

15th ASIAN GAMES DOHA 2006 DAGBS NEWSLETTER

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BROADCASTER BRIEFING RECAP - 2 DECEMBER

The main points addressed in today's Broadcaster Briefing were:

- Due to some late procedure changes, INFO2006 is the only information source which can provide an accurate rundown of today's Swimming schedule. Tomorrow, information, as per usual, will be available at the IBC BIO and on the CATV.

Scheduling:

There were schedule delays to:

- Today's Soft Tennis and Badminton competitions.

Competition changes:

- The number of entries for Cue Sports has increased but the session times have not been modified.

Coverage:

- DAGBS reminds Rights Holders that it will not be covering the morning sessions of Weightlifting from 2-6 December.

- A new DAGBS Transmission Schedule - 2 December VI - is now available in the Broadcast Schedules area of the download section of www.dagbs.tv. This reflects the changes in Aquatics (Swimming) and Beach Volleyball.

- Qtel is pleased to announce that three free-of-charge speed dial fax machines have been provided for Rights Holders in the IBC. They are located in the following positions; adjacent to the ABU Village and near both the SBS and the TBS premises. Qtel will get back to Rights Holders regarding the ongoing issue of speed dial phones.

- DAGBS and DAGOC will review the ENG and Mixed Zone position situation at the Hamad Aquatic Centre and look at ways of accommodating more Rights Holder positions due to a high demand on the limited space. DAGBS and DAGOC will get back to Rights Holders as soon as possible.

- DAGBS would appreciate that, especially for High Demand events where arbitration rules apply, Rights Holders who have booked ENG positions inform the DAGBS Booking Office if they don't intend to use a booked space. This is to avoid 'no show' situations and to allow Rights Holders wishing to use the position to access the space.

Ceremonies:

- As not all dignitaries can be shown during the live feed, DAGBS will look into ways of making footage available of dignitaries (for the Closing Ceremony) at the end of the live feed.

FAQ - What happens to a booked post-session unilateral slot when competition is delayed?

Rights Holders will not lose their allocated slot, it will simply be delayed by the same amount of time competition was delayed, ie. if competition overruns by 15 minutes, the time slot will be delayed by 15 minutes.

SUBMERSED AND SEMI-SUBMERSED SPECIAL CAMERAS ENHANCE AQUATICS COVERAGE

A series of innovative and exciting submersed and semi-submersed cameras will make their debut today in the various Aquatics events - starting with Swimming. Amongst the cameras planned for the multilateral coverage of Aquatics at the Sport City are the Underwater Tracking System (Halibut), the Underwater Remote Pan and Tilt Head (Turn Camera), a waterproof Pole Camera (Fish Face), a Vertical Tracking System (Plunge Cam or Dive Camera) and the Plunge Cam's 'little brother' - the Periscope Cam.

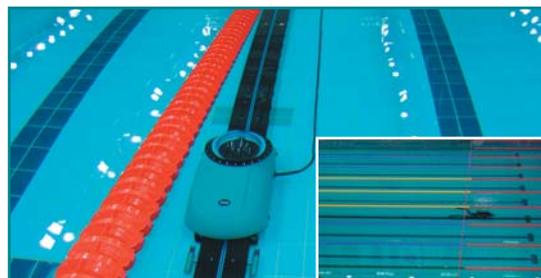
"The world's first computer controlled High Definition Plunge Cam will be present at the Hamad Aquatic Centre," says David Shield, DAGBS Head of Production Facilities, "together with many new underwater cameras seen for the first time at these Games."

Halibut, an underwater horizontal tracking system, is able to follow ahead of the swimmer from underneath at the base of the pool at a maximum speed of four metres per second. Designed for use in Diving, Swimming and Synchronised Swimming, it is also able to track the entry and swim to the surface of a diver when placed against the dive pool wall.

The Turn Camera allows total control of a camera head enabling an operator to pan a swimmer as they 'touch' and 'push off' at the end of each lap from an underwater perspective. When placed at the bottom of the pool it is able to capture the diver's entrance into the water.

The Fish Face can be operated above and below the water line, as a camera in waterproofed housing mounted onto an aluminium pole controlled by an operator can be submerged up to a depth of one metre.

The Plunge Camera (or Dive Camera) and the Periscope Camera are both vertical tracking camera systems, designed to follow a diver's descent. With the Plunge Camera able to cover free fall at 15 metres per second from plus 10 metres to minus four metres of the water line and the Periscope Camera for the more immediate above and below the waterline area, their function is to enable the capture of dive sequences in real time and enable slow motion analysis after the event.



Appearing as of today - underwater cameras



Ichiro Wada (left) and Jackie Chan - familiar faces

IN SAFE HANDS - JACKIE CHAN & ICHIRO WADA

With an extensive knowledge of big sporting events as both organisers and Broadcast Liaison Officers (BLOs), Jackie Chan and Ichiro Wada will no doubt be familiar faces to many of the Asian Games' Rights Holders. Multilingual Jackie Chan has been looking forward for some time to the possibility of coming to Doha. "I've worn many hats on my route to these Asian Games," Jackie tells us, "Sporting-wise, I've been a player (with the Singapore Hockey team and Captain of the Singapore Woman's Football Team), a FIFA Grade One coach and an official (match inspector of the Singapore FA and as a Cue Sports referee - as well as Hon. Secretary of Singapore's Woman's Football Association). I feel that entering events as a BLO was a great opportunity for me — my language skills also helped open the door."

Doha 2006 will be Ichiro's fourth experience at the Asian Games, having worked with NHK in 1990 and 1994 and been a spectator at Bangkok 1998. "In 2002 I was involved in the football World Cup in Japan with the organising committee, and made many friends from DAGBS while there."

"We both have skills and knowledge from the other side of the camera" Jackie comes in, "which helps us to understand what is happening from a broadcast point of view. Having that little bit of savviness is a great benefit." Both Jackie and Ichiro will be helping Rights Holders with their unilateral services in their capacity as Broadcast Liaison Officers.

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