



California Surf Lifesaving Association Competition Committee

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TO: CSLSA Board of Directors
FROM: Marshall Parks
SUBJECT: Competition Committee Chair Report
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2003 Spring USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

A proposal made at the 2002 Fall USLA National Board of Directors meeting to change competition age group categories from 10 year to 5 year increments was accepted and go into effect at the 2004 USLA National Championships.

New Age Group Ruling:

- Open age group to remain as is.
- The 5 year plan would begin with the current Senior age group and extend to accommodate all competitors: 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, etc.
- Awards and points to top three finishers in each 5 year age group.
- Replace current age group descriptions: Senior, Master, Veteran and Super Veteran, with age group numbers; 30-34, 35-39, etc.

2003 CSLSA Championships

The Regional Championships were hosted by Los Angeles County at Zuma Beach on July 26. Los Angeles County finished first overall, followed by San Diego City, Cal State, Laguna, Santa Cruz, LA City and Long Beach.

Top competitors in the Seniors (30 to 39) age group included L.A. County's Sean Lemma, Mel Solberg, Bill White, and Marc Ringlet, San Diego's Chris Zimmer, Jason Cull, and Chris Dobrosielski, and California State's Jerry Merayo.

Top Senior Women were L.A. County's Diane Graner-Gallas, Shirley Kim, Diedre Fisher, and Bridget Rome, San Diego's Jennifer Davies, and Cal State's Ellen Barnett.

Top Masters (40 to 49) were L.A. County's Jay Butki, Mike O'Donnell, and Greg Pfeifer, San Diego's Tim Cicchetto and Alan Voisard, Steve Evans from L.A. County Lakes, and Cal State's Richard Olivo and Mark Allen. L.A. County's Ann Finley was the top Masters woman.

High scorers in the Veterans (50 to 59) division were L.A. County's Tom Barnett, Joel Gitelson, and Jerry Lozano, L.A. City's Gareth Burk, L.A. County Lakes' John Ragsdale, and Hawaii's Chip Kennedy.

The Super Vets (60 and over) category was dominated by L.A. County's Bob Burnside, Steve Morgan, Ross MacKinnon and John Matesich.

Special thanks to Rob McGowan and the lifeguard staff from LACOLA for making this a successful event.

2003 USLA Championships

The 2003 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships were held in Cape May, New Jersey, August 1-9. Los Angeles finished first in Division I with 581.5 points followed closely by Monmouth County in 2nd with 568.5 and South Jersey in 3rd with 165.5. Other CSLSA Chapters scoring points were San Diego, Long Beach, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Cal State.

2004 USLA National Championships

Daytona, Florida, has been announced as the site of the 2004 USLA National Championships. Competition to take place August 5-7.

Rescue 2004

The next World Lifesaving Championships are scheduled to take place September 11-28, 2004, in Viareggio, Italy. Open water events will be held in the Congress Centre "Principe di Piemonte" and pool events in the 50 meter pool of Marina di Massa, located 15 kilometers from Viareggio.

This international championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for national teams, club teams and masters competitors in events such as ironman/ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events. For more information, please visit www.Rescue2004.com.

Respectfully Submitted,



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