

X111 Royal Commonwealth Games 1986 : Meet Management Committee (Aquatics)

To : Mr. W. Black (Chairman)
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Mr. Snowdon.
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PROGRAMME : SWIMMING FINALS : PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

1. Reasons for proposed changes

Following representation from the Host Broadcaster (Mr. Munro) to achieve live coverage of 4 events each evening by 8.00 pm, the existing programme was considered alongside a suggested programme (copy attached) provided by Mr. Munro. The basis of the proposed alterations are detailed below.

2. Basis of alterations

- a) Start of the First Event : Mr. Munro suggested an initial start time of 2 minutes after the Anthem has ended. It was considered that a time of 2 minutes for the opening announcements and for the 'setting of the occasion' (eg team and supporters chants/cheers) would be insufficient. However, a reduction of 1 minute has been made at this point. (-1)
- b) Parade of Swimmers : In discussion it was considered that the previously allocated 5 minutes for this function could be reduced to 3 minutes provided that the finalists were promptly dispatched from the marshalling area. (-2 x 5 = -10)
- c) Preparation for Ceremony : The proposal made by Mr. Munro to dispense with the 'flash interviews' during this period has been considered appropriate and, therefore, the time allocated for this function has been reduced from 6 minutes to 5 minutes and the interview function deleted. (-1 x 5 = -5)
- d) Ceremony : Despite previous decisions to retain the duration allocated for the Ceremony (7 minutes), it is considered worthwhile attempting to reduce that period to 6 minutes for individual events. (-1 x 4 = -4)
- e) Overall Reduction : The theoretical effect of the above changes would be to reduce the length of the evening sessions (finals) by 20 minutes.
- f) 1500m Free : It should be noted that this event has been allocated 20 minutes and that no change has been made. However, hopefully, it could be completed in 18 minutes.

3. Implications

All the 'slack' that had been deliberately incorporated into the existing programme has now been removed. Consequently, it is considered imperative that the Host Broadcaster be informed of that fact and that we cannot give any guarantee of adhering to the revised programme.

4. Request for Meet Management Committee Approval

The revised Programme (as at 5.4.86) is submitted for approval.

5. Draft Letter to Host Broadcaster

Subject to the approval of the Meet Management Committee (item 4), a letter has been drafted to cover the above points (attached).

