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The CQSA committee feels that in responding to your concerns, this is best addressed with direct reference to your letter.

Committee responses are shown in bold underneath the issues you raise and your letter with committee responses are included with this cover letter.

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RE: Central Old Championships.

The C Q Aquajets Swim Club would like a few issues addressed regarding the recent CQ Championship Swim Meet.

The Central Queensland Swimming Association acknowledges receipt of your letter regarding issues you have raised concerning the recent CQ Championship Swim Meet.

We would like to question the validity of a disabled swimmer (Joshua Holloway) who competed at the recent CQ Championships for Caribee Swim Academy. Why is this swimmer allowed to compete in a disabled event when no classification card was produced to the chief referee? CQ Aquajets Head Coach questioned the head referee on his classification whose response as at Saturday lunchtime was 'they were unsure, as card had not been cited'. Did this child receive classification prior to CQ's and if so what category has he obtained his card for? If no card was available at the start, were points allocated? The CQ Aquajets Swim Club does not wish Josh to be excluded from swim meets, we only wish for the right protocols to be applied. When he gains classification we are more than happy to support his swimming career.

Contrary to your assertion, advice received from the meet director, confirms that Briannah Holloway tendered "Disability Cards" [for both her and Joshua] to ladies in the meet donga, as was requested over the PA system before the meet commenced.

In the past at C Q championships the club with the best swimmers were rewarded, not the club with the most swimmers (there were a large percentage of swimmers in the lower age groups from Caribee) while the older age groups from all clubs had to qualify in some events to be allowed to swim. C Q Aquajets wants an answer did the president pack these lower age groups - some of these children's swimming standard causing concern to the referees or did the president throw caution to the wind in a bid to win the meet.

Your suggestion that the Caribee Swimming Club packed the lower age division in order to score points seems very misguided; since, in the 7 years and under events, the club had 12 swimmers competing yet they could not score any points at all.

The committee is pleased with the initiatives, implemented by recent committees, in promoting and developing swimming standards throughout CQ and while being mindful of the magnificent contributions being made by our coaches, point out to you the successes achieved by CQ's young 13 year old swimmers at Age Nationals in April this year.

It does seem that the present high standard [and ability of even younger swimmers in our region] supports our belief that these initiatives are a catalyst in the success our region is beginning to enjoy.

Age and Runner-up Age Champions - 2009 CQ Championship.

	<u>CQ Age Champion</u>		<u>CQ Runner-up Age Champion</u>	
8	J Griffiths	CARIB	L Whitfield	CARIB
8	K Lynch	CARIB	J Hancox	BILO
9	S. Gribbel	MTVIK	S Lohse	CARIB
9	A Couper	STBRE	M Phelan	GMERE
10	BJ Oates	BILO	J Cartwright	GLAD
10	L House	ROCKC	H Lowrey	GLAD

11	C Blackwood	ROCKC	Tom Cumming	CARIB
			A Kneen	CARIB
11	K Banks	CARIB	A Bowles	CARIB
12	J Dodson	CQAQU	D Lynch	CARIB
12	C Hiron	CARIB	G Wilson	ROCKC
13	A Williams	GLAD	C Hansen	GLAD
13	B Anderson	MORAN	B Wacker	ROCKC
14	F Kirk	CARIB	J Richards	GLAD
14	H Quartermaine	GLAD	A Dash	MTVIK
15	T Russell	ROCKC	D Strike	GLAD
15	S Whitherspoon	MORAN	S McLean	GLAD
			H Curran	GLAD
16	K Mullane	CARIB	L Hite	CARIB
16	A Hayes	GLAD	B Turner	GLAD
17 & 18	S Korte	ROCKC	M Stark	BOYNE
17 & 18	B Patterson-Kane	WESTS	-	
Open	M Stark	BOYNE	B McLeod	ROCKC
Open	B Wacker	ROCKC	B Turner	GLAD
12 & U SWD-MJ	Holloway	CARIB	-	
SWD Open F B	Holloway	CARIB	L Boneham	CARIB

It is our understanding that the correct scoring for the traditional Martin Hanson Trophy is 1- 3 placings in the finals (scored 5,3,1) and the Applied Chemicals Trophy which is scored 1 - 8 placings in the finals (scored 8 to 1), and this is stated on the trophies. Mr President, were the points scores altered to satisfy numbers when the precedent of the old points score satisfied the meet for some decades rewarding clubs for excellence not numbers. We would like some answers on why the criteria has been altered.

This matter has already been dealt with by the CQ committee years back when all clubs were invited to make representation. Your club's choice not to contribute was noted at that time.

It is not this committee's intention to revisit something that has already been determined after consultation with all interested clubs.

Age championships are determined [6 4 2]

The Applied chemical trophy remains the same. [8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1]

The Martin Hansen Trophy is decided by using the default point system within the Meet Manager Program. This is: Individual [20 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 9 7 6 5 4 3 2 1] Relays [40 34 32 30 28 26 24 22 18 14 12 10 8 6 4 2].

This committee chooses to move forward in our efforts to develop CQ Swimming and again point out that the Australian Age Championships Results in the 13 year boy's age division support the committee initiatives taken thus far. Additionally, there are another 3 CQ swimmers travelling in the Queensland Primary School team to compete in the Australian School Championships being held in Perth later this year, along with 1 secondary student in the Queensland Secondary Team. Several other CQ swimmers [including the 13-year olds at Age Nationals] chose not to travel to Perth.

Furthermore, why have relays been increased to double points? As a small club this ruling is extremely unfair and I am sure some of the smaller clubs throughout CQ would agree with this. Relays are supposed to be fun and challenging for the swimmers! (We do not believe a club should be allowed to enter 5 teams in one event and certainly not by swimming 7/U in 12/U events, If no points are awarded to 7/U swimmers in their individual events, then any relay team consisting

of a person aged 7 and under technically should not be rewarded any points.) Mr President, can you tell us if this was done in the interest of swimming, another points grab or perhaps you have another reason.

Refer to this association detailed response to 3 above and be advised that every decision taken by this committee has been made with the interests of CQ Swimming first and foremost in mind.

Contrary to what you seem to want this committee [and others] to believe, the relays [while keenly contested] were a fun activity.

A Caribee Swimming Academy Club spokesperson has pointed out to this committee that in all meets attended, it has always given as many members as possible a relay swim. This committee's review finds this to be true and confirm the club's nominations at CQ Championships were consistent with relay nominations it has made in other meets throughout the season.

This committee feels the age of a younger swimmer competing in a 12 year and under relay event is irrelevant provided they are bound by the same rules as a 12 year old swimmer and this was the situation.

This can be reviewed for next year's Championships if it is the general feeling of our association delegates.

We believe these acts were desperate attempts to win the meet, successfully I might add, by the manipulation of the points score and by the inclusion of a disabled swimmer.

It is sad that you think this way.

It is a policy of this committee to have the scoring systems for all awards advertised in the meet flyer. This ensures all clubs and swimmers know the rules they will be competing under well in advance of nominations closing and it is done to ensure a level playing field and give every swimmer an equal opportunity to succeed.

We do not speak on behalf of other CQ Clubs but there are many who are questioning the system and why the changes were made and we hope that they will also question decisions made at the CQ Championships, and for that matter past decisions as well. We are hopeful this will be reflected at the next AGM.

This committee rejects your assertions.

We choose to continue moving forward in our efforts to promote swimming throughout all of CQ.

It is extremely poor sportsmanship and does nothing to promote swimming in the region and we express our disappointment in the standard you set as the president of the Central Queensland Swimming Association.

CQ Management believes all association clubs [and their delegates] will review your assertions and with reference to our reply, determine for themselves the merit of your letter.

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