

2022 PanAm Aquatics Convention Report

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Name Change: A name change to reflect the continental perspective of the organization took place with the change from Union Americana de Natación. A new logo is in place and all reference is now made to PanAm Aquatics (PAQ).



Junior Pan Am Games: The first Junior Pan Am Games were hosted in Colombia in December 2021. Artistic Swimming was included as one of the games events. A very successful championship was held with Team USA winning gold in mixed duet and silver in duet, team and highlight events.

Qualification for PanAm Games in October 2023: The organization confirmed qualification system for the Pan American Games to be held in Santiago in October 2023. The USA has an automatic qualification into artistic swimming championship. In preparation for the PanAm Games, PAQ President and Vice President have made site visits to Santiago and the PAQ TASC Chair will do so in the coming months as well.

Communication and Social Media Opportunities: PAQ President Maureen Croes places an emphasis on communication among the PAQ federations and members. Artistic swimming was the first disciplines to use the new PAQ social media and website and we continue to be forward thinking in planning for future events and educational opportunities. The Technical Artistic Swimming Committee (TASC) met and decided to not host an artistic swimming championship for PAQ countries this year in order to encourage participation at the 2022 FINA Youth World Championship and 2022 FINA Junior World Championship both of which were held in the Americas. However, plans are underway to consider hosting the PAQ Artistic Swimming Championships in 2023, perhaps in the US. President Croes hosted a recent meeting to find ways to better serve our athletes, coaches and officials and to establish a four-year planning calendar for the sport.

PanAm Congress: Representing the US at the PanAm Congress held in Budapest were Betty Hazle, Laurette Longmire and Adam Andrasko. FINA President Husain Al-Musullam addressed the Congress.

PAQ Events: The TASC has its first version of an events manual completed. This will serve all federations as they work to host events in their respective countries.

A successful FINA webinar and question/answer session was held to better inform PAQ countries about the new scoring system and new rules proposed by FINA. The video can be found [here](#). The Q&A document can be found on the PAQ website [here](#).

Two one-day FINA seminars were held in conjunction with the Youth Worlds and Junior Worlds championships hosted in the US and Canada respectively. Those seminars held in conjunction with our PAQ informed coaches, judges and athletes about the coaches card, an integral part of the new scoring system.

An upcoming PanAm Aquatics Duet Camp is being hosted at the US Olympic Training Center and sponsored by PAQ, PanAm Sports Organization, the USOPC and USA Artistic Swimming. The invitation-only camp will be held Nov. 12 – 20 concurrently with the FINA Judges Certification School and the FINA Coaches Clinic. The camp, school and clinic are hosted with the intent to provide education opportunities on the continent for PAQ members.

2022 Judges List: The current list of judges for 2022 has 123 judges from 17 Federations.

Athlete Rep report: See FINA report for details.

For the future: PAQ President Croes and the executive committee, of which Ginny Jasontek is a member, are working to establish the first PanAm Continental Championship in 2025 with all aquatic disciplines competing. The planners are considering the feasibility of such a championship every 2 or 4 years.

With great appreciation, the US representatives of Ginny Jasontek, PAQ Executive Committee member and TASC liaison; Betty Hazle, TASC co-secretary; Denise Shively, TASC member; and Bill May, TASC athlete representative, wish to thank Maureen Croes, her executive committee, and PAQ staff for their dedication, commitment and professional manner in working tirelessly to improve PanAm Aquatics and to include all of the countries and all aquatic disciplines.