee may award a delayed penalty.

Discussion: If an infringement is observed and advantage rule being played, why does play stop? And can delayed penalty only be awarded after play stopped – whole rule is confusing and needs rewrite.

Clarified that penalty will be awarded at next break in play. Passed

9. 6.4.1 For deliberate major infringements, or repeated unsportsmanlike conduct, once play has been stopped, the referees will dismiss the infringing player(s) from the water for the remainder of the match, which includes any overtime periods required.

Reword to read: Once play has been stopped for deliberate major infringement(s) from the water for the remainder of the match including any overtime periods.

Passed

10. Should any rule infringement, once play has been stopped, the Referees may award an advantage puck against the infringing team, either by itself, or in conjunction with Rules 6.2, 6.3, or 6.4

Reword to read; For any rule infringement(s), play is stopped. Depending on the severity of the offense(s), the referees then may caution the offending player and/or team, award an advantage puck against the offending team or totally dismiss the offending player(s).

Passed

11. 6.8.1 Should any rule infringements occur within the 3m goal area which prevents an almost certain goal being scored, the referee will signal the Chief Referee to stop play by raising and lowering one hand with clenched fist in a pumping action to indicate that a penalty shot is being awarded against the infringing team. The referee, at their discretion, may also penalize the infringing play(s) with a caution, a time penalty, or a match dismissal.

Discussion: 6.8.1 needs clock stoppage added: something such as at end of first sentence which reads:...being awarded against the infringing team. The clock is stopped. The referees, at their discretion, may

Reworded and passed.

12. 6.8.2.3 The infringing team's captain selects one defender from amongst all the players and substitutes on the infringing team, who is initially on the surface near the mid-point of the end-line and has at least one hand in contact with the end line wall.

Discussion: says captain may choose from all the players, conflicts with players in penalty box may not participate. Delete word all.

This is not a change in the rules. This was changed in previous years, the wording of the previous rule change was missed. Some discussion on how it should be worded.

Basically, no player in penalty box may participate in a penalty shot.

Reworded.

13. 6.8.4.1 An attacking player, at their own discretion, will submerge and take possession of the puck within five seconds of the signal being given. If the player fails to take possession of the puck then the penalty shot is forfeited, and the penalty shot is successfully defended.

Discussion: rewrite. An attacking player may immediately submerge and must take possession of the puck within 5 seconds. If the player fails to take possession of the puck, then the penalty shot is deemed defended and forfeited.

Reworded.

14. 6.8.4.3 The other attacking player, at their own discretion, will submerge; and both attacking players will try to retain possession of the puck, score a goal, maneuver the puck anywhere within the penalty shot area, and prevent the defender from gaining possession and moving the puck out of the penalty area.

Discussion: rewrite: The other attacking player may submerge, and both attacking players try to retain possession of the puck and score a goal by maneuvering the puck anywhere within the penalty area preventing the defender from gaining possession of the puck and moving it out of the penalty area.

Reworded.

15. 6.8.6 Once a penalty shot has been awarded, it must be played, even if the match clock has expired before an official's time suspension is invoked.
And 6.8.7 During the execution of a penalty shot, the game clock and all penalty clocks are stopped. Once a score is awarded or the penalty shot is successfully defended, the match clock and penalty clocks are re-started by the Chief Referee.

Discussion: 6.8.6 delete end of sentence after word expired.
6.8.7 change second sentence to read: Once a penalty shot has been concluded, the game clock is restarted at the re start of play signal

- 2 Items here. 1. Simplification of rules. Once penalty shot is awarded even if it is awarded at the moment the clock expires, it must be played out. **Passed.**
2. Changing rule to be that instead of time starting after penalty shot goal is scored or defended then it will start at start of play. **Withdrawn**

16. USA suggested removing penalty goals all together.

Failed

It was recommended that penalty goals are only allowed in rare cases that clearly prevent an almost certain goal from being scored. These cases were outlined at Captains meeting:

1. Tackling a player on a clear breakaway.
2. Pushing someone in to get a subbing foul when play is in that teams goal area.
3. Deliberate grabbing of puck to prevent going into goal.

Jumped ahead to deal with French proposal 5 which is similar.

Basically states that instead of awarding penalty shots to a player that is fouled on in the 3 meter area, you would be awarding penalty shots that illegally prevents a team from scoring a goal within the 3 m area. This means that if a team has a sequence leading up to scoring a goal, that if the other team interferes with that sequence illegally, then you can award a penalty shot.

Passed.

17. Where a player deliberately flicks a puck over a side-line or barrier, the team is warned, and the infringing player is penalized. Play starts with an advantage puck.

Discussion: does not indicate what penalty is used. Not on penalty table.

Discussion what is deliberate or not.

Clarified as caution or 2 minute for 1st offence, 2 minute for second offence etc.

Note that above is for this tournament. Everything changed with the introduction of the 1 min penalty. Consult new table of penalties for guidelines.

Passed

18. Discussion on jury appeals was automatically passed. due to CMAS protocol already installed.

19. A rule may be amended and be immediately implemented at a Meeting of the UWH Commission or Rules Subcommittee prior to a World Championship, if all delegates of competing Federations at the Championships are given 2 days written notice of such rule amendment and a unanimous vote is received at such meeting.

Discussion: is not being done and originally was IF all team captains agreed not delegates. Need to find minutes from 1992 which is where this came from. Hand signals should be exempted and implemented immediately.

Passed: I abstained from voting on this because our players need to discuss this. If they cannot find the minutes stating the team captains have to approve, then the rules commission can do it if it is unanimous. Since I abstained they could not change rules at this World championship that would affect the play for this tournament.

20. 9.1.1 The original text of these rules is the English text.... Changed to: The definitive text of these rules is English.

Withdrawn

21. 9.2.2.3 The hosting federation must submit a tournament schedule of the World Championships to the voting members of the Underwater Hockey Commission for approval. The vote will be conducted by the CMAS Rules Director, and the tournament schedule must receive a majority (50% plus 1) of possible Commission votes. The votes may be conducted by e-mail

Discussion: where did this come from.

Passed.

AUSTRALIA PROPOSALS.

1. Discussion of benefits and disadvantages of 3 ref system. Vote to implement it as the preferred method of refereeing. Passed (C abstained as we have not tried this)

2. Proposal to reintroduce the 1 minute penalty as well as retaining the 2 and 5 minute penalties. Passed

New proposal to have penalty time start when play restarts, not when infraction occurs.

Passed

3. Rule 6.8 Somewhere the statement regarding what happens if a defender makes a penalty was missed in the newer versions of the rules. Vote to make sure it is put back into the rules. Passed.

4. Discussion on Penalty goals Withdrawn already been discussed.

FRANCE PROPOSALS.

France had 46 proposals, a lot of them dealt with technical and wording issues. I have abbreviated most of these, and kept in the issues that directly affect play and players. For those of you that really want to full version, I can ship it to you once CMAS has released the official copy.

1. Proposal to separate rules of play and tournament organization into 2 documents. Woody to separate out. **Passed.**

2. 1..Proposal to have a preferred puck color. Color of puck will be a bright high visibility color preferably pink or orange. **Passed.**

2.Swimsuit issues etc. - can women wear both 2 and one piece suits on the same team. **Not all suits have to be the same. Either one or two piece. Suit color issues - much discussion on this. At the end of this meeting it was decided to have a Nationals suit and an alternate suit to be used if other teams suit was too similar to national suit. We had another rules meeting late in the tournament, and it was decided to keep the rules as they are- light and dark suits – light in light pantone range, dark in dark pantone range. Tournament director will approve suits. Neil Dixon was to submit pantone color chart. Red, Black, Navy Blue, Dark Green, etc are dark colors. White, Yellow, light blue, pink, light green etc are considered light color examples. The pantone ranges in the medium range will not be used.**

3.Motion to not allow players to have gloves the same color as the puck. **Passed** Canada voted against as we have discussed this at other meetings with player disapproval.

4.Motion to have limits on cap numbers. **Withdrawn as we don't have to signal cap numbers any more.**

5.& 6. Clarification on what the role of the Vice Captain is. Vice Captain may address officials if Captain is out of water or in penalty box. **Passed.**

3.