



Bogotá D.C., June 16, 2025

Fedecas 191-2025

**CMAS AMERICA FEDERATIONS
Presidents**

Subject: Cancellation of the 2025 Pan-American Championships in Underwater Sports

Dear Presidents,

The Colombian Federation of Underwater Activities (FEDECAS) hereby informs you that CMAS has been formally notified of our decision to cancel the 2025 Pan-American Championships in Underwater Sports. This difficult decision has been made due to recent public safety incidents and an increase in violence in certain regions of Colombia, which have created a volatile environment unsuitable for the safe organization of these events.

These championships, scheduled to take place in the city of Ibaguë from August 15 to 24, 2025, were to include the following disciplines: Apnea, Underwater Hockey, Finswimming, and Underwater Rugby. Unfortunately, we can no longer guarantee the safety of countries that will attend these events.

Colombia is currently undergoing a sensitive electoral process, which has significantly heightened social tensions. We cannot ignore this reality, and we must act responsibly with CMAS and all national federations that were planning to attend.

As a Federation, we have always taken great pride in hosting numerous international CMAS events with the utmost responsibility and commitment. However, under the current circumstances, we are forced to make the difficult decision to cancel all four continental championships. We do this in prioritizing the safety, integrity, and well-being of all delegations.

FEDECAS will refund the Tournament entry fee for Underwater Hockey teams. Additionally, if your federation is interested in hosting some championships for one or two or all sports you can change at a later date, they are welcome to do so. Please confirm to CMAS and CMAS America in the next 5 days.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM PEÑA

President – FEDECAS

Annex: CMAS _ Acknowledgement of Cancellation – 2025 Panamerican Championships