


**HEROIC ACTS COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 13, 1995**

The Heroic Acts Committee met and agreed to the following:

1. Agreed to award four Heroic Acts Awards voted on last fall at the Spring meeting.
2. Award a Heroic Act to Matthew Escalante, an LA County Jr. Lifeguard, at the Spring Meeting.
3. Reconfirm that \$1,000 was allocated to the Committee for a Medal of Valor and note that the medal is close to being finished.
4. Create a historical list or pamphlet of previous award recipients.
5. Complete the re-write of the Heroic Acts Award Criteria Policy & Procedure



TO: C.S.L.S.A. Board of Directors
FROM: Reenie Boyer 
DATE: October 13, 1995
SUBJECT: Junior Lifeguard Committee Report

REGIONAL COMPETITION

1. Junior Lifeguard Coordinators need to complete and return the attached ballot to the City of San Diego J.G. program prior to December 1, 1995.
2. Any questions on the proposed rule changes or competition date should be directed to Charlie Mazur, J.G. Coordinator for the City of San Diego at (619) 221-8846.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

1. Propose that the B Division Use 10 feet or under soft boards for the individual paddle event or paddle relay if it is the host event.

J.G. MEMBERSHIP

1. 1996 goal is to register 500 California J.G.'s to the U.S.L.A.
2. Continue with optional participation.
3. Keep membership fee at \$20.00 and reduce kit size (\$7.00 maximum). *(tabled)*
4. Any questions regarding J.G. membership should be directed to Reenie Boyer, Newport Beach J.G. Coordinator at (714) 675-8420.



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October 10, 1995

Distribution: California Junior Lifeguard Coordinators

Dear Coordinators:

The San Diego Lifeguard Service is looking forward to hosting the 1996 Junior Lifeguard Western Regionals. We have proposed some changes that we believe will help make the event a positive experience for the competitors, spectators and you.

Unfortunately, in the past, it has been difficult for all of us to get together, this has caused misunderstandings. Our goal this year is to involve as many as possible of the participating chapters. Please help us insure the success of the Regionals by providing your vote (to the proposed changes) and feedback by December 1, 1995.

We would like to have all the details finalized by January 1, 1996. We are trying to avoid having last minute disagreements that distract from the positive atmosphere of the event. I appreciate how difficult it is to travel to junior guard meetings. I hope this mailing (and voting procedures) will provide a fair and less burdensome way for you to participate. A lot of work has gone into identifying these proposed changes. I would like to thank Dave Simcox, Mike Eich, Reenie Boyer, Bill Harkins and A.J. Summers for their help. These changes are an attempt to remedy problem areas that many of you identified at our meeting at the 1995 Regionals. I ask that we give these rules changes a chance and review the process again after the 1996 Regionals.

The Proposed Changes:

1. Adding a Meet Competition Disclaimer.

Discussion: Enclosed is a sample Competition Disclaimer that is to be signed by each competitor. The purpose is to insure that each competitor is aware of the competition entry rules. Specifically, age, active participation in a junior lifeguard program and entry limit rules. We hope this minor step will help to minimize cheating. I would appreciate your ideas on how we can improve the content of the Disclaimer.

Alternatives: 1. Do nothing.; 2. Take further steps to insure that participants and coaches are abiding by the rules;
3. Bring back the guillotine.

2. Change the entry limits for relay events to six participants. The six should be made up of no more than four from one gender. Examples: Four girls and two boys; Four boys and two girls; or three boys and three girls.

Discussion: This would insure greater participation of both sexes. By not requiring a three boy and three girl mix we still allow for some measure of flexibility for chapters with fewer "A" and "AA" competitors. This change also increases the number of Regional participants in each division by four.

Alternatives: 1. Change the ratio to three boys and three girls. 2. Retain the current flexibility of no set ratio.

3. In Beach Flags and the Individual Paddle, limit entry to one male and one female competitor per division.

Discussion: Huntington Beach did a masterful job of running the Regionals last year. It will be difficult for San Diego to match the expertise and professionalism of their crew in our first year of running the Regionals. With all the experience Huntington Beach had, the "B" events still did not end until 6:00 p.m. The other divisions also experienced extensive time overruns. We believe the reason for this is the need for heats in the Flags and Individual Paddle Event. In the paddle, the running of heats also created paddle board shortages, causing last minute changes and confusion. To run an event on time and end by 4:00 p.m., we need this rule change.

If we change to two males and two females it will not help the situation. We will still need to run heats. Without the change we will need to add one hour to the event schedule (ending at 5:00 p.m.) for Flags and one hour for the Individual Paddle (ending at 6:00 p.m.). While, with this change, we will be limiting four participants we have added four participants to the relay events with proposal number 2.

Alternative: 1. Limit entry to two males and two females.; 2. Limit entry to three males and three females.

4. Make an adjustment to the scoring points starting at 15 for individual events and 45 for relay events instead of the current 20 for individual and 50 for relay events.

Discussion: This change provides for an more even distribution of points; increasing one point for each place change in individual events and three points in relay events (see the scoring table). The previous distribution was more heavily weighted at the top places.

Alternatives: 1. Retain the current point system; 2. Come up with a different point system.

5. We have added an new official called the Resolution Official. While it is our intent to minimize protests by providing a more controlled atmosphere, if there are protests we want them handled expeditiously. The Resolution Official (hopefully not from San Diego) only job will be to quickly hear protests and rule on them after consultation with two additional officials.

I support all of these changes and am confident that they will help us make the 1996 Regionals a positive experience for competitors and spectators alike. I realize that there are many more alternatives for each proposed change, those included have been previously identified in our discussions.

Some of the other changes that I believe we have previously settled are the use of USLA regulation 10½ foot hard boards for the "A" and "AA" paddle events. In addition, we decided to retain the "AA" division.

Please look over the entire competition package there are some minor word changes, in particular, in the Rescue Race event with the requirement of the victim to keep both hands on the buoy (this has been taken from the Nationals rules). Also note that each chapter is responsible for their own equipment in the Rescue Race.

I look forward to your comments. Please be sure to return your chapters vote by December 1st to the letterhead address. I will return the final regionals guidelines to you by the 1st of next year. Please provide me with any address or personnel changes. Have a great winter and a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Charlie Mazur



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BALLOT

Chapter _____

Prepared By: _____ Date _____

I support the adding of a Meet Disclaimer Form to be signed by each participant.

Yes

No

I support changing to six member relay teams with not more than four members from one gender.

Yes

No

I support changing to one boy and one girl in the beach flag event.

Yes

No

I support changing to one boy and one girl in the individual paddle event.

Yes

No

I support the proposed change in the point scoring distribution.

Yes

No

I support the addition of a Resolution Official.

Yes

No

I would like to see the following changes at Regionals. _____

Please include any additional information you like. _____

Please mail the ballot to the letterhead address by December 1, 1995.

Off season name and address of your Program Coordinator, phone fax, etc. _____

Agency address for junior guard mail, phone, fax, etc. _____

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 13, 1995**

The Committee will be creating a Lifeguard Legislative Binder for all agencies with Penal Code and Legal Code references to lifeguards as well as local codes (if submitted) at no cost to the CSLSA.

We are also requesting those interested in going through the *PEACE OFFICER CODE REFERENCE* to highlight any codes they would like in the proposed Lifeguard Legislative Binder.