



WORLD UNDERWATER FEDERATION UNDERWATER HOCKEY COMMISSION

CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission

Date: 19 August 2024

Subject: Special Meeting- Director Nominations Presentation Meeting

At the end of 2023, The CMAS Board of Directors approved our changes to the [commission internal regulations](#). This created a new Events Committee within the structure as well as a couple of new Deputy Director roles. Our next step in the growth of the committee is to appoint the new Director of the College of Events

In accordance with the internal regulations, the CMAS Director of the Underwater Hockey Commission hereby calls a Special Events Meeting with all Underwater Hockey representatives of each country.

The event meeting will be to vote for the endorsement of the new Events Director of the College of Events.

There are two nominations:

Patrick Kraak (Netherlands)

Patrick Kraak is a seasoned Dutch Underwater Hockey (UWH) player who has competed in various Events. His passion for the sport extends beyond playing, as he has also served as a referee at world championships in Eger and Castellon. Furthermore, Patrick has demonstrated his leadership skills as the Tournament Director for the Euro Clubs, successfully organizing the last four editions.

In his professional life, Patrick brings a wealth of experience as a project manager, particularly in the construction of new retail stores. He has also managed logistics and sales teams, both in-person and remotely, with a talent for transforming underperforming teams into high-functioning units. Known for his direct and no-nonsense communication style, Patrick balances his professional and sporting life with dedication to his family, including his wife and two children.

Graham Henderson (Australia)

Graham Henderson began his administrative service with the Australian Underwater Federation (AUF) in 1979 as Secretary of the AUF Victorian Branch. In the 1980s, he was elected Chairperson of the AUF Underwater Hockey Commission, a role he held for seven years. He then served as the chief referee for a number of years for the AUF.

In 1995, Graham shifted his focus to the AUF Federal body, serving first as Federal Secretary and then as Federal President since 1997 to the present. During his presidency, he led a comprehensive restructuring of the AUF and rewrote the federal constitution, leaving a lasting impact on the organization's governance. In recognition of his



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contributions, he was honoured with the Australian Government Sports Medal for his outstanding service to sport.

From 2005 to 2006, Graham served as President of the CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission before leading World Aquachallenge. He also played a pivotal role as Tournament Director, overseeing the organization of World Underwater Hockey Championships from 2002 to 2006, along with one WAA event in 2008. Since 2022, Graham has taken on the role of Director of the CMAS Underwater Hockey College of Development. He is now retired and devotes even more time to his passion of underwater sports.

We offer our best regards,

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Special Events Meeting of the CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission

Day and Time: Corresponding UTC (GMT), Saturday, 31 August 2024, 10:00:00 am

Hour by Time Zones

Location	Local Time		UTC Offset
Bogota (Colombia), Minneapolis (USA)	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 5:00:00 a.m.	COT	UTC-5 hours
Quebec (CAN)	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 6:00:00 a.m.	EDT	UTC-4 hours
Buenos Aires (Argentina)	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 7:00:00 a.m.	ART	UTC-3 hours
Amsterdam, Cape Town	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 12:00 Noon	CEST	UTC+2 hours
Singapore, Beijing (China)	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 7:00:00 p.m.	SGT	UTC+8 hours
Melbourne (Australia)	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 8:00:00 p.m.	AEDT	UTC+10 hours
Auckland	Saturday, 31 August 2024 at 10:00:00 p.m.	NZDT	UTC+12 hours

Meeting Language: English

Meeting Distance Platform: Teams

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Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Presentation- Patrick Kraak
3. Presentation- Graham Henderson
4. Questions
5. Voting
6. General Business
 - 6.1. Events Meeting Agenda Items
 - 6.1.1. Discussion of 2025 Inter-continental Qualifiers
 - 6.1.2. Discussion of College of Referee -Selection of World Referee Proposal
7. Other Business



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CMAS UWH Event Director Description

The Director of the Event Committee has the responsibility to ensure the regular functioning of the Committee and promotes collaboration with the Rules Director and members of the Event Committee.

1.1. The College of Events elects the Event Committee Director and the Deputy Events Director. These elected individuals' names will be submitted to the CMAS Director of the UWH Commission. CMAS Director will submit these names to the Chairman of the CMAS Sport Committee for approval by the CMAS Board of Directors.

2. The Event Director (ED) is responsible for the Event Calendar and for the Organization and management of championships, competitions and sporting events related to underwater hockey;

3. The Event Director is responsible for coordinating the technical evaluation of the candidatures for the organization of UWH events, including but not limited to:

- World Championship
- Inter-Continental Championship
- Zone Championship;
- Continental Championship
- World/Open/ Continental Cups
- World Club Competitions or leagues;
- Development, Promo and exhibition events;
- Other events.

4. The Event Committee shall recommend to the Commission director the appointment of the Event Evaluation Sub-committee. The Event Evaluation sub- committee shall be responsible for drawing up a reasoned report on the application submitted by a National Federation or company named as local organizing committee (LOC).

5. The Event Committee is responsible for evaluating and nominating a Technical Delegate as defined in the CMAS Procedures and Obligations to the CMAS Director for nomination to the CMAS BOD.

6. The Director shall oversee the organization of the sports events listed in the event calendar. They will work with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and Appointed Technical Delegate to deliver a successful event.



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7. The Director and the Technical Delegate will ensure the event organization complies with the CMAS Procedures and Obligations, including the underwater hockey sport specific requirements.

8. The Event director will support the Rules Director with the maintaining of the CMAS Procedures and Obligations for the organization of Underwater Hockey Competitions (CMAS P&O UWH Events). The Rules Director is responsible for overseeing and holding the CMAS Procedures and Obligations for the organization of Underwater Hockey Competitions (CMAS P&O UWH Events) as defined by the Committee and for all meeting minutes and records of the changes to the CMAS P&O UWH Events document.

9. The Event Director is also responsible for the following:

- 8.1. Serve as support for the Director to ensure smooth functioning of the management team.
- 8.2. Uphold any legal requirements of the Board.
- 8.3. Arrange meetings.
- 8.4. Record all meetings and official documents.
- 8.5. Take care of all official correspondence for the Committee.
- 8.6. Work with the Deputy Rules Director and Commission Secretary General as needed.