

FINA Rule Amendments are in effect December 3, 2014

The following document indicates the amended or new rules specific to pool swimming which were instituted at the FINA Extraordinary Congress Nov 29, 2014.

Blue = new wording

(New) = new rule

A 'clean version' follows.

SW 2 OFFICIALS

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SW 6.2 renumbered to SW 6.3 and thereafter

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