

# **Note of the team leaders and trainers of national federations participating at European Championships to president of IFC-CMAS (M. Gaunard) and President of CMAS (A. Ferrero)**

## **1. Rules and regulations**

- Still missing a kind of transparency for publishing of decisions directly to all national federations which were done by IFC-CMAS and BoD-CMAS (for example the cancellation of 800 m IM during IFC-CMAS meeting in Tomsk from 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2012).  
All team leaders of national federations reject the cancellation of 800m IM from the official Finswimming program.
- Also exists a need of all national federations to participate in finding decisions inside IFC-CMAS (for example clear process until final decision as is usual in Underwater rugby commission of CMAS)
- Transparency of the way of homologating swim suits including the contracts. (The swimsuits are too expensive and only two brands are available.)
- Reworking of CMAS Finswimming rules by clearing of mismatching for some regulations (f.e. towels on start block, piercings and tapes, number of used swimming caps, ...). All of the rules must be defined that everybody has the same understanding on it.

## **2. Doping control**

- According to CMAS Finswimming rules - point 10.4.4 an anti doping control is mandatory for official world record announcement.
- Consequence:  
All new World records are unofficially because there is no doping control for those athletes done after finishing their races since 15<sup>TH</sup> of August.

## **3. Fee of participants to International championships**

- With current fee per participant (basic rate: appr. 1.000 EUR for 10 days) there is no chance for ongoing of all national federations for further events.
- If this amount will not be reduced to a range of 500 EUR until max. 700 EUR the total number of national federations and finally participating athletes will be decreased dramatically.
- All the costs for CMAS delegates and VIPs has to be paid by CMAS Head quarter and not by organizer of the championships.
- To increase the efficiency of championships program we see following possibilities:
  - Reducing the number of pool competition days from 5 to 4 by using of direct finals for 400m IM / 400m, 800m and 1500m SF
  - Separating the pool competitions from the long distance competitions and combining the Long distance Junior with Senior championships

**See attached list of participants from meeting in Lignano Sabbiadoro on 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2012 !**