



California Surf Lifesaving Association

Competition Committee

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COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT

Workshop Minutes

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Southwest Regional Championship

Due to sponsorship considerations, this year's regional competition was held on a Saturday, rather than a Thursday as had been recent practice. Some agencies are concerned that due to weekend staffing issues this change may impact competitors' ability to attend the event and requested it be moved back to Thursday. After discussion the issue was put to a Committee vote with Saturday winning by a four to three margin over Thursday. Due to the closeness of the vote, it was recommended that the issue be presented before the board for consideration which resulted in a tie vote of five to five. Therefore, the 2003 regional championship will take place on a Saturday.

USLA National Championships

At the USLA National Championships, open and senior division races are normally scheduled for heats in the morning and finals in the afternoon. During the 2002 Championships, there were numerous races which had an insufficient number of competitors to warrant heats and participants were directed to come back in the afternoon for the final. The Committee recommends that in these cases the final be run at the scheduled heat time. This procedural change recommendation will be presented at the fall USLA meeting by the CSLSA Competition Committee Chairman.

USLA Competition Rule Change Proposals

The Committee's proposal to eliminate the 24-hour volunteer requirement as a prerequisite for non-professional members will be voted upon at the fall USLA meeting.

At the spring USLA Board of Directors meeting, the Southeast region of the USLA made the following rule change proposals which were reviewed and voted upon by the Committee:

#1: *Increase the women's surfboat race from one to two laps.*

The Committee agreed to support the change for the open division but to retain the one lap distance for age groups.

#2: *Change the American Iron women's event to same distances and disciplines as men's.*

The Committee felt this would significantly reduce the number of competitors in the event and voted not to support the change.

#3: *Adjustment of land course to single lane finish to facilitate accurate officiating.*

After an interpretation by Rob McGowan as to what this meant, the Committee voted not to support the change.

#4: *Proposal of on-site Protest System mirroring the International Life Saving Federation model.*

The committee felt it was provided insufficient information on this issue and did not vote on the proposal.

2003 Competition Dates Announced

July 12, 2003: California State Games, Imperial Beach (tentative)

July 19 & 20, 2003: San Clemente Surf Festival, San Clemente

July 26, 2003: Southwest Regionals, Will Rogers State Beach

August 2, 2003: Taplin Relay, Los Angeles

August 7-9, 2003: USLA Nationals, Cape May, New Jersey

California State Games

The California State Games, which involve numerous different sports, are held every summer in the San Diego area. This year's event included Junior Lifeguard competition and the organizers apparently are interested in adding adult lifeguard competition to next year's Games. The Competition Committee Chair will investigate.

Super Vets Division

It was pointed out by one of our more *experienced* members that at this year's regional competition there were no awards for the Super Vet Division even though there were Super Vets competing. This issue was addressed during the meeting and it was agreed upon that at future regional competitions, awards will be presented to all age groups.

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Competition Committee Chair