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**This document of general rules replaces the considering point of the procedures and obligations for the organisation of CMAS competitions & championships.**

**It's the 1<sup>st</sup> part of renovation of these rules. A second part nominated "procedures" is in preparation.**

**Thus, all topics of procedures and obligations for the organisation of CMAS competitions & championships (Version 2014/01 BOD 185 - 25/01/2014) they aren't presented in this document stay valid and in force.**

## Chapter 1 GENERAL

### 1. Presentation

- 1.1. This document takes into account the general rules concerning all sports commissions into CMAS. It's completed by the different rules properly in each sport proposed by commissions to BOD.

### 2. ID and Sports license

- 2.1. During the first registration for the order of a sport license, the athlete will receive an ID number for all sport lives into CMAS.
- 2.2. All athletes participating in a competition registered into CMAS calendar have a sports license valid for the corresponding discipline. It exists two type of sport licenses:
- 2.2.1. Annual sport license has a limited validity and expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the request.
- 2.2.2. Temporary sport license has the validity during the relevant event.
- 2.3. Orders
- 2.3.1. Annual sport license:
- Only the Federations will order to CMAS the licences per each discipline using the CMAS website ([www.cmasoffice.org](http://www.cmasoffice.org))
  - It is under the responsibility of the President of each federation the order of licenses.
- 2.3.2. Temporary sport license:
- Ordering by club:
    - Club must have agreement of NF if NF subscribes to the relevant commission. If club doesn't have the agreement of NF, NF can cancel the registration of the club.
    - Club has the possibility to order temporary sport licenses in order to participate in CMAS club competitions registered into CMAS calendar through registration on CMAS website (xxxxxxx).
  - Individual ordering:
    - athlete has the possibility to order temporary sport licenses in order to participate in CMAS competitions registered into CMAS calendar (except CMAS Championships) through registration on CMAS website (xxxxxxx).
    - If NF subscribes to the relevant commission, it can block the registration of an athlete.
  - In case of blocking or cancelling registration, CMAS doesn't return money back.
- 2.4. Delivery of licences
- 2.4.1. The license is delivered in electronic format only.
- NF has the possibility to check and print the listing of valid licenses through CMAS office.
  - Athlete has the possibility to access to personal account so as to insert photo and personal data.
- 2.5. None of the sport licences will be issued on site and no one will be allowed to participate if not in possession of the mentioned licence.
- 2.6. Requests for licenses with **registered payment** will be done according to previous procedures and within 10 days at least before the corresponding competition. Out of this delay, the athlete can't take part

### 3. Nationality of athletes participating in CMAS championships and competitions

- 3.1. CMAS championships
- 3.1.1. *Stricto sensu team championships*
- All the athletes of a national team must have the nationality of the country or submit proof that they are resident in that country since 1 year at least. In the team there can be a maximum of two foreign athletes.
- 3.1.2. *Individual sports*
- All athletes must have mandatory the nationality of the country.
- 3.1.3. *Nationality*
- Athletes having double nationality may choose to compete for one or another country, but the delay must be 1 year if he changes after last participation with the previous country.
  - In case one athlete changes his nationality, the previous delay is the same. ~~CMAS may reduce this delay after request of NF and if the two concerning NF (last and new) accepts.~~
- 3.2. Cups of Clubs
- 3.2.1. Athlete participating in cup for clubs under the colour of the club may have different nationality provided that:
- Must have national license of this club (delivered by NF of the club).
  - To be affiliated to a foreign club, the athlete must have the agreement of the two NF (his NF and NF of the club).
- 3.2.2. From January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, they may participate under the colours of one club only.

### 4. Competitions for age categories

- 4.1. Competitions may be organised in different age categories (A, B, C, D, junior, senior, veteran, master and so on) on reserve
- 4.1.1. that all conditions in these rules are observed as concerns each created age category
- 4.1.2. that all age categories fixed for each discipline are not crossing in any case
- 4.1.3. The athletic age of a competitor is obtained by subtracting his year of birth from the current year. The competitor will compete from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in this category.
- ~~An athlete belonging to junior category so established can be authorised to participate in a championship of the immediately higher age category only if the following conditions are observed without any exception~~
- 4.1.4. 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

- 4.1.5. by having a medical certificate stating that the athlete may compete in a championship of higher category than his/her own
- 4.1.6. ~~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.~~
- 4.2. No athlete is admitted to take part in a competition of an age category lower than his/her own age category.
- 4.3. A athlete is allowed to compete in a higher category if the rules of the commission so authorizes.
- 4.4. No competitor is admitted to compete in more than one age category if the competition is scheduled at the same time or one after another in the same venue, except ~~–An exception can be accepted~~ for constitution of relay team. ~~in individual sport as following:~~
- 4.4.1. Only during world cup for clubs
- 4.4.2. If the relay isn't taking in consideration for a general classification.

## Chapter 2 BODIES OF CONTROL

### 5. Chairman of the Commission or his/her Delegate

- 5.1. The Chairman of the Commission or his/her Delegate will be charged to check and control the strict observance of **CMAS procedures**.
- 5.2. The Chairman of the Commission or his/her Delegate can, **in no case**, act as judge, head of mission or trainer or athlete.
- 5.3. **Missions**
- 5.3.1. Check particularly on the observance of CMAS protocol for different types of ceremonies rules, taking necessary measures whenever necessary so they take place in accordance with the regulations.
- 5.3.2. Check and establish with organizers awarding ceremonies, including the lists of VIP who will participate in the ceremonies according point 11.1. of these rules.
- 5.3.3. Provide every day the results, even if of heats to CMAS HQ and/or directly to the website.
- 5.3.4. Provide CMAS HQ and/or directly to the website the final result of competition within the 24 hours.
- 5.3.5. Provide the doping forms (originals or copies) to CMAS HQ.

### 6. CMAS Technical Delegate

- 6.1. The CMAS Technical Delegate nominated by the CMAS Board of Directors upon proposal of the relevant discipline.
- 6.2. He must be fluent at least in one of the three official CMAS languages and as the best two of these.
- 6.3. The CMAS Technical Delegate must be from the same continent of the competition.
- 6.4. **In no case, he will**
- 6.4.1. act as judge, head of mission or trainer or athlete.
- 6.4.2. be a member of the federation to which the organisation of the competition has been given.
- 6.5. Missions
- 6.5.1. **Technical**
- a) Check that the technical meeting is only held according to CMAS rules.
- b) Control of the necessary equipment, taking necessary measures to find a remedy if lacking. He has the duty to make an inspection of all installations necessary for the competition
- c) Check on the observance and enforce CMAS rules and decisions, resolve all matters about the actual organization when the rules do not provide another solution. He takes necessary measures whenever necessary, without having the right to change any CMAS rules.
- d) Suspension or cancellation of a championship
- Take **alone** the decision to suspend or cancel the championship in case
- of negative weather conditions or
  - when certain rules are not observed as concerns above all needs envisaged in CMAS General rules, CMAS procedures, playing rules of the corresponding discipline
  - Unsafety conditions (validity of the second test of bottles, access to first aid services)
  - Non observance of rules for Anti-doping tests.
- e) Management of claims.
- 6.5.2. **Administrative**
- a) Management of World, continental or Zone records that have been beaten during the competition.
- b) Hand all documents concerning the competition to president of commission or his/her delegate.
- c) He has the duty to check the participants' files concerning the passport for identification (particularly for juniors).
- d) Observance of terms of the contract and take necessary measures in order to observe them.
- e) Observance of organization of doping controls during competitions according to WADA anti-doping code, CMAS anti-doping and annual programme defined with SportAccord.
- 6.6. Send his/her competition's report within 15 days after the end of competition to CMAS HQ.

## Chapter 3 OPERATIONAL GENERALITIES

### 7. Technical Meeting

- 7.1. A meeting must be organised within and not later than 24 hours before the beginning of competition with the attendance of:
- a) Responsible of the organisation
- b) CMAS Technical Delegate
- c) Chief Judge
- d) Team leaders

- e) Doctor of the organisation
- 7.2. The goal of the technical meeting is to communicate all information about:
- Technical matters of the **competition**
  - Timetable and means of transportation
  - Guidelines for prize-giving ceremonies
  - Safety measures

## 8. Claims

- 8.1. Only the captain of the team or the chief coach may put forward a claim.
- 8.2. All claims must be announced within the 15 minutes following the publication of results and must be presented by letter in French, English or Spanish to the CMAS technical delegate within the 60 minutes following the publication of the results.
- 8.3. The medal ceremony may be postponed if the complaint concerns a medallist.
- 8.4. Every claim must be accompanied by a cash deposit amounting to 100 EUR, sum that will be immediately reimbursed if the claim is accepted or if the claim is withdrawn within the 45 minutes following the announcement of the claim.
- 8.5. The CMAS technical delegate must
- 8.5.1. Check if the claim can be accepted
  - 8.5.2. Take a decision about the claim as soon as possible and in any case within one hour after it has been submitted
  - 8.5.3. Write his conclusions on the form, sign it and hand it as soon as possible:
    - To the representative of the federation that submitted the claim
    - To the Chairman of the commission or his/her representative or, on the contrary, these minutes must be sent **the same day by mail to CMAS HQ.**
- 8.6. Decisions taken by the CMAS Technical Delegate are final.

## 9. Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on the site of the competition or in the city hosting the competition as follows:

- 9.1. Athletes from the participating countries will parade behind their national flag in alphabetical order in the language of the hosting country, the latter obligatorily closing the parade.
- 9.2. Delegates, if they wish, are allowed to parade behind their national flag, between the flag and the athletes.
- 9.3. After the flag parade, raising of the flags
- National flag of the organising federation past the national anthem
  - CMAS and IOC flags (only Finswimming) past the CMAS international anthem.
- 9.4. Welcome speech
- Of the President of the organising Federation or his/her representative for the competition.
  - Of a representative of the Government, of the province or town
  - Of CMAS President or his/her representative
- 9.5. The list with names and functions of speakers must be handed to CMAS President or his/her representative, at least at the eve of the ceremony.
- 9.6. Every add or alteration in order to take the floor must be discussed with CMAS President or his/her representative, at the eve of the ceremony.
- 9.7. The declaration of the official opening of the competition by CMAS President or by another person designated by him/her and declaring the opening of the competition must be, in any case, the last speaker.

## 10. Preparation of awarding ceremonies

- 10.1. Formal ceremony will be carried out according to a strict and identical protocol, being the same for all competitions and cannot be changed without the previous approval from the Board of Directors.
- 10.2. Except for the CMAS gold, silver and bronze medals, no other distinction, medal or price can be distributed during this ceremony.
- 10.3. For championships, medals provided by CMAS.
- 10.4. If an organising committee wants to provide itself medals for a championship, this will be allowed at the following conditions as listed here below:
- 10.4.1. the organising committee responsible of the production costs of such medals and given only to the medallists with a maximum for 12 for a Hockey team and 15 for a Rugby team.
  - 10.4.2. mandatory engraving of CMAS logo (in relief) and the name of the championships.
  - 10.4.3. sending of a «finished» sample at natural size to CMAS.
  - 10.4.4. obtainment of CMAS written agreement.
- 10.5. For other competitions, medals are provided by the organising committee.
- 10.6. For awarding ceremonies, the following must be available and ready:
- 10.6.1. three podiums shall be arranged to accommodate the necessary number of athletes (relay, teams):
 

a)	podium n.º1 (centre)	for the winner,	50 (fifty) cm.
b)	podium n.º2 (right)	for the second place,	35 (thirty-five) cm
c)	podium n.º3 (left)	for the third place,	20 (twenty) cm
  - 10.6.2. a flagpole or specific system for CMAS flag, one for the IOC flag (Finswimming only) and one for the national flag of the organising federation.
  - 10.6.3. three flagpoles or specific system at different heights as follows:
    - a top centre flagpole waving the flag of the winner
    - a medium right flagpole waving the flag of the second
    - a lower left flagpole waving the flag of the third.
  - 10.6.4. Position of the flags  
**The positioning of the flags will be according IOC code. (see **appendix**)**
    - The flags of the three winners are horizontally hanged.**

b) The flags of the three winners are vertically with a rotation of 90 degrees clockwise

10.6.5. The organiser shall see that non accredited people should be kept off the venue reserved for the ceremony.

## 11. Progress of medals awarding

11.1. CMAS will have to communicate to the organisation and in the three official languages, the list of the CMAS' VIP as well as their exact function.

11.2. Before the beginning of the session, the organisation has to give to CMAS the full list back with the accompanying persons as well as their exact function.

11.3. The rehearsal of the official ceremony for the medals awarding must obligatory take place under the control of a CMAS official, the day before the competition and on its same place, everything being obligatorily settled (podium, medal bearers, flag, music, official speaker, CMAS international anthem, etc).

11.4. a waiting area with a direct access on the competition site in which the athletes will be placed, the officials and the medal porters in the order of the scheduled scheme taken from the Appendix xxx. At the end of event, organisers pick the medallists and accompany them to the waiting area to prepare awarding ceremonies. The athletes stay during all this time in this zone. Coaches have the possibility to enter in this area and wait with athletes the awarding ceremony.

11.5. Operation of ceremonies:

11.5.1. Choice of the Procedure (Appendix xx)

- a) The chief of ceremony, the VIP, the accompanying person, the athletes and the medals porters approach the podium from its right (or left) in this order.
- b) The ceremony chief, the VIP, the accompanying person pass by the podium and place themselves on its left (or its right)
- c) The athletes place themselves behind the podium in this order 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- d) The medal porters stay on the podium's right (left)
- e) Medals presentation
- f) After the medals' presentation,
- g) The ceremony chief takes back the VIP, the accompanying person, followed by the medals porters
- h) The athletes go back to the changing-room after the photo session.
- i) The parade of arrival and departure must be done with a musical accompaniment.

11.6. Announcements

Once everybody is ready, the music stops and the announcement of the results follows as clarified here below:

11.6.1. All the announcements must strictly respect the text taken from the Appendix XX

11.6.2. Languages

- a) The announcements must be done, after the national language, in one of the three CMAS official languages
- b) If the language of the organising federation is one of the CMAS official languages, the second one will be one of the two others CMAS official languages.

11.6.3. The speaker is not allowed to modify, in any way, the announcements that follow.

11.6.4. The organising federation will have to give him, in written form and in the languages that will be used, the surnames, names and exact function(s) of the designed VIP who will hand over the medals.

11.6.5. Ceremony announcements

Text: see Appendix19

a) Third place announcement

Text: see Appendix19

When the name is announced

- i. The athlete goes up on the podium.
- ii. The VIP and the bronze medal porter move towards the podium, the medal porter presents the pillow to the VIP who takes the medal and puts it over the head of the athlete, and shake hands.
- iii. Then, the VIP goes back to his respective place.
- iv. The accompanying person gives the gift or flowers to the athlete.
- v. Then the accompanying person and the medal porter go back to their respective places.

b) Second place announcement

Text: see Appendix19

When the name is announced

- i. The athlete goes up on the podium.
- ii. The VIP and the silver medal porter move towards the podium, the medal porter presents the pillow to the VIP who takes the medal and puts it over the head of the athlete, and shake hands.
- iii. Then, the VIP goes back to his respective place.
- iv. The accompanying person gives the gift or flowers to the athlete.
- v. Then the accompanying person and the medal porter go back to their respective places.

c) Winner announcement

Text: see Appendix19

When the name is announced

- i. The athlete goes up on the podium.
- ii. The VIP and the gold medal porter move towards the podium, the medal porter presents the pillow to the VIP who takes the medal and puts it over the head of the athlete, and shake hands.
- iii. Then, the VIP goes back to his respective place.
- iv. The accompanying person gives the gift or flowers to the athlete.
- v. Then the accompanying person and the medal porter go back to their respective places.

d) The accompanying person and medal porter once back to their places, everybody turns towards the poles where the three national flags will be raised while the national country anthem of the gold winner is played.

11.7. Exceptional alternative procedure

If it is not possible to parade, each one reaches their place directly and will take the positions clarified at the item  
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## 12. Closing ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will take place on the site of the competition or in the city hosting the competition as follows:

- 12.1. It begins in the fifteen minutes following the last award ceremony
- 12.2. The President of the Organising Committee closes the event
- 12.3. National flag's descent of the organising federation past the national anthem (if protocol accepted)
- 12.4. CMAS and IOC (only Finswimming) flag's descent past the CMAS international anthem.
- 12.5. According to prize awarding rules of some countries, points 9.3 and 9.4 may be reversed in time.
- 12.6. The organising federation President hands over the CMAS flag to the CMAS representative
- 12.7. CMAS Representative hands over the flag to the President of the Organising Committee of the next identical competition.

## Chapter 4 RECORDS

### 13. Types of Records

13.1. CMAS recognises and thus homologates only records established on time, distance or fixed points by electronic control including

- a) Timekeeping at 1/100 second
- b) Control of distance at the centimetre
- c) Automatic ranking of results
- d) Immediate electronic printing, of the covered distance or achieved points on an ad hoc **document**

13.2. Disciplines

CMAS is recognising up today the following records for these disciplines

- 13.2.1. Finswimming expressed in 1/100 second
  - a) Mono-fin in swimming pool
  - b) Bi-fin in swimming pool.
- 13.2.2. Apnoea expressed in 1/100 second
  - a) Static.
  - b) Endurance
  - c) Speed
- 13.2.3. Apnoea expressed in meters and centimetres
  - a) Dynamic in swimming pool with and without fins
  - b) Jump Blue
- 13.2.4. Apnoea expressed in meters
  - a) Constant Weight (only in meters) with and without fins,
  - b) Variable Weight (only in meters)
  - c) Free Immersion (only in meters).
- 13.2.5. Categories
 

Records will be homologated in the following categories

  - a) Senior Ladies
  - b) Senior Men
  - c) Junior Ladies
  - d) Junior Men
- 13.2.6. CMAS recognises and homologates the following records only
  - a) World records
  - b) Continental records
  - c) Records of the Games

### 14. Homologation of the records

14.1. Record obtained during a CMAS championship or World Cup Round included in CMAS calendar

Provided that

- 14.1.1. homologation form (Appendix15) duly filled and signed by the CMAS technical delegate has been handed, in time to whom it may concern
- 14.1.2. no claim has been submitted in time fixed by rules of the discipline
- 14.1.3. the electronic proof of time, the distance or points of the performance are enclosed
- 14.1.4. ***Precision for doping control: For each CMAS championship and world cup, schedule of controls according to WADA anti-doping code and CMAS anti-doping and annual programme defined with SportAccord and not obligatory in case of new record.***

14.2. Record obtained during a Competition included in CMAS calendar

Provided that

- 14.2.1. homologation form (Appendixxx) duly filled and signed by the official Judge of the competition has been handed, in time to whom it may concern
- 14.2.2. athlete has been truly submitted to anti-doping test
- 14.2.3. no claim has been submitted in time fixed by rules of the discipline
- 14.2.4. the electronic proof of time, the distance or points of the performance are enclosed.

***this record will be ipso facto validated and homologated upon receipt of the test of negativity of the anti-doping test***

- 14.2.5. For Apnoea, additionally, it could be done Record Attempts according to the contract (Appendix xx).

**14.3.** Record obtained in Competitions or Championship not included in CMAS calendar

Provided that

- 14.3.1. National records are up to national federations, but they cannot substitute a CMAS record if the following has not been sent to CMAS
- 14.3.2. Homologation form (Appendixxx) duly filled and signed by the Chairman of the national federation managing the discipline.
- 14.3.3. athlete has been truly submitted to anti-doping test
- 14.3.4. no claim has been submitted in time fixed by rules of the discipline
- 14.3.5. the electronic proof of time, the distance or points of the performance are enclosed
- 14.3.6. this record will be *ipso facto* validated and homologated upon receipt of the test of negativity of the anti-doping test
- 14.3.7. For Apnoea, if competition is not in CMAs calendar, the homologation isn't done.

**14.4.** Miscellaneous

- 14.4.1. Only one record can be registered by calendar date.
- 14.4.2. The results of championships for which an electronic control of time of distance or points cannot be carried out and all others competitions will be considered as «**Best performance**».

## Chapter 5 APPENDICES

15. Request of certification of a record (Art. XX)
16. Report of CMAS technical delegate(Art. XX)
17. Claims: Minutes of CMAS technical delegate (Art.XX)
18. Plan for prize awarding (Art.XX)
19. Text of announcements (Art.11.5)

All the above-mentioned forms are available on the CMAS web site <http://www.cmas.org>, under the Sport Committee column.