

LX DESCENSO A NADO DE LA RIA DE NAVIA

Navia's Estuary Downstream Swimming

PREPARATION OF RANKING & AWARDS CEREMONY LISTS

(9th edition, April 2016)

1. INTRODUCTION

These rules are supplementary to the *Races' Control Procedures*. For a full understanding, it is advisable to read them in advance, as well as the *Descenso's General rules*. Terms such as *race manager*, *recording officer*, *chip*...acquire a full meaning once one is completely aware of the organizational process, included in the aforementioned documents.

2. CLASSIFYING TEAM

As stated in the *Races' Control Procedures*, the organizing committee will provide a support group to the official judges. This support group is divided into several independent teams: a **global team** for all of the races (*1100m*, *2400m*, *5000m women* y *5000m men*, for further information see the *Descenso's* general rules) and a **specific team** for each of the races. For further details on the support staff and their roles, see the aforementioned *Races' Control Procedures*, specifically section 4 (and its sub-sections).

3. CLASSIFICATION ROOM

The classifying teams will have a fully equipped room (with tables, chairs, stationery, power outlets, etc.) which will be supervised by a **room manager**. Only people belonging to the classifying team will be allowed to enter that room, as it is the room manager's duty to ban the entrance to anybody who can interfere in the tasks.

4. PROCESS OF PREPARATION RANKINGS FOR EACH RACE

4.1. Method

The *specific classifying team* (plus the extra recording officer) will enter the classification room with all the sets of scores written down by them. The *Race manager* is also responsible for collecting the first list of the order of finish –handed over to the Race manager by the electronic classification provider company. It is desirable that that list includes at least 80% of the swimmers who started the race.

The aforementioned electronic score will be used as the main reference for the rankings' preparation (the essential aim of the electronic recording system is not to replace the judges but to support them and to ease their task, therefore the prevailing criterion is judge's rather than the data provided by the system).

The general process is as follows:

- The *Race manager* will name the order numbers which appear in the electronic register, assuming the role of *classification director*;
- The *arrival recording officer* who acted on the orders of the Chief referee will check that his own scores (manually written down) match with those of the *Race manager*;
- If there was a disagreement, its possible reasons would be analyzed. In that case and as fast as possible, the finish line filming would be consulted, the agreement between the recording from the *specific team* and the *global team* would be checked or any possible electronic recording system mistake/error would be investigated... Where appropriate, and anticipating some occasional electronic recording system errors which could happen unexpectedly, the manually obtained numbers will be noted down on the printed list;
- Time allocation will adjust to that registered in the electronic register;
- It usually happens that when the *specific team* from any race goes to the classification room to prepare the ranking list thereof, not every swimmer has finished the race and therefore will not be registered in the electronic list that the *Race manager* owns or in the manual annotations which are in the room. Those swimmers' classification will rely on the list and registers of the next race. With the exception of the closing race of the competition (*5000m men*), whose classifying team must be done together with the *global team* and must include all the swimmers who are still swimming. The specific team of the *5000m men* race cannot leave the finish line area (*control and service docks*) until the last swimmer leaves the water;
- Once the complete classification is registered and the electronic register is compared with the manual annotations, the particular identification of each swimmer **is** from the number on their swim cap. This way, each race's ranking will have the name of its swimmers;
- Once the individual rankings are done, the club who will be awarded the **Premio Venera** prize will be decided. To do so, several points will be assigned to each swimmer following the criteria on **Appendix 1**, and the winner will be the club which gets the highest score when adding all of its swimmers' points.

Note: deciding the winner of the *Premio Venera* prize is quite a tedious task, that is why the data management computer program includes a sub-function which automatically calculates the score each club gets without needing the *classifying teams* to take part **in** such calculation. Although that sub-function's calculation will be re-examined once every race's ranking is ready, the club with the highest score according to the computer program will be awarded the *Premio Venera* prize at the awards ceremony.

If the abovementioned manual calculation re-examination identifies another club as the *Premio Venera* prize winner once the prize has already been awarded, the organizing committee will clarify such circumstance by issuing an information note (it will also be included in the website www.rianavia.com).

4.2. Managing possible *ex-aequo* situations

The same position *ex-aequo* ascription between two or more swimmers is to be avoided. Especially when this situation is considered for the first positions in the ranking or when that situation modifies any significant circumstance (such as the trophies assignment).

Ex-aequo usually happens when the annotations and the testimonies are not enough to decide the ranking positions or when two swimmers come to an agreement (e.g. then two swimmers enter the finish line hand in hand). The classification director, subject to the authority of the chief referee, is responsible for deciding an extraordinary procedure to solve the situation (e.g. a draw, a meeting with the involved swimmers and the chief referee...).

The previous indications should not be construed as an absolute rejection of solutions for the *ex-aequo* situations: those solutions should be followed only when the sound judgement of the Chief referee considers them as sufficiently sustained. If an *ex-aequo* position is ascribed to a group of swimmers, the overall ranking should be compensated to leave a sufficient number of positions vacant, in order to balance the effects of *ex-aequo* sharing.

An example may help to clarify the different ways of dealing with *ex-aequo* situations the Jury and the organizing committee have available. Assume an uncertainty about two swimmers (**a** and **b**) who finish the race right after the winner and after them a 3rd swimmer finishes (**c**). The Jury decides to classify them and from that decision on, the Jury can choose, in their sole discretion, to:

- Ascribe the 2nd position to one of them (namely **a**) and the 3rd position to **b**. In that case, **a** is awarded the cash prize corresponding to the swimmer in the 2nd position and **b** the award corresponding to the 3rd one. In regard to the *Premio Venera* prize, **a**'s club gets the points which belong to the 2nd position and **b**'s club those of the 3rd position;
- Classify **a** and **b** *ex-aequo* in 2nd position, therefore **c** will become 4th instead of 3rd. Cash prizes belonging to 2nd and 3rd position will be added up and the total will be divided up between **a** and **b**. The same procedure will be followed for the *Premio Venera* prize (points from 2nd and 3rd position will be added and each club will get half of them). The expected trophies for the 2nd and 3rd position will be drawn between **a** and **b**. **c** will be awarded 4th prize;
- Classify **a** and **b** *ex-aequo* in 3rd position, therefore 2nd position becomes vacant (**c** will be classified as 4th). The cash prize belonging to 2nd position will be declared void and instead, two third prizes will be awarded (one to **a** and the other one to **b**). With regard to the trophies, the same procedure as in the previous section will be followed (the two trophies will be drawn and each club will get half of the points from the addition of the 2nd and 3rd position points).

5. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The previous classifications will not be final nor official until the approval of the **Complaints' Committee** (see **Races' Control Procedures**) and the signature of the judges and the *Race manager*. Once that is done, at least ten copies of the classifications will be made. Two of them will return to the classification room to prepare the awards' list, one will be typed up for printing, another one will be exhibited at a noticeboard so that every swimmer can quickly know their position (and make any complaint), one more will be uploaded to our website and the remaining ones will be handed out to the media for immediate distribution.

6. PROCEDURE TO PREPARE THE AWARDS LIST

All the trophies will be listed in the *trophies list* where the category and the swimmer that each of the trophies belongs to will appear. An example of such list is attached in **Appendix 2**. If circumstances require so, a sub-category for swimmers belonging to clubs with its registered office in Navia or Coaña could be added.

As a general rule, no swimmer can be awarded more than one trophy, unless it is a special trophy awarded as an acknowledgement of specific merits (e.g. an evidence of participation in the Descenso).

Four members of the classifying teams will meet to prepare the awards list. One of them will act as a **supervisor**, managing the situation and making decisions if any problem appears. Another one will be the **recording officer**, and will fill in the list with the trophy and the swimmer who will be awarded it. The other two people, the **assistants**, will have a copy of the corresponding classification. The process is as follows:

- The *recording officer* will ask for the 1st classified.
- *Assistant 1* will say the name of the swimmer who, at its sole discretion, must be awarded the trophy. I.e. the swimmer who is in the first place.
- *Assistant 2* will state their agreement or disagreement with *assistant 1*.
- If there is an agreement, the *recording officer* will write down next to the trophy the name of the swimmer;
- After that, the process will be done again until all the trophies are assigned to a swimmer.
- If there is a disagreement between the *assistants*, it would be the *supervisors* duty to make the final decision, once the corresponding examination of the classification and the concurrent circumstances is done.
- Readers will be marking their lists in order to avoid confusion.

The list will not be valid until it is approved and signed by the *Race manager*. Once this is done, several copies of the lists will be made. One of the sheets will be given out to the person in charge of the trophies and awards ceremony (which will be held shortly), and the rest of them will be handed out via different means (*websites* update, leaflets distribution, media distribution...).

7. SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS DUE TO TIME PRESSURE

The tasks executed by the classifying team in charge of processing the last race (normally *5000m men*) are usually subject to the need of a quick handover of the awards list –it must be borne in mind that on such a complex and socially relevant event such as the *Descenso*, following the schedule without significant delays is essential (except in cases of force majeure). In that case, it may be appropriate that the *Race manager*, at its sole discretion and once the swimmers who will be awarded prizes are determined, will decide together with the Chief referee to pause the process described in 4.1. in order to prepare the awards list early. Once the awards lists are ready, the ranking will be resumed.

As stated in the section 4.1. above, to identify the club awarded the *Premio Venera* prize the information from the computer system associated with the finish line's electronic registration device will be used.

Those time pressure reasons may also imply a provisional ranking in order to make public the rankings before the awards ceremony ends. In that case, the Race manager, advised by the Chief referee, may decide to provisionally use the information from the finish line's electronic registration device, even though the review process described in 4.1 hasn't been done yet. Those rankings would be made public stating they are provisional. Once the review process is ready, the final ranking will be done.

In any case, as stated in the first paragraph of section 7, in order to prepare the awards' lists and publish the *provisional* classifications, it is essential to have reviewed every position on the ranking. The Race manager, advised by the Chief referee, will review any positions which may be contentious.

8. **FINAL NOTICE**

These rules apply to all four races (see *Descenso's general rules* for further information):

- 1100m, is divided into four rankings and sub-rankings **a.1**, **a.2**, **a.3**, **a.4**, only **a.1** and **a.2** will be awarded trophies
- 2400m is also divided into four rankings and sub-rankings **b.1**, **b.2**, **b.3**, **b.4**, only **b.1** and **b.2** will be awarded trophies
- 5000m women belong to ranking **c**
- 5000m men belong to ranking **d**

Each of these races will have an independent Jury, *specific* support teams and classification rooms.

Three appendices are attached to this document:

- **Appendix 1** (***Points assignment for the Premio Venera prize to the most significant club participation***) includes the scoring tables which regulate the *Premio Venera* prize award (for further information, see Appendix 3, at the end of this document);
- **Appendix 2** includes a *trophies list* model for the preparation of the awards' lists;
- **Appendix 3** includes the ***trophies' assignment rules*** and the aforementioned *Premios Venera* prizes and its awarding criteria.

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APPENDIX 1: Points assignment for the Premio Venera prize to the most significant club participation

(6th edition, April 2016)

1. - 5000m men's and 5000m women's race (starting line: Porto)

GENERAL RANKING									
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	50	11 th	40	21 st	30	31 st	20	41 st	10
2 nd	49	12 th	39	22 nd	29	32 nd	19	42 nd	9
3 rd	48	13 th	38	23 rd	28	33 rd	18	43 rd	8
4 th	47	14 th	37	24 th	27	34 th	17	44 th	7
5 th	46	15 th	36	25 th	26	35 th	16	45 th	6
6 th	45	16 th	35	26 th	25	36 th	15	46 th	5
7 th	44	17 th	34	27 th	24	37 th	14	47 th	4
8 th	43	18 th	33	28 th	23	38 th	13	48 th	3
9 th	42	19 th	32	29 th	22	39 th	12	49 th	3
10 th	41	20 th	31	30 th	21	40 th	11	50 th	3

Note: all swimmers from position 51st on get 2 points

2 extra points will be given to every Master swimmer (male or female) who completes the race (i.e. if the swimmer who finishes in 22nd place is a Master, they will get 29+2=31 points. Likewise any Master swimmer finishing 50th and above will get 2+2=4 points regardless of their position).

2. - 2400m race (starting line: El Cubo)

INFANT A SUB-RANKING (WOMEN AND MEN)									
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	30	5 th	22	9 th	14	13 th	8	17 th	4
2 nd	28	6 th	20	10 th	12	14 th	7	18 th	3
3 rd	26	7 th	18	11 th	10	15 th	6	19 th	2
4 th	24	8 th	16	12 th	9	16 th	5	20 th	2

Note: all swimmers from position 21st on get 2 points

2 extra points will also be given to every swimmer who completes the race

3. - 1100m race (starting line: Playground at *El Fornef*)

INFANT B SUB-RANKING (WOMEN AND MEN)									
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1 st	15	3 rd	10	5 th	6	7 th	4	9 th	2
2 nd	12	4 th	8	6 th	5	8 th	3	10 th	2
Note: all swimmers from position 11th on get 2 points									

2 extra points will also be given to every swimmer who completes the race

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APPENDIX 2: TROPHIES' LIST – LV DESCENSO

(11th edition; June 2013)

INFANT B GIRLS

- 1st- Club Natación Villa de Navia
- 2nd- BBVA
- 3rd- Escándalo Moda
- 4th- Grupo de Montaña *Peña Furada*

INFANT B BOYS

- 1st- Peña Madridista *El Monolito*
- 2nd- Rozas Joyeros
- 3rd- Ayuntamiento de Coaña
- 4th- Joyería Cáceres

INFANT A GIRLS

- 1st- Marmolería Granimar Alonso
- 2nd- Peña Azul "*La Muralla*"
- 3rd- Dados Moda
- 4th- Clínica dental Bibiana González

INFANT A BOYS

- 1st- Ayuntamiento de Navia (1)
- 2nd- Navia C.F
- 3rd- Club Piragüismo Albiones
- 4th- Ayuntamiento de Llanera

WOMEN GENERAL

- 1st- Astilleros Armón
- 2nd- CajAstur
- 3rd- Regal Cerámica
- 4th- Club Baloncesto Navia
- 5th- Junta General del Principado de Asturias
- 6th- Andrés C.F.
- 7th- Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia (1)
- 8th- Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia (2)
- 9th- Caja Rural
- 10th- Banco Herrero
- 11th- Ayuntamiento de Muros de Nalón (1)
- 12th- Ayuntamiento de Boal

MEN GENERAL

- 1st - ENCE Navia
- 2nd - ILAS Reny Picot
- 3rd - Ayuntamiento de Navia (2)
- 4th - Dirección General de Deporte del Principado de Asturias
- 5th - Restaurante *La Marina*
- 6th - Asociación de Vecinos de Andrés
- 7th - Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia (3)
- 8th - Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia (4)
- 9th - Asociación de Amigos de la Ría de Navia (5)
- 10th - SofiNavia
- 11th - Banco Herrero (1)
- 12th - Bando Herrero (2)
- 13th - Ayuntamiento de Parres
- 14th - Ayuntamiento de Tineo
- 15th - Ayuntamiento de Grandas de Salime (1)
- 16th - Ayuntamiento de Grandas de Salime (2)
- 17th - Ayuntamiento de Villanueva de Oscos (1)
- 18th - Ayuntamiento de Villanueva de Oscos (2)
- 19th - Ayuntamiento de Villayón
- 20th - Ayuntamiento de San Martín del Rey Aurelio (1)
- 21st - Ayuntamiento de San Martín del Rey Aurelio (2)
- 22nd - Asociación de Muros de Nalón (2)
- 23rd - Ayuntamiento de Soto del Barco

PREMIO VENERA PRIZE WINNER CLUB (to the most significant participation)

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APPENDIX 3: Trophies' assignment rules

(16th edition; April 2016)

Only the following rankings and sub-rankings will be taken into account for the awards ceremony (see *Descenso's* general rules for further information):

- a.1) Infant B Boys**
- a.2) Infant B Girls**
- b.1) Infant A Boys**
- b.2) Infant A Girls**
- c) Women General**
- d) Men General**

The number of awarded trophies for each ranking will be proportional to the number of ranked swimmers on each of them.

For c and d rankings a special sub-ranking for boys and girls who are members of swimming clubs from the municipalities of Coaña or Navia may be created. Swimmers from those sub-rankings do not have the right to be awarded with the trophies from c and d rankings. A member of one of those clubs will only be awarded with the first prize from the general ranking if they won the race (in any of the rankings, c or d) and therefore the prize from the sub-ranking will be awarded to the next swimmer (the one who finished in 2nd place).

There might be other prizes managed under specific criteria, such as the *Premios Venera* prizes (established in 2007) replacing the former *ranking of teams*. The *Premios Venera* prizes are awarded annually and mean to acknowledge the club with the most significant participation in that year's *Descenso*. The criteria taken into account to establish the most significant participation are:

- 1) The number of swimmers from that club who take part in the races;
- 2) the number of points they get.

Those criteria follow the specifications on ***Appendix 1 (Points assignment for the Premio Venera prize to the most significant club participation)***. Once all the points from the swimmers from the same club are added up, the club with the highest score will be awarded the *Premio Venera* prize.

C.N. Villa de Navia swimming club and the swimming group *Aguarones* (a local swimming group, mainly made up of master swimmers) are two local groups excluded from the previous criteria. The reason why those groups are excluded is their massive participation in the *Descenso*. Such numbers of swimmers would make it hard for other non-local clubs to compete for the *Premio Venera* prize –in addition to the fact that swimmers from *C.N. Villa de Navia* swimming club have reached a prominent competition level.

If the local groups *C.N. Villa de Navia* swimming club and *Aguarones* followed the same assessment mechanism as the other non-local clubs, those non-local clubs would fall far behind from the local clubs, and they would be discouraged. However, it would also be discouraging for our local groups not to recognize their effort and merit. That is why 3 *Premios Venera* prizes are awarded every year: two of them go directly to *C.N. Villa de Navia* swimming club and to *Aguarones* (who won't follow any assignment criteria) and the third one will be assigned to the club with the highest score, as stated in Appendix 1.

It should be borne in mind that *C.N. Villa de Navia* swimming club and *Aguarones* do not have a



lifelong right to be awarded the *Premio Venera* prize and that awarding may be reconsidered if the circumstances change.

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