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**TO: CSLSA Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Jay Butki**  
**SUBJECT: Competition Committee Chair Report**  
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## 2004 Spring USLA National Board of Directors Meeting

A number of proposals were brought up at the USLA Spring Meeting in San Francisco and will be finalized at the Fall meeting in Galveston. They include proposals to:

- Require presence at heat marshaling to be eligible for final.
- Require competitors to wear wristbands.
- Preclude women from Men's Open events, except when there is not a corresponding Open women's event.
- Add a rowing leg to the American Ironwoman.
- Restrict a competitor to either an open event or their respective age group but not both.

The items can be viewed in the new additions to the [www.USLA.org](http://www.USLA.org) website:  
Competition Committee Procedures:

- How the Competition Committee works

Fall 2004 Competition Committee Meeting Agenda:

- The Agenda of proposed rule changes and procedures to be discussed at the Fall 2004 meeting in Galveston.

Active Issues:

- An excel list of issues that are currently before the Competition Committee

## 2004 CSLSA Championships

The Southwest Regional Championships and Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships were hosted by Long Beach at Granada Beach on July 23 and 24. Results are up on the [www.CSLSA.org](http://www.CSLSA.org) website. Special thanks to Joanne Warzoha and the lifeguard staff from Long Beach for making this a successful event. Joanne and her crew put in many hard hours and in the end their efforts paid off in a fun, well attended event and we even got surf (albeit due to high winds in the late afternoon). The plaques presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers were beautiful photos of vintage Long Beach Lifeguard history. Long Beach will be hosting the 2005 Regional Championships, tentatively scheduled for July 23rd

## 2004 USLA Championships

The 2004 USLA National and Junior Lifeguard Championships were held in Daytona Beach, Florida on August 5,6 and 7. We were blessed with seeing all 4 of Florida's seasons in three days, and despite having events cancelled due to lightning storms and short fetch storm surf the Southwest Region took first place with 720.9 points followed closely by the Mid Atlantic with 716.15 and Southeast Region took third with 379.12.

Los Angeles County finished first in Division A with 545 points followed closely by Monmouth County, NJ in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 408.36 and Sussex County MD in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 181.74. The host team Volusia County was 4<sup>th</sup> with 128, followed by San Diego in 5<sup>th</sup> with 88.0 and Cal State in 6<sup>th</sup> with 46.9. The Hawaiian Lifeguard Association placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Division B (agencies with less than 100 employees) with 41.0 points. The CSLSA Men's and women's results, and the overall high point scores can be viewed at <http://www.cslsa.org/events/Attachments/USLA04Results.pdf> .

### **Rescue 2004**

The World Lifesaving Championships took place September 11-28, 2004, in Viareggio, Italy. Open water events will be held in the Congress Centre "Principe di Piemonte" and pool events in the 50 meter pool in Livorno.

The Ligurian Sea produced a little Tuscan surf action during the Masters and Interclub competitions but was almost dead flat during the National Team competitions. Among the CSLSA members in attendance were: Micha Burden, Jay Butki, Cris Dobrosielski, Randy Eickhoff, Ann Finley, Maggie Hogan, Mitch Kahn, Renee Locarnini, Blaine Morgan, Tandis Morgan, Marshall Parks, Rob Pelkey, Alison Terry, Alan Voisard, Alexandra Wilson. Full results are available at: [www.rescue2004.com/risultati.asp](http://www.rescue2004.com/risultati.asp)

### **2005 USLA National Championships**

The dates for the 2005 USLA Nationals in Virginia Beach, VA will be August 11 - 13. That is one week later than what has become the norm. The web-site is almost ready and will be up in the next few weeks.

### **International Surf Challenge 2005**

A 6 man and 6 woman team from the USLA has been invited to compete in the International Surf Challenge on March 22-24, 2005 at Kurrawa Beach, Queensland Australia. They will be competing in 22 events against teams from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Japan, and Great Britain. The team has also been invited to compete in the Australian National Championships also held at Kurrawa from March 15-20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wieland Shield 2006**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Wieland Shield Surf Life Saving Competition between California and Victoria will be held February 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> at Torquay and Lorne. The 3 women and 7 men from California will be selected based upon performances at the 2005 CSLSA Regionals and USLA Nationals.

### **Rescue 2006**

Rescue 2006, the International Life Saving Federation World Lifesaving Championships, is scheduled for February 10-26<sup>th</sup> in Lorne, Victoria, Australia. This international championship, held every two years, is comprised of several competitions including events for National teams, Interclub teams and Masters competitors in events such as ironman/ironwoman, board rescue, rescue medley, taplin relay and many more ocean, beach and pool events. This event marks 50 years since the first International Surf Lifesaving competition held as part of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and attended by Bob Burnside, Greg Noll, and Tom Zahn among other luminaries in our sport. It also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first truly International Lifesaving Association meeting. For more information please visit [www.Rescue2006.com](http://www.Rescue2006.com) .

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Butki, Competition Chair

