



16th CMAS World Championship

Underwater Photography

22 - 27 November 2017

Specific Rules

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. These Specific Rules apply to the 16th CMAS Underwater Photography World Championship to be held in the city of La Paz, Baja California Sur, México, from Wednesday, November 22 to Monday, November 27, 2017.
- 1.2. The event is organized by the Mexican Underwater Federation (Federación Mexicana de Actividades Subacuáticas AC - FMAS) under the supervision of the CMAS Sport Committee and the CMAS Visual Commission.
- 1.3. During the championship, the CMAS General Rules and Specific Rules apply.
- 1.4. In case of differences in interpretation of the Specific Rules, the CMAS General Rules apply.

2. Participation and entry

- 2.1. All member federations affiliated to CMAS with or without vote and from any committee affiliated can propose a team. They have to return no later than **May 31, 2017** the entry form for the championship (Enclosure A) to CMAS spo@cmas.org with a copy sent to the organizing federation presidenciafmas@gmail.com and od6420@hotmail.com.
- 2.2. Each federation or association can propose maximum a total team of five persons including two photographers, two assistants and one captain. The names of participants should be finalized at the latest on **September, 15th, 2017** and enclosure A should be resend to CMAS spo@cmas.org with a copy sent to the organizing presidenciafmas@gmail.com and od6420@hotmail.com, if some names were added or modified compare to previous sending.
- 2.3. The registration fee for participating federations should be sent to CMAS by sending Appendix 6 of specific procedures and obligations applicable to all CMAS World and Continental Championships. The registration fee is € 106 (EUR) and is payable to CMAS either by bank draft or bank transfer as detailed in the entry form (Enclosure A). Payment has to arrive to CMAS at the latest on **September 15, 2017**.
- 2.4. Personal entry forms (Enclosure B), have to be received by CMAS spo@cmas.org at the latest on **September 15, 2017** with a copy sent to the organizing federation presidenciafmas@gmail.com and od6420@hotmail.com.

3. Competition procedures

- 3.1. CMAS and the championship organizers will hold a detailed briefing about the competition during the Technical Meeting on **Wednesday, November 22, 2017** at 20:00 h. at the Hotel Hyatt Place, La Paz.
- 3.2. The following people will take part in the Technical Meeting:
 - The organization committee
 - The head of the organization committee
 - Individuals appointed by the organization
 - CMAS Technical Delegate
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 - The President of the CMAS Visual Commission
 - Team captains and competitors
- 3.3. The following subjects will be covered in the Technical Meeting:

- Assigning of a random competition number to every competitor
- Making the four competition zones known
- Dividing the teams among the competition zones
- Information about the timetable and transport
- Safety measures
- Organization of the dives
- Procedures regarding memory cards, the use of multiple cameras and changing of lenses
- Clarification of the competition's five categories
- Procedures regarding the award ceremony

3.4. The championship will be held over 2 days, November 24 and 25, 2017, during which the competitors are in the water for three hours a day. The organization retains the right to change the competition order and the dive times according to the prevailing conditions. Given the changeable conditions, it may be advisable for the photographers to take photos on the first day of the competition for all the categories. In this way, should the second competition day be cancelled, they will have photos for all the categories.

3.5. There are ten competition zones included in the championship. The four competition zones, which will be used for the championship, will be made known during the Technical Meeting. Every photographer must dive once at each of the four locations should the championship be held over two competition days.

3.6. The ten competition zones will be made known on the championship website <https://jmescualogr.wixsite.com/cmas16wcflapaz2017>.

3.7. Every photographer may submit up to five photos to the championship. The selected photos are made known to the CMAS jury member. Competitors may submit one photo in each of the following categories: **fish, close-up, theme, wide-angle without a model, wide-angle with a model**

3.8. The categories for this championship are:

1. **Fish** – Fish Photo only involving natural attitudes of these creatures. Details of a fish are permitted if it is possible to define the fish onto its species, name and biotope. The photo may be taken with a close-up (macro) lens or any other lens.
2. **Close-up Photo with a theme** – Macro or Close-up Photo of a specific theme. Each championship has a specific theme, which is representative of the location of the competition. The theme will change for each championship and will be defined by the CMAS Visual Commission.
For this championship the theme is: **Seals**
3. **Close-up Photo without a theme** – Macro or close-up Photo of any subject, except the main theme of this championship. Details of a fish or the theme are not accepted in this category.
4. **Wide-angle without a model** – Wide-angle Photo without any model, showing the beauty of the natural underwater environment including fauna and flora.
5. **Wide-angle with a model** – Wide-angle Photo including a model who may be the assistant. Coloured lights and half-half photos are allowed in this category. Apnea or free divers are not allowed.

3.9. Members of the jury and non-competitors may only dive at non-championship sites.

3.10. Team captains may dive with their teams on the practice day. They must remain either on shore or in the boat on the competition days.

4. Photos: In-camera 'double-exposure and combined' picture is allowed, however the background or foreground image are only allowed to be used in one combined image 'Wide angle with diver' and wide angle' category image must be different or not identical landscape or subject. IE the same image but simply with diver placed in shot.

4.1. For selection of photos, see CMAS General Rules.

5. Procedures regarding memory cards

5.1. The organization, jury members and competitors are committed to ensuring that the competition proceeds fairly.

5.2. The following procedures apply to the practice day and both competition days:

- The photographers assemble together with their cameras in the designated location in the hotel prior to departing for the dive sites.
- A controller, together with the photographer, will check and verify that the memory card is empty. If necessary, the photographer's memory card may be formatted, by the photographer, under the direct supervision of the controller.
- The controller seals the camera housing. Thereafter, the camera housing may not be opened. It is not permitted to change settings, carry out repairs or connect the camera to another device without the direct supervision of the controller. The settings may of course be changed during the competition dives.
- The photographers take their cameras with them in the bus. The controllers monitor the photographers and their cameras on the bus.
- It is not permitted to open the camera housing, to change settings, carry out repairs or connect the camera to another device on the bus. It is not permitted to use a laptop, tablet or mobile phone on the bus and boat or anywhere else before the memory card(s) is (are) handed over to the controller.
- The cameras are placed in a designated area upon arrival at the shore dive site or the boats. The controllers monitor the cameras.
- The participants are required to take a photo of one of the controllers just before entering the water and immediately upon exiting the water.
- Should a lens be changed between dives, this may only be done at a specially designated location, under the direct supervision of one of the controllers and without breaking the seal. If the camera housing needs to be opened to dismount the lens, the seal may only be broken at this time. Should the seal need to be broken, this may only be done under the direct supervision of two controllers. One controller reseals the camera housing with a new seal.
- Should a broken or empty battery need to be changed between dives, this may only be done at a specially designated location, under the direct supervision of one of the controllers and without breaking the seal. Should the seal need to be broken, this may only be done under the direct supervision of two controllers. One controller reseals the camera housing with a new seal.

- After completion of both dives on one day, the camera housing is opened in a specially designated location under the direct supervision of one of the controllers and the memory card is handed to the controller.
- Once back in the hotel, the competition organizers copy the files on the memory cards to the server. The memory cards are then returned to the competitors.

6. Use of two cameras during the championship

- 6.1. It is permitted to use two cameras with one memory card each. The photographer may only take one camera at one time under water for use during the dive. Using more than one camera at one time during the dive is not permitted. If necessary, the competitors may exchange cameras during the competition time of ninety minutes.
- 6.2. Together, the memory cards may not contain more than one hundred photos. Should a participant submit two memory cards, the memory card that is first used may contain up to one hundred photos. Should the first memory card contain more than one hundred photos, then only the first one hundred photos will count. Should the first memory card contain fewer than one hundred photos, then the photos on the second memory card may be submitted to make up one hundred photos in total. Should the total number of photos exceed one hundred, all the photos exceeding one hundred on the second card do not qualify.
- 6.3. Should participants wish to use two cameras during the competition, both cameras must be sealed as per the procedure outlined in article 5.
- 6.4. Should participants wish to use two cameras during the competition, they must take a photo of one of the controllers prior to entering the water and immediately upon exiting the water on both cameras.

7. Additional disqualification rules

- 7.1. If the competitor and/or the assistant break the following rules, only the images shot in that dive will be deleted:
- To dive under 30 meter
 - To make decompression dives
 - To dive outside the competition zone

8. Program

8.1. Schedule and activities

Date	Activity
<p>Wednesday 22th November, 2017</p>	<p>09.30 Transfer of participants from La Paz, BCS International Airport to Hotel Hyatt Place La Paz 11.30 Arrival and check in hotel 12.00 Accreditation 12.30 Lunch 14.30 Departure to La Paz Waterfront 15.30 Opening ceremony 18.00 Departure back to hotel 19.00 Dinner 20.00 Technical Meeting</p>

Thursday November 23 rd , 2017	06.30 Breakfast 08.00 Departures to harbor and competition zones 09.00 Arrival to competition zones 18.00 Departures back to the hotel 19.30 Dinner
Friday November 24 th , 2017	06.30 Breakfast 08.00 Departures to harbor and competition zones 09.00 Arrival to competition zones 18.00 Departures back to the hotel 19.30 Dinner
Saturday November 25 th , 2017	06.30 Breakfast 08.00 Departures to harbor and competition zones 09.00 Arrival to competition zones 18.00 Departures back to the hotel 19.30 Dinner 20.00 Selection and submission of the images by the competitors 00.00 Closing of the submission
Sunday November 26 th , 2017	06.30 Breakfast 10.00 Jury deliberation 10.00-14:00 Free time 14:00 Lunch 16.00 Public jury ceremony 19.00 Official Prize Awarding Ceremony, diner and closing gala 00.30 Departure to the hotel
Monday November 27 th , 2017	06.30 Breakfast 10.00 Transfer to La Paz, BCS International Airport

The times are provisional. They may vary according to the amount of participants and/or weather conditions.

9. Accommodation

9.1. Championship packages

The event prices per person include:

- Five nights at the Hyatt Place La Paz Hotel, double room.
- Welcome Cocktail Party
- Breakfast Buffet on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (November 23rd to 27th, 2017).
- Lunch on Wednesday, Sunday and Monday.
- Dinner on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (November 22th to 26th, 2017).
- Transfer of participants from La Paz, BCS International Airport to Hotel Hyatt Place La Paz on Wednesday November 22, 2017.

- Transfers on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between hotel, competition zones, harbors and ceremonies.
- Two dives per day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from the shore or from a boat with an experienced crew, controllers, lunch and drinks for competitors and their assistants
- Two dives on Thursday from the shore or from a boat with an experienced crew, controllers, lunch and drinks for the team captains.
- Transfer of participants to La Paz, BCS International Airport to Hotel Hyatt Place La Paz de La Paz Baja California on Monday November 27, 2017. - Use of tanks and weights.

Participants	Price per person Double Room	Price per person Single Room
Photographer/ Assistant	\$1085 USD (US dollar)	\$1320 USD (US Dollar)
Captain/Controller	\$785 USD (US dollar)	\$1000 USD (US Dollar)
Non competitor/Diver*	\$ 685 USD (US dollar)	\$ 900 USD (US Dollar)
Extra night** (includes breakfast)	\$50 USD (US dollar)	\$100 USD (US Dollar)

** The prices for non-competitors/divers is inclusive of five nights, breakfast, lunch, dinner and transfer.

** The prices for additional nights only include breakfast.

9.2. The reservation is confirmed once payment has been received and confirmed by the FMAS. . The entire payment must be received by the FMAS on **June 30, 2017** at the latest.

9.3. The FMAS bank account details are:

FOR TRANSFERS	
Amount payable	Amount to pay in USD (US dollar)
Intermediary bank	JP Morgan Chase Bank New York NY USA
Code Swift	CHASUS33
Recipient Bank Route (ABA)	021 000 021
Beneficiary	MEXICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNDERWATER ACTIVITIES A.C.
Beneficiary Account	036180500214818032
Beneficiary bank	Banco Inbursa, S.A. Mexico D.F.
Code Swift	INBUMXMM

10. Conditions

10.1. The average conditions for this time of year are:

- Minimum air temperature: 18 degrees Celsius
- Maximum air temperature: 29 degrees Celsius
- Rainfall per month: 11 mm

- Water temperature: about 29 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 30 meters

The visibility is strongly related to the weather conditions. The visibility can change throughout the day. This applies to all the locations so that all the participants are affected to the same degree. 10.2.

General conditions

- Diving during the championship is done from small, fast boats.
- The transfer from the hotel to the competition zones takes about fifteen minutes.
- The transfer between the competition zones takes about thirty to forty minutes.
- The championship organizers have 12-liter tanks and plenty of weights available for competitors.
- There are not DIN valves available, bring your own adapter.
- The participants are responsible for the equipment that the organizations makes available to them.
- In México the voltage is 110v a 127v United States and Canada (if at home voltage is 220V to 240v Spain, United Kingdom, Australia and most countries in Asia and Africa, then you will need a converter or transformer voltage in México).

11. Additional safety measures

- 11.1. Every competitor is familiar with the standard compressed air diving safety procedures such as buddy checks, ascent speed, bottom times and air management.
- 11.2. Every competitor uses a stab jacket, regulator with alternate air source, pressure and depth gauge and a surface marker buoy (SMB).
- 11.3. During the championships, dives will not exceed 30 meters, last no longer than ninety minutes per dive (including safety stop) and will not be decompression dives.
- 11.4. Should divers lose each other under water, they are to ascend to the surface. Only when they find each other on the surface may they descend again. If they do not find each other, they must report this immediately to the controller on the boat or on shore.

12. Recommendations

- 12.1. The conditions in La Paz's waters are good in this time of year. Visibility is generally good (although that may change) and water temperature is warm, so a 3 mm wetsuit will provide enough protection at this time of year
- 12.2. Although the water temperature is warm, it is highly recommended the use of a 3mm wetsuit for protection.
- 12.3. Remember that hydration is very important when diving. The warm and humid climate in the area of La Paz can increase sweating, so it is very important to drink plenty of water.

13. Organization and jury members

- 13.1. The organizational committee during the championship consists of:
 - CMAS Technical Delegate
 - CMAS President of Visual Commission
 - International Photo Juries, 7 members

- FMAS Directors of the competition
- Controller

13.2. The President of jury members will be introduced during the Technical Meeting.

14. Protecting the environment

14.1. Environmental protection is regulated by law through the Mexican governmental Commission: Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP); dives will take place on protected areas.

14.2 Those who dive, snorkel or are under the water in any other way are prohibited from removing, cutting or transporting plants and seaweeds, disturbing, catching, killing, transporting or attempting to do these to animals unnecessarily, or to cause any damage to the environment.

15. Contact details

For general questions and comments: presidenciafmas@gmail.com

For further information about the championship, please contact the organizational committee: José Manuel González Ramírez, jnescualogr@yahoo.com

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