

## PART II

### SWIMMING RULES

#### SW 1 MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITIONS

SW 1.1 The Management Committee appointed by the governing body shall have jurisdiction over all matters not assigned by the rules to the Referee, Judges or other officials and shall have power to postpone events and give directions consistent with rules adopted for conducting any event.

SW 1.2 Organisers of swimming competitions shall appoint sufficient officials to ensure the fairness, integrity and safety of the competition.

##### Duties of Officials - Canada

CSW 1.2.1 For each session there should be a minimum of the following certified officials:

Meet Manager

Referee

2 Inspectors of Turns (at each end)

Chief Judge Electronics (if required) or, Chief Finish Judge (if required)

1 Timekeeper per lane

2 Safety Marshals

Starter

Chief Timekeeper

2 Judges of Stroke

Administration Desk (formerly Clerk of Course, may include Marshal)

Chief Recorder (formerly Recorder Scorer)

**Note:** In some meets, the officials may perform in several capacities where the duties of each position are not in conflict with one another. Not having the minimum number of officials will not nullify the results of the competition.

SW 1.2.1 For all other international competitions, the governing body shall appoint the same or fewer number of officials, subject to the approval of the respective regional or international authority where appropriate.

SW 1.2.2 Where Automatic Officiating Equipment is not available, such equipment must be replaced by a Chief Timekeeper. Wherever possible, a minimum of one (1) Timekeeper per lane shall be appointed together with one (1) additional Timekeeper in case of a watch malfunction. It is advisable that there be three (3) timekeepers for each lane.

SW 1.2.3 A Chief Finish Judge and Finish Judges may be used when Automatic Equipment and/or digital watches are not used.

SW 1.3 The swimming pool and the technical equipment for Olympic games and World Championships shall be inspected and approved in due course prior to the

Swimming competitions by the World Aquatics Delegate together with a member of the Technical Swimming Committee.

**SW 1.4** Where underwater video equipment is used by television, the equipment must be operated by remote control and shall not obstruct the vision or path of swimmers and must not change the configuration of the pool or obscure the required World Aquatics markings.

**SW 1.5** The event management shall specify for heats, semi-finals, and finals the presentation and preparation protocol that the competitors must respect when they leave the last call-room.

## **SW 2 OFFICIALS**

### **SW 2.1 Referee**

**SW 2.1.1** The Referee shall have full control and authority over all officials, approve their assignments, and instruct them regarding all special features or regulations related to the competitions. He shall enforce all rules and decisions of World Aquatics and shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet, and event or the competition, the final settlement of which is not otherwise covered by the rules.

**SW 2.1.2** The Referee may intervene in the competition at any stage to ensure that the World Aquatics regulations are observed, and shall adjudicate all protests related to the competition in progress.

**CSW 2.1.2.1** The Referee shall have the authority to call off or postpone (to a future time and date) all or any portion of a meet or any event even though it has actually started, provided the meet or event cannot be conducted or completed in a satisfactory manner or in fairness to the swimmers. If an event is stopped or postponed after having started, it shall be conducted at a future time with only the swimmers who were entered in the first instance. If a meet is postponed to another day, the program should be continued except for those heats which were completed. The Referee shall determine if any events are to be re-swum.

**SW 2.1.3** When using Finish Judges without three (3) digital watches, the Referee shall determine placing where necessary. Automatic Officiating Equipment, if available and operating, shall be consulted as stated in SW 13.

**SW 2.1.4** The Referee shall ensure that all necessary officials are in their respective posts for the conduct of the competition. He may appoint substitutes for any who are absent, incapable of acting or found to be inefficient. He may appoint additional officials if considered necessary.

**SW 2.1.5** Once all swimmers have removed their clothing, except for swimwear, the Referee shall signal the commencement of an event by a series of short whistles inviting them to get ready at the starting end, followed by a long whistle indicating that they should take their positions on the starting platform (or for Backstroke swimming and Medley Relays to immediately enter the water). A second-

long whistle shall bring the Backstroke and Medley Relay swimmer immediately to the starting position. When the swimmers and officials are prepared for the start, the Referee shall gesture to the Starter with a stretched out arm, indicating that the swimmers are under the Starter's control. The stretched out arm shall stay in that position until the start is given.

**SW 2.1.6** A disqualification for starting before the starting signal must be observed and confirmed by both the Starter and the Referee. When Automatic Officiating Equipment is available, it may be used to verify the disqualification.

**SW 2.1.7** The Referee shall disqualify any swimmer for any other violation of the rules that he personally observes. The Referee may also disqualify any swimmer for any violation reported to him by other authorized officials. All disqualifications are subject to the decision of the Referee.

**SW 2.1.8** All potential infractions shall be verbally reported to the Referee. Once confirmed by the Referee, a signed disqualification card shall be completed by the reporting official, detailing the event, lane number and the infraction.

### **Disqualifications - Canada**

**CSW 2.1.8.1** A potential infraction shall only be reported by an official who personally observes a rule infraction within their assigned sphere of responsibility.

**CSW 2.1.8.2** Infractions shall be reported immediately through channels established by the meet manager and approved by the Referee. The infraction shall be recorded on the approved disqualification form which shall be signed by the official. When the disqualification is accepted, it shall be signed by the Referee on disqualification form.

**CSW 2.1.8.3** The swimmer, or the club coach, shall be informed of the full particulars of the disqualification within fifteen (15) minutes after the swimmer's race. However, the disqualification shall stand, even though the swimmer or coach is not informed within the fifteen (15) minute period, providing all reasonable efforts have been made to do so. When disqualifications are announced through a public address system, this shall satisfy the requirements of this rule.

**CSW 2.1.8.4** In the event of a problem with a heat during finals, the Referee shall resolve the problem immediately, or be satisfied that the problem is being resolved, without unnecessary delay of the meet.

**CSW 2.1.8.5** Interfering with an official on duty, using obscene or abusive language in the pool area, or exhibiting other irresponsible behavior may cause a swimmer to be scratched from the rest of the meet.

**CSW 2.1.8.6** The physical or verbal assaulting of an official, or causing wilful damage in the pool area by a swimmer, coach, official, or anyone else associated with a team or club is a major

offence. The offender(s) may be excluded from the meet, ordered from the pool area and/or building at the discretion of the Referee, and barred from re-entry for the remainder of the meet. The offence shall be reported to the sanctioning PS, or to Swimming Canada if a Swimming Canada National Competition.

**SW 2.1.9** The Referee shall appoint officials who shall determine, in relay events, whether the starting swimmer is in contact with the starting platform when the preceding swimmer touches the starting wall. When Automatic Officiating Equipment which judges relay take-offs is available, it shall be used in accordance with SW 13.1.

## **SW 2.2 Control Room Supervisor**

**SW 2.2.1** The Control Room Supervisor shall supervise the operation of the Automatic Officiating Equipment.

**SW 2.2.2** The Supervisor is responsible for checking the results from computer printouts.

**SW 2.2.3** The Supervisor is responsible for checking the relay exchange printout and reporting any early takeoffs to the Referee.

**SW 2.2.4** The Supervisor may review the video timing to confirm early takeoff.

**SW 2.2.5** The Control Room Supervisor shall

- control withdrawals after the heats and/or semi-finals,
- enter results on official forms,
- list all new records established, and
- maintain scores where appropriate.

## **SW 2.3 Starter**

**SW 2.3.1** The Starter shall have full control of the swimmers from the time the Referee turns the swimmers over to him (SW 2.1.5) until the race has commenced. The start shall be given in accordance with SW 4.

**SW 2.3.2** The Starter shall report a swimmer to the Referee for delaying the start, for wilfully disobeying an order or for any other misconduct taking place at the start, but only the Referee may disqualify a swimmer for such delay, wilful disobedience or misconduct.

**SW 2.3.3** The Starter shall have power to decide whether the start is fair, subject only to the decision of the Referee.

**SW 2.3.4** When starting an event, the Starter shall stand on the side of the pool within approximately five metres of the starting edge of the pool where the Timekeepers can see and/or hear the starting signal and the swimmers can hear the signal.

**SW 2.3.5** The Starter shall report to the Referee any violation observed within their jurisdiction.

## **SW 2.4 Call Room Supervisor**

**SW 2.4.1** The Call Room Supervisor shall assemble swimmers prior to each event.

**SW 2.4.2** The Call Room Supervisor shall report to the Referee any violation noted with regard to:

- swimwear,
- advertising (GR 6),

and if a swimmer is not present when called.

## **SW 2.5 Chief Inspector of Turns**

**SW 2.5.1** The Chief Inspector of Turns shall ensure that Inspectors of Turns fulfill their duties during the competition.

## **SW 2.6 Inspectors of Turns**

**SW 2.6.1** One Inspector of Turns shall be assigned to each lane at each end of the pool to ensure swimmers comply with the relevant rules after the start, for each turn, and at the finish.

**CSW 2.6.1.1** Additional responsibilities that may include Timekeeper duties.

**SW 2.6.2** Jurisdiction for the Inspector of Turns at the start end commences from the start signal until the completion of the first arm stroke, except in Breaststroke where it shall be the second arm stroke.

**SW 2.6.3** For each turn, jurisdiction for the Inspector of Turns commences from the beginning of the last arm stroke before touching and ending with the completion of the first arm stroke after the turn, except in Breaststroke where it shall be the second arm stroke.

**SW 2.6.4** Jurisdiction for the Inspector of Turns at the finish commences from the beginning of the last arm stroke before touching.

**SW 2.6.5** When a Backstroke ledge is being used, each Inspector at the starting end shall install and remove the ledge. Once installed, the ledge shall be set at Zero (0).

**SW 2.6.6** In individual events of 800 and 1500 metres, each Inspector of Turns at the start and turning end of the pool shall record the number of laps completed by the swimmer in his/her lane. The swimmers shall be informed of the remaining number of laps to be completed by displaying "lap cards" showing odd numbers at the turning end of the pool. Electronic equipment may be used, including under water display.

**SW 2.6.7** Each Inspector at the starting end shall give a warning signal when the swimmer in his lane has two lengths plus five (5) metres to swim to finish in individual events of 800 and 1500 metres. The signal may be repeated after the turn until the swimmer has reached the five (5) metre mark on the lane rope. The warning signal may be by whistle or bell.

**SW 2.6.8** Each Inspector at the starting end shall determine, in relay events, whether the starting swimmer is in contact with the starting platform when the

preceding swimmer touches the starting wall. When Automatic Equipment which judges relay take-offs is available, it shall be used in accordance with SW 13.1.

**SW 2.6.9** Inspectors of Turns shall report to the Referee any violation observed within their jurisdiction.

## **SW 2.7 Judges of Stroke**

**SW 2.7.1** Judges of Stroke shall be located on each side of the pool.

**SW 2.7.2** Each Judge of Stroke shall ensure that the rules related to the style of swimming designated for the event are being observed, and shall observe the turns and the finishes to assist the Inspectors of Turns.

**SW 2.7.3** Judges of Stroke shall report to the Referee any violation observed within their jurisdiction.

## **SW 2.8 Chief Timekeeper**

**SW 2.8.1** The Chief Timekeeper shall assign the seating positions for all Timekeepers and the lanes for which they are responsible. It is advisable that there shall be three (3) Timekeepers for each lane. If Automatic Officiating Equipment is not used, there shall be two (2) additional Timekeepers designated, either of whom shall be directed to replace a Timekeeper whose watch did not start or stopped during an event, or who for any other reason is not able to record the time. When using three (3) digital watches per lane, final time and place is determined by time.

**SW 2.8.2** When only (1) Timekeeper per lane is available, an extra Timekeeper must be assigned in case of a malfunction of a watch. In addition, the Chief Timekeeper must always record the time of the winner of each race.

**SW 2.8.3** The Chief Timekeeper shall collect from the Timekeepers in each lane a card showing the time recorded and, if necessary, inspect their watches.

**SW 2.8.4** The Chief Timekeeper shall record or examine the official time on the card for each lane.

## **SW 2.9 Timekeepers**

**SW 2.9.1** Each Timekeeper shall take the time of the swimmers in the lane assigned to him in accordance with SW 11.3.

**SW 2.9.2** Each Timekeeper shall start his watch at the starting signal, and shall stop it when the swimmer in his lane has completed the race. Timekeepers may be instructed by the Chief Timekeeper to record times at intermediate distances in races longer than 100 metres.

**CSW 2.9.2.1** In relay events, except in Mixed Relays, each Timekeeper in each lane shall record the time of the swimmer on the first leg of the relay as an Official Split. All other splits are taken by a single Timekeeper.

**SW 2.9.3** Promptly after the race, the Timekeepers in each lane shall record the times of their watches on the card, give it to the Chief Timekeeper, and if requested present their watches for inspection. Their watches must be cleared at the short whistle of the Referee announcing the following race.

- SW 2.9.4** Unless video timing is used, it may be necessary to use the full complement of Timekeepers, even when Automatic Officiating Equipment is used.
- SW 2.10 Chief Finish Judge – if required**
- SW 2.10.1** The Chief Finish Judge shall assign each Finish Judge his position and the placing to be determined.
- SW 2.10.2** After the race, the Chief Finish Judge shall collect signed result sheets from each Finish Judge and establish the result and placing which will be sent directly to the Referee.
- SW 2.11 Finish Judges – if required**
- SW 2.11.1** Finish Judges shall be positioned in line with the finish where they have at all times a clear view of the course and the finish line.
- SW 2.11.2** After each event the Finish Judges shall decide and report the placing of the swimmers according to the assignments given to them. Finish Judges other than push-button operators shall not act as Timekeepers in the same event.
- SW 2.12 Chief Recorder (other than for Olympic Games and World Championships)**
- SW 2.12.1** The Chief Recorder is responsible for checking results from computer printouts or from results of times and placing in each event received from the Referee. The Chief Recorder shall witness the Referee's signing the results.
- SW 2.13 Recorder (other than for Olympic Games and World Championships)**
- SW 2.13.1** The recorders shall control withdrawals after the heats or semi-finals, enter results on official forms, list all new records established, and maintain scores where appropriate.
- SW 2.14 Video Review Supervisor**
- SW 2.14.1** The Video Review Supervisor shall ensure that Video Review Judges are in their respective posts and fulfil their duties during the competition.
- SW 2.14.2** The Video Review Supervisor shall review and confirm all rule infractions reported to them by the Video Review Judges.
- SW 2.14.3** The Video Review Supervisor shall review and confirm all rule infractions reported to them at the request of the Referee.
- SW 2.14.4** The Video Review Supervisor shall report to the Referee any violation confirmed in the video review.
- SW 2.15 Video Review Judge**
- SW 2.15.1** Each Video Review Judge shall ensure that the rules related to the style of swimming designated for the event are being observed, and shall observe the turns and the finishes.
- SW 2.15.2** Video Review Judges shall report any violation observed to the Video Review Supervisor. If the infraction is confirmed, the Video Review Judge shall complete a disqualification card.

## SW 2.16 Officials' Decision Making

**SW 2.16.1** Officials shall make their decision autonomously and independently of each other unless otherwise provided in the Swimming Rules.

### **CSW 2.16.1.1 Meet Manager**

- a) Shall be responsible for all the organizational details of the meet, shall have control of the mechanics associated with the running of the meet, and shall be responsible for having the necessary equipment and personnel available during the meet. Appointments of personnel shall be subject to ratification by the Referee.
- b) Shall be responsible for the dissemination of all meet information and all meet forms.
- c) Shall be responsible for seeding all pre-seeded meets.
- d) Shall be responsible for the preparation of entry lists and/or heat sheets and have them available prior to the start of each session.
- e) Shall be responsible for issuing official results. Meet Manager shall remove swimmer's time from first leg of mixed relays prior to exporting results from meet management software.
- f) Shall see that all record applications are processed
- g) Shall be the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal at non-national meets

### **CSW 2.16.1.2 Administration Desk (formerly "Clerk of Course")**

- a) May be responsible for "checking in" swimmers at the marshaling area prior to each event;
- b) May have control of the swimmers from the time they are checked in until they are turned over to the Referee;
- c) May have full charge of the working deck insofar as control of the swimmers is concerned. They shall report un-disciplinary acts to the Referee and shall make an infraction report to the Referee of any swimmer who engages in an un-disciplinary act while under their control;
- d) May have the authority, if instructed by the Referee, to scratch swimmers who fail to report to the marshaling area when their heat or event is called for marshaling;
- e) In pre-seeded meets, they may be given the authority by the Referee to combine heats and move swimmers from one heat to another.
- f) May be asked to coordinate swim offs and inform all those involved.
- g) Maintain a record of scratches for timed finals, preliminaries and

finals provide the information to the meet office so that heat sheets may be produced.

#### **CSW 2.16.1.3 Chief Judge Electronics**

- a) Shall oversee the operation of any Swimming Canada approved Automatic Officiating Equipment.
- b) Shall determine if the Automatic Officiating Equipment is in error and advise the Referee of any malfunction or light touch.
- c) Shall observe the touches of all swimmers and note any cases in which the Automatic Officiating Equipment fails to properly record the touch.
- d) Shall be positioned with the Automatic Officiating Equipment near the finish end with an unobstructed view of the finish of each lane.
- e) Shall be fully familiar with the rules of swimming and the operation of the Automatic Officiating Equipment.
- f) Shall ensure that the Automatic Officiating Equipment is activated manually to obtain placings when the system has failed to be activated by the starting signal.
- g) Shall have the same responsibilities as the Control Room Supervisor when the automatic timing operation is used as stated in SW 2.2.

#### **CSW 2.16.1.4 Electronics Operator**

Shall operate, or assist in the operation of any Swimming Canada approved Automatic Officiating Equipment.

#### **CSW 2.16.1.5 Safety Marshal**

Shall be responsible to the Referee for all aspects of safety related to conduct during the warm-up period by ensuring that all appropriate warm-up procedures are followed. (see "Swimming Canada Warm-up Procedures")

### **SW 3 SEEDING OF HEATS, SEMI-FINALS, AND FINALS**

The starting stations for all events in Olympic Games, World Championships, Regional Games and other World Aquatics competitions shall be by seeding as follows:

#### **SW 3.1 Heats**

**SW 3.1.1** The best competitive times of all entrants for the announced qualifying period prior to the entry deadline of the competition, shall be submitted on entry forms or online, as requested, and listed in order of time by the Management Committee. Swimmers who do not submit official recorded times shall be considered the slowest and shall be placed at the end of the list with a 'no time'. Placement of swimmers with identical times or of more than one swimmer without times shall be determined by draw. Swimmers shall be placed in lanes according to the procedures

set forth in SW 3.1.2 below. Swimmers shall be placed in trial heats according to submitted times in the following manner:

**SW 3.1.1.1** If one heat, it shall be seeded as a final and swum only during the final session.

**SW 3.1.1.2** If two heats, the fastest swimmer shall be seeded in the second heat, next fastest in the first heat, next fastest in the second heat, next in the first heat, etc.

**SW 3.1.1.3** If three heats, except 400m, 800m, and 1500m events, the fastest swimmer shall be placed in the third heat, next fastest in the second, next fastest in the first. The fourth fastest swimmer shall be placed in the third heat, the fifth in the second heat and the sixth fastest in the first heat, the seventh fastest in the third heat, etc.

**SW 3.1.1.4** If four or more heats, except the 400m, 800m, and 1500m events, the last three heats of the event shall be seeded in accordance with SW 3.1.1.3 above. The heat preceding the last three heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers; the heat preceding the last four shall consist of the next fastest swimmers, etc. Lanes shall be assigned in descending order of submitted times within each heat, in accordance with the pattern outlined in SW 3.1.2 below.

**SW 3.1.1.5** For 400m, 800m and 1500m events, the last two heats of the event shall be seeded in accordance with SW 3.1.1.2.

**CSW 3.1.1.5.1** Seeding information for the 400m, 800m, and 1500m events, shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package.

**SW 3.1.1.6** Exception: When there are two or more heats in an event, there shall be a minimum of three swimmers seeded into any one preliminary heat, but subsequent scratches may reduce the number of swimmers in such heat to less than three.

**SW 3.1.1.7** Where a 10 lane pool is available and equal times are established for the 8<sup>th</sup> place in the heats of 800m and 1500m Freestyle events, lane 9 will be used with a draw for lane 8 and lane 9. In case of three (3) equal times for 8<sup>th</sup> place, lane 9 and 0 will be used with a draw for lane 8, 9, and 0.

**SW 3.1.1.8** Where a 10 lane pool is not available, SW 3.2.3 will apply.

**CSW 3.1.1.9** Qualifying times if required, shall be clearly listed in the Meet Information Package.

**CSW 3.1.1.10** Seeding procedures and conversion of times information, if conversions are permitted, shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package.

**SW 3.1.2** Except for 50 metre events in 50 metre pools, assignment of lanes shall be (number 1 lane being on the right side of the pool, 0 when using pools with 10 lanes, when facing the course from the starting end) by placing the fastest swimmer or team in the center lane in a pool with an odd number of lanes, or in lane 3 or 4 respectively in pools having 6 or 8 lanes. In pools using 10 lanes the fastest swimmer shall be placed in lane 4. The swimmer having the next fastest time is to be placed on his left, then alternating the others to right and left in accordance with the submitted times. Swimmers with identical times shall be assigned their lane positions by draw within the aforesaid pattern.

**SW 3.1.3** When 50 metre events are contested in 50 metre pools, the races may be swum, at the discretion of the Management Committee, either from the regular starting end to the turning end or from the turning end to the starting end, depending upon such factors as existence of adequate Automatic Equipment, Starter's position, etc. The Management Committee should advise swimmers of their determination well before the start of the competition. Regardless of which way the race is swum, the swimmers shall be seeded in the same lanes in which they would be seeded if they were both starting and finishing at the starting end.

## **SW 3.2 Semi-finals and Finals**

**SW 3.2.1** In the semi-finals, heats shall be assigned as in SW 3.1.1.2.

**SW 3.2.2** Where no preliminary heats are necessary, lanes shall be assigned in accordance with SW 3.1.2 above. Where preliminary heats or semi-finals have been held, lanes shall be assigned as in SW 3.1.2 based, however, on times established in such heats.

**SW 3.2.3** In the event that swimmers from the same or different heats have equal times registered to 1/100 second for either the eighth/tenth place or sixteenth/twentieth place depending on the use of 8 or 10 lanes, there may be a swim-off to determine which swimmer shall advance to the appropriate finals. Such swim-off shall take place after all involved swimmers have completed their heats at a time agreed between the event management and the parties involved. Another swim-off may take place if equal times are registered again. If required, a swim-off will take place to determine 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve if equal times are recorded.

**CSW 3.2.3.1** Swimmers may scratch from a swim-off without penalty, in which case they shall be given the ranking next in line and shall be eligible for points, if any, for the re-assigned position.

**CSW 3.2.3.2** Times made in a swim-off may count as records, but they shall not elevate any of the swimmers beyond the highest qualifying position in dispute. Separate time cards, marked "swim-off" shall be used. Times achieved in a swim-off shall be recorded in the official results.

**CSW 3.2.3.3** Any disqualification in a swim-off shall apply to the swim-off only. For example, any disqualified swimmer shall not lose the right to be an alternate for that "A" final or "B" final, or to compete in the "B" final (when applicable).

**SW 3.2.4** Where one or more swimmers scratch from a semi-final or final

reserves will be called in order of classifications in heats or semi-finals. Whenever possible, the event or events must be re-seeded and supplementary sheets must be issued detailing the changes or substitutions, as prescribed in SW 3.1.2.

**CSW 3.2.4.1** When scratches are received after the scratch deadline, reseeding is not necessary. Alternates are placed as applicable.

**SW 3.2.5** For heats, semi-finals and finals, swimmers shall report to the First Call Room at a time determined by the event management. After inspection, swimmers proceed to the Final Call Room.

**SW 3.3** In other competitions, the draw system will be used for assigning lane positions.

#### **CSW 3.4 Timed Final Events**

Timed finals are those in which each swimmer swims only once for time. The final placing of all swimmers is determined by their times. Events to be conducted as timed finals must be so designated in the Meet Information Package.

**CSW 3.4.1** Timed finals should normally be swum "slowest to fastest", with the swimmers seeded according to their submitted times. However, the 800m and 1500m events may be swum "fastest to slowest" in alternating event order (female/male).

**CSW 3.4.2** Individual Freestyle events of 800m or longer may be conducted with more than one swimmer per lane and must be so designated in the Meet Information Package.

#### **CSW 3.5 Time Trials**

##### **CSW 3.5.1 Class One Sanctioned Time Trial (Sanctioned Record attempts)**

- (i) A Class One Time Trial is reserved for sanctioned record attempts. Such time trials shall be advertised at least three days prior to the attempt in order for a record to be recognized or accepted;
- (ii) No advertising is necessary for record attempts at sanctioned meets;
- (iii) The Time Trial shall be held in public and shall meet the minimum requirement of a PS;
- (iv) No coaching is permitted during the record attempt.

##### **CSW 3.5.2 Class Two Sanctioned Time Trial**

- (i) A Class Two Time Trial is a swimmer's attempt to achieve a time which may qualify the swimmer for entry into future meets;
- (ii) Class Two Time Trials may be conducted on a less stringent basis than sanctioned meets. For example, several swimmers may swim at the same time, they need not be doing the same event or swimming the same stroke; they need not be the same gender, and two Timekeepers per lane are sufficient;
- (iii) Individual Freestyle events of 800m or longer may be conducted with more than one swimmer per lane;
- (iv) Records shall not be accepted from Class Two Time Trials.

## **CSW 3.6 Scratches, Substitutions, & Deck Entries** (applies to local Provincial Meets)

**CSW 3.6.1** Once entered in an event, a swimmer who is not an alternate, may only withdraw or “scratch” from that event without penalty according to rules set down by the Provincial Section or stated in the Meet Information Package.

**CSW 3.6.2 Heats & Finals:** Scratch Deadlines shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package.

**Timed Final Events:** For individual events or relays that are timed finals, the Scratch Deadlines shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package.

**CSW 3.6.3 Penalties:** Penalties for failure by a swimmer to scratch from preliminaries, finals, or timed final events shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package.

**CSW 3.6.4 ‘Name Change’ Deadlines:** ‘Name Change’ deadlines for relays should be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package and announced at the Coaches Technical Meeting.

**CSW 3.6.5** Deck Entries may be allowed for registered swimmers, shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package and shall be classified as Exhibition swims.

## **SW 4 THE START**

**SW 4.1** The start in Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Individual Medley races shall be with a dive. On the long whistle (SW 2.1.5) from the Referee the swimmers shall step onto the starting platform and remain there. On the Starter’s command “take your marks”, they shall immediately take up a starting position with at least one foot at the front of the starting platforms. The position of the hands is not relevant. When all swimmers are stationary, the Starter shall give the starting signal.

**CSW 4.1.1** Where starting platforms are not available or in use (as per FR 2.3 and/or CFR 2.3.1), swimmers may start from the edge of the pool or from the bulkhead. On the long whistle from the Referee the swimmers shall step forward to the edge of the pool and remain there. On the Starter’s command “take your marks”, they shall immediately take up a starting position with at least one foot at edge of the pool or bulkhead. The position of the hands is not relevant. When all swimmers are stationary, the Starter shall give the starting signal.

**CSW 4.1.2** A swimmer may be permitted to start in the water but shall have at least one hand and one foot in contact with the end wall and poolside, as appropriate, until the starting signal is given. Standing on the bottom is prohibited.

**SW 4.2** The start in Backstroke and Medley Relay races shall be from the water. At the Referee’s first long whistle (SW 2.1.5), the swimmers shall immediately enter the water. At the Referee’s second long whistle the swimmers shall return without undue delay to the starting position (SW 6.1). When all swimmers have assumed their starting positions, the Starter shall give the command “take your marks”. When all swimmers are stationary, the Starter shall give the starting signal.

**SW 4.3** In Olympic Games, World Championships and other World Aquatics events the

command "Take your marks" shall be in English and the start shall be by multiple loudspeakers, mounted one at each starting platform.

**SW 4.4** Any swimmer initiating a start before the signal may be disqualified. If the starting signal sounds before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue and the swimmer or swimmers shall be disqualified upon completion of the race. If the disqualification is declared before the starting signal, the signal shall not be given, but the remaining swimmers shall be called back and start again. The Referee repeats the start procedure beginning with the long whistle (the second one for Backstroke) as per SW 2.1.5.

**CSW 4.4.1** When swimmers are disqualified for initiating a start before the signal under this rule, the swimmer(s) shall not be allowed to swim under protest. If a protest is made and upheld by a Jury of Appeal, the swimmer(s) concerned shall swim on their own at a time determined by the Referee and the coaches concerned.

## **SW 5 FREESTYLE**

**SW 5.1** Freestyle means that in an event so designated the swimmer may swim any style, except that in Individual Medley or Medley Relay events, Freestyle means any style other than Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly.

**SW 5.2** Some part of the swimmer must touch the wall upon completion of each length and at the finish.

**SW 5.3** Some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water throughout the race, except it shall be permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn and for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and each turn. By that point, the head must have broken the surface.

## **SW 6 BACKSTROKE**

**SW 6.1** Prior to the starting signal, the swimmers shall line up in the water facing the starting end, with both hands holding the starting grips. Standing in or on the gutter, or bending the toes over the lip of the gutter, is prohibited. When using a backstroke ledge at the start, at least one toe of each foot must be in contact with the end wall or face of the touchpad. Bending the toes over the top of the touchpad is prohibited.

**SW 6.2** At the signal for starting and after turning, the swimmer shall push off and swim upon his back throughout the race except when executing a turn as set forth in SW 6.4. The normal position on the back can include a roll movement of the body up to, but not including, 90 degrees from horizontal. The position of the head is not relevant.

**SW 6.3** Some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water throughout the race. It is permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn, and for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and each turn. By that point the head must have broken the surface.

**SW 6.4** When executing the turn there must be a touch of the wall with some part of the swimmer's body. During the turn the shoulders may be turned over the vertical to the breast after which an immediate continuous single arm pull or immediate continuous simultaneous double arm pull may be used to initiate the turn. The

swimmer must have returned to the position on the back upon leaving the wall.

**SW 6.5** Upon the finish of the race the swimmer must touch the wall while on the back.

## **SW 7 BREASTSTROKE**

**SW 7.1** After the start and after each turn, the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs during which the swimmer may be submerged. At any time prior to the first Breaststroke kick after the start and after each turn a single Butterfly kick is permitted. The head must break the surface of the water before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke.

**SW 7.2** From the beginning of the first arm stroke after the start and after each turn, the body shall be on the breast. It is not permitted to roll onto the back at any time except at the turn after the touch of the wall where it is permissible to turn in any manner as long as the body is on the breast when leaving the wall. From the start and throughout the race, the stroke cycle must be one arm stroke and one leg kick in that order. All movements of the arms shall be simultaneous without alternating movement.

**SW 7.3** The hands shall be pushed forward together from the breast on, under, or over the water. The elbows shall be under the water except for the final stroke before the turn, during the turn and for the final stroke at the finish. The hands shall be brought back on or under the surface of the water. The hands shall not be brought back beyond the hip line, except during the first stroke after the start and each turn.

**SW 7.4** During each complete cycle, some part of the swimmer's head must break the surface of the water. All movements of the legs shall be simultaneous without alternating movement.

**SW 7.5** The feet must be turned outwards during the propulsive part of the kick. Alternating movements or downward Butterfly kicks are not permitted except as in SW 7.1. Breaking the surface of the water with the feet is allowed unless followed by a downward Butterfly kick.

**SW 7.6** At each turn and at the finish of the race, the touch shall be made with both hands separated and simultaneously at, above, or below the water level. At the last stroke before the turn and at the finish an arm stroke not followed by a leg kick is permitted. The head may be submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, provided it breaks the surface of the water at some point during the last complete or incomplete cycle preceding the touch.

## **SW 8 BUTTERFLY**

**SW 8.1** From the beginning of the first arm stroke after the start and after each turn, the body shall be kept on the breast. It is not permitted to roll onto the back at any time, except at the turn after the touch of the wall where it is permissible to turn in any manner as long as the body is on the breast when leaving the wall.

**SW 8.2** Both arms must be brought forward simultaneously over the water and brought backward simultaneously under the water throughout the race, subject to SW 8.5.

- SW 8.3** All up and down movements of the legs must be simultaneous. The legs or the feet need not be on the same level, but they shall not alternate in relation to each other. A Breaststroke kicking movement is not permitted.
- SW 8.4** At each turn and at the finish of the race, the touch shall be made with both hands separated and simultaneously, at, above or below the water surface.
- SW 8.5** At the start and at turns, a swimmer is permitted one or more leg kicks and one arm pull under the water, which must bring him to the surface. It shall be permissible for a swimmer to be completely submerged for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and after each turn. By that point, the head must have broken the surface. The swimmer must remain on the surface until the next turn or finish.

## **SW 9 MEDLEY SWIMMING**

- SW 9.1** In Individual Medley events, the swimmer covers the four swimming strokes in the following order: Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. Each of the strokes must cover one-quarter (1/4) of the distance. Leaving the wall on the back during the freestyle portion is permissible but no kicking action is permitted until the swimmer has returned past the vertical to the breast at which point kicking, including a butterfly kick(s) may commence.
- SW 9.2** In Freestyle, the swimmer must be on the breast except when executing a turn. The swimmer must return to the breast before any kick or stroke.
- SW 9.3** In Medley Relay events, swimmers will cover the four swimming strokes in the following order: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. Each of the strokes must cover one quarter (1/4) of the distance.
- SW 9.4** Each section must be finished in accordance with the rule which applies to the stroke concerned.

## **SW 10 THE RACE**

- SW 10.1** All individual races must be held as separate gender events.
- CSW 10.1.1** All Canadian Age-Group, Provincial, and National records set shall be swum as separate gender events.
- SW 10.2** A swimmer swimming over the course alone shall cover the whole distance to qualify. A swimmer who does not complete the whole distance in accordance with relevant World Aquatics rules shall be disqualified.
- SW 10.3** On the pool deck, after respecting the presentation protocol outlined in SW 1.5, the competitors must immediately remove all clothing except for swimwear.
- SW 10.4** The swimmer must remain and finish the race in the same lane in which he/she started.
- SW 10.5** In all events, a swimmer when turning shall make physical contact with the end of the pool or course. The turn must be made from the wall, and it is not permitted to take a stride or step from the bottom of the pool.
- SW 10.6** Standing on the bottom during Freestyle events or during the Freestyle portion of

Medley events shall not disqualify a swimmer, but he shall not walk.

**SW 10.7** Pulling on the lane rope is not allowed.

**SW 10.8** Obstructing another swimmer by swimming across another lane or otherwise interfering shall disqualify the offender. Should the foul be intentional, the Referee shall report the matter to the Member promoting the race, and to the Member of the swimmer so offending.

**SW 10.9** No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device or swimsuit that may aid his/her speed, buoyancy or endurance during a competition (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, power bands, or adhesive substances, etc.). The use of technology and automated data collection devices is permissible for the sole purpose of collecting data. Automated devices shall not be utilised to transmit data, sounds, or signals to the swimmer and may not be used to aid their speed. Goggles may be worn. Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by World Aquatics Sport Medicine Committee.

**CSW 10.9.1** Any kind of tape which in the opinion of the Referee enhances the performance of the swimmer is not permitted.

*Note: This rule is under review by Swimming Canada.*

**SW 10.10** Any swimmer not entered in a race, who enters the water in which an event is being conducted before all swimmers therein have completed the race, shall be disqualified from his next scheduled race in the meet.

**SW 10.11** There shall be four swimmers on each relay team. Mixed Relays may be swum. Mixed Relays must consist of two (2) Men and two (2) Women. Split times achieved in these events cannot be used for records and/or entry purposes.

**CSW 10.11.1** Members of a relay team shall be registered with their PS and members of the same club.

**SW 10.12** Relay exchanges must commence from the starting platform. Running starts from pool deck are not permitted.

**SW 10.13** In relay events, the team of a swimmer whose feet lose touch with the starting platform before the preceding team-mate touches the wall shall be disqualified.

**SW 10.14** Any relay team shall be disqualified from a race if a team member, other than the swimmer designated to swim that length, enters the water when the race is being conducted, before all swimmers of all teams have finished the race.

**SW 10.15** The members of a relay team and their order of competing must be nominated before the race. Any relay team member may compete in a race only once. The composition of a relay team may be changed between the heats and finals of an event, provided that it is made up from the list of swimmers properly entered by a Member for that event. Failure to swim in the order listed will result in disqualification. Substitutions may be made only in the case of a documented medical emergency.

**CSW 10.15.1** Unattached swimmers shall not participate in relay events.

**CSW 10.15.2** A swimmer shall compete as a member of only one relay team per event.

**CSW 10.15.3** The deadline for submitting the members of a relay team and their order of competing shall be clearly stated in the Meet Information Package.

**CSW 10.15.4** The offending swimmer(s) of a relay team disqualified in heats shall not be used as a member(s) of a relay team in the final of the same event.

**SW 10.16** Any swimmer having finished his race, or his distance in a relay event, must leave the pool as soon as possible without obstructing any other swimmer who has not yet finished his race. Otherwise the swimmer committing the fault, or his relay team, shall be disqualified.

**SW 10.17** Should a foul endanger the chance of success of a swimmer, the Referee shall have the power to allow him to compete in the next heat or, should the foul occur in a final event or in the last heat, the Referee may order it to be re-swum.

**SW 10.18** No pace-making shall be permitted, nor may any device be used or plan adopted which has that effect.

## **SW 11 TIMING**

**SW 11.1** The operation of Automatic Officiating Equipment shall be under the supervision of appointed officials. Times recorded by Automatic Equipment shall be used to determine the winner, all placing and the time applicable to each lane. The placing and times so determined shall have precedence over the decisions of Timekeepers. In the event that a break-down of the Automatic Equipment occurs or that it is clearly indicated that there has been a failure of the Equipment, or that a swimmer has failed to activate the Equipment, the recordings of the Timekeepers shall be official (See SW 13.3). In the event that there is failure of all timing devices in a lane then the swimmer may be offered a reswim.

**SW 11.2** When Automatic Equipment is used the results shall be recorded only to 1/100 of a second. In the event of equal times, all swimmers who have recorded the same time at 1/100 of a second shall be accorded the same placing. Times displayed on the electronic scoreboard should show 1/100 of a second.

**SW 11.3** Any timing device that is terminated by an official shall be considered a watch. Such manual times must be taken by three Timekeepers appointed or approved by the Member in the country concerned. All watches shall be certified as accurate to the satisfaction of the governing body concerned. Manual timing shall be registered to 1/100 of a second. Where no Automatic Equipment is used, official manual times shall be determined as follows:

**SW 11.3.1** If two of the three watches record the same time and the third disagrees, the two identical times shall be the official time.

**SW 11.3.2** If all three watches disagree, the watch recording the intermediate time shall be the official time.

**SW 11.3.3** With only two (2) out of three (3) watches working, the average time shall be the official time. When this calculation results in a value that is expressed in thousandths of a second, the final digit shall be dropped without rounding.

**SW 11.4** Should a swimmer be disqualified during or following an event, such disqualification

should be recorded in the official results, but no time or place shall be recorded or announced.

- SW 11.5** In the case of a relay disqualification, legal splits up to the time of the disqualification shall be recorded in the official results.
- SW 11.6** All 50 metre and 100 metre splits shall be recorded for lead-off swimmers during relays and published in the official results.

## **SW 12 WORLD RECORDS**

- SW 12.1** For World Records and World Junior Records in 50 metre courses, the following distances and styles for both sexes shall be recognized:

Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres
Backstroke	50, 100 and 200 metres
Breaststroke	50, 100 and 200 metres
Butterfly	50, 100 and 200 metres
Individual Medley	200 and 400 metres
Freestyle Relays	4x100 and 4x200 metres
Medley Relays	4x100 metres
Mixed Relays	4x100 metres Freestyle and 4x100 metres Medley

- SW 12.2** For World Records and World Junior Records in 25 metre courses, the following distances and styles for both sexes shall be recognized:

Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres
Backstroke	50, 100 and 200 metres
Breaststroke	50, 100 and 200 metres
Butterfly	50, 100 and 200 metres
Individual Medley	100, 200 and 400 metres
Freestyle Relays	4x50, 4x100 and 4x200 metres
Medley Relays	4x50 and 4x100 metres
Mixed Relays	4x50 metres Freestyle and 4x50 metres Medley

- SW 12.3** The age groups for World Junior Records are the same as for the World Aquatics World Junior Swimming Championships.

- SW 12.4** Members of relay teams must be of the same nationality.

- SW 12.5** All records must be made in scratch competition or an individual race against time, held in public and announced publicly by advertisement at least three days before the attempt is to be made. In the event of an individual race against time being sanctioned by a Member Federation, as a time trial during a competition, then an advertisement at least three (3) days before the attempt is to be made shall not be necessary.

- SW 12.6** The length of each lane of the course must be certified by a surveyor or other qualified official appointed or approved by the Member Federation in the country in which it is situated.

- SW 12.7** Where a moveable bulkhead is used, course measurement of the lane must be confirmed at the conclusion of the session during which the time was achieved.
- SW 12.8** World Records and World Junior Records will be accepted only when times are recorded by Automatic Officiating Equipment, or Semi-Automatic Officiating Equipment in the case of Automatic Officiating Equipment system malfunction.
- SW 12.9** World Records and World Junior Records can be established only by swimmers wearing World Aquatics approved swimsuits.
- SW 12.10** Times which are equal to 1/100 of a second will be recognised as equal records and swimmers achieving these equal times will be called "Joint Holders". Only the time of the winner of a race may be submitted for a World Record – except for World Junior Records. In the event of a tie in a record-setting race, each swimmer who tied shall be considered a winner.
- SW 12.11** World Records and World Junior Records can be established only in water with less than 3 gr/litres of salt. No World Records will be recognised in any kind of sea or ocean water.
- SW 12.12** The first swimmer in a relay, except in Mixed Relays, may apply for a World Record or World Junior Record. Should the first swimmer in a relay team complete his distance in record time in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, his performance shall not be nullified by any subsequent disqualification of his relay team for violations occurring after his distance has been completed.
- SW 12.13** A swimmer in an individual event may apply for a World Record or a World Junior Record at an intermediate distance if he or his coach or manager specifically requests the Referee that his performance be especially timed or if the time at the intermediate distance is recorded by Automatic Officiating Equipment. Such swimmer must complete the scheduled distance of the event to apply for a record at the intermediate distance.
- SW 12.14** Applications for World Records and World Junior Records must be made on the World Aquatics official forms by the responsible authority of the organizing or management committee of the competition and signed by an authorized representative of the Member Federation in the country of the swimmer, certifying that all regulations have been observed including a certification of the pool measurement and a negative doping test certification (DC 5.3.3). The application form shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of World Aquatics within fourteen (14) days after the performance.
- SW 12.15** A claim of a World Record or a World Junior Record performance shall be provisionally reported by email to the Executive Director of World Aquatics within seven (7) days of the performance.
- SW 12.16** The Member Federation in the country of the swimmer should report this performance by letter to the Executive Director of World Aquatics for information and action, if necessary, to assure that the official application has been properly submitted by the appropriate authority.
- SW 12.17** On receipt of the official application and upon satisfaction that the information contained in the application, including a certification of the pool measurement and a

negative doping control test certificate, is accurate, the Executive Director of World Aquatics shall declare the new World Record or a World Junior Record, see that such information is published, and see that certificates are provided to those persons whose applications have been accepted.

**SW 12.18** All records made during the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Junior Swimming Championships, and World Cups shall be automatically approved.

**SW 12.19** If the procedure of SW 12.14 has not been followed, the Member Federation in the country of a swimmer can apply for a World Record or a World Junior Record in default thereof. After due investigation, the Executive Director of World Aquatics is authorized to accept such record if the claim is found to be correct.

**SW 12.20** If the application for a World Record or a World Junior Record is accepted by World Aquatics, a diploma, signed by the President of World Aquatics shall be forwarded by the Executive Director to the Member Federation in the country of the swimmer for presentation to the swimmer in recognition of the performance. A fifth World Record diploma will be issued to all Member Federation whose relay teams establish a World Record or a World Junior Record. This diploma is to be retained by the Member Federation.

**SW 12.21** From time to time, World Aquatics may add new events for which swimmers may establish World Records or World Junior Records. For each such event, World Aquatics will establish Target times; if a swimmer achieves a time that is better than the Target Time, it shall be considered a World record or World Junior Record, as long as all requirements in SW 12 are met.

**Note:** The World Aquatics World Record form is available on the World Aquatics website: <https://www.fina.org/content/world-record-world-junior-record-application-form-demande-dhomologation-de-record-du-monde>

**CSW 12.22 Canadian Records:** A Canadian Record shall be:

**CSW 12.22.1** A performance by a swimmer who is eligible for selection to a National Team representing Canada in the Olympic Games, the Commonwealth Games, the Pan American Games, the World Championships, or any such major international meet, or

**CSW 12.22.2** A performance by a swimmer who is a “permanent resident” by Canadian law and as defined by ACA and is registered with Swimming Canada, or

**CSW 12.22.3** A performance by a Canadian club relay team, when all members of the team are eligible to hold Canadian records, are registered with the same club, and are eligible to compete for that club.

**CSW 12.22.4** A National Relay record is set when all members of the relay team who set the record are members of the Canadian national team, a Provincial team, or a Canada Games team.

**CSW 12.22.5** A National Relay record may be set by a U Sports Team. They shall not be eligible to set a Club relay record unless all four swimmers are currently registered with the same Age Group Club.

**CSW 12.22.6** Record swims shall be timed and recorded by Automatic Officiating Equipment or by three (3) watches.

**CSW 12.22.7** A time achieved while swimming the first “leg” of a relay, other than a Mixed Relay, (see SW 10.10) with an electronic timing system start, may count as a record.

**CSW 12.22.8** A record time shall be achieved in the relevant stroke-event. All times achieved in a Freestyle event shall be regarded as Freestyle, no matter what stroke is swum.

**CSW 12.22.9** Canadian records may be considered for acceptance from any competition sanctioned by PS, Swimming Canada, or World Aquatics, other than a Class Two Time Trial, and a certificate shall be awarded to the record holder.

**CSW 12.22.10** Records shall be recognized in each of the following events: (50m and 25m pools)

Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 metres
Backstroke	50, 100 and 200 metres
Breaststroke	50, 100 and 200 metres
Butterfly	50, 100 and 200 metres
Individual Medley	200 and 400 metres (and 100 metres in 25m pools)
Freestyle Relays	4x50, 4x100 and 4x200 metres
Medley Relays	4x50 and 4x100 metres
Mixed Relays	4x50 and 4x100 metres Freestyle and 4x50 and 4x100 metres Medley

## **SW 13 AUTOMATIC OFFICIATING PROCEDURE**

**SW 13.1** When Automatic Officiating Equipment (see FR 4) is used in any competition, the placing and times so determined and relay take-offs judged by such Equipment shall have precedence over the Timekeepers and Inspectors of Turns.

**SW 13.2** When the Automatic Equipment fails to record the place and/or time of one or more swimmers in a given race:

**SW 13.2.1** Record all available Automatic Equipment times and places.

**SW 13.2.2** Record all human times and places.

**SW 13.2.3** The official place will be determined as follows:

**SW 13.2.3.1** A swimmer with an Automatic Equipment time and place must retain his relative order when compared with the other swimmers having an Automatic Equipment time and place within that race.

**SW 13.2.3.2** A swimmer not having an Automatic Equipment place but having an Automatic Equipment time will establish his relative order by comparing his Automatic Equipment time with the Automatic Equipment times of the other swimmers.

**SW 13.2.3.3** A swimmer having neither an Automatic Equipment place nor an Automatic Equipment time shall establish

their relative order by the time recorded by the Semi-Automatic Equipment or by watches.

**SW 13.3** The official time will be determined as follows:

**SW 13.3.1** The official time for all swimmers having an Automatic Equipment time will be that time

**CSW 13.3.1.1 Official Split Times:**

A time achieved by a swimmer while swimming any part of an individual event for an interval shorter than the total distance, shall be official under the following conditions and may be used for entry or record purposes:

- (i) The Referee/Meet Management must be advised prior to commencement of the published event.
- (ii) The swimmer must complete the full distance of the published event.
- (iii) The official split shall be reported as a separate non-scoring event in the meet results.
- (iv) In the case of a disqualification, legal splits up to the time of the disqualification shall be recorded in the official results.
- (v) An Official Split cannot be requested for the first swimmer in a Mixed Relay event. (see SW 10.10)

**CSW 13.3.1.2** Information on the process for requesting Officials Splits will be outlined in the Meet information Package.

**SW 13.3.2** The official time for all swimmers not having an Automatic Equipment time will be the times recorded by Semi-Automatic Equipment or watches.

**SW 13.4** To determine the relative order of finish for the combined heats of an event, proceed as follows:

**SW 13.4.1** The relative order of all swimmers will be established by comparing their official times.

**SW 13.4.2** If a swimmer has an official time which is tied with the official time(s) of one or more swimmers, all swimmers having that time shall be tied in their relative order of finish in that event.

## **AGE GROUP SWIMMING RULES**

**SWAG 1** Federations may adopt their own Age Group rules using World Aquatics technical rules.

**CSWAG 1.1** Swimming Canada approved age groups are 11-12, 13-14, and 15-17 only. These age groups shall be recognized for National Age Group record keeping. The swimmer's age shall be that on the first day of the meet unless otherwise specified by Swimming Canada. Swimming Canada or the PS may authorize additional younger or older age groups.

**CSWAG 1.2** Age Group Swimming competitions shall be under the jurisdiction of Swimming Canada, and by extension, the PS, and shall be administered by Swimming Canada or PS.

**CSWAG 1.2.1** General Rules and Swimming Rules contained herein shall apply to Age Group swimming.

**CSWAG 1.2.2** Each PS shall be responsible for promoting and sponsoring age group competitions which may be either provincial championships or non-championship meets. Such meets may be open or closed meets.

**CSWAG 1.2.3** Age Group competition categories shall be based on single or multiple age ranges by chronological age or year of birth and published in the Meet Information Package. (This allows for any age grouping combinations)

**CSWAG 1.2.4** When an 'Individual' event is designated as age group., only swimmers in that age group shall be eligible to compete in that event.

**CSWAG 1.2.5** A swimmer may only compete in that swimmer's own age group as defined in the meet package. (i.e. single, double age bands).

**CSWAG 1.2.6** In age-group relays, one (1) or two (2) swimmers may be from a younger age group. In such cases, the swimmer(s) may swim in both their own age-group relay as well as in one or more older age-group relays.

**CSWAG 1.3** National Age Group Records

**CSWAG 1.3.1** In individual events, swimmers shall be the correct age on the first day of the meet in which the record was made.

**CSWAG 1.3.2** A record time may be achieved in senior or age group events.

**CSWAG 1.3.3** The swimmer shall meet the eligibility requirements to hold Canadian records.

**CSWAG 1.3.4** National Age Group records shall be recognized for the same individual events as Canadian records with the exception, no records shall be kept for the stroke 50's (Back, Breast, Fly) and 100 IM in the following age categories: 11-12, 13-14, 15-17.

**CSWAG 1.3.5** A swimmer need not place first in a heat or in an overall event to set a national age group record while competing in a senior event.

## **POST-SECONDARY SWIMMING**

**CSWPS 1.1** All current Swimming Canada competition rules shall apply to university and high school swimming established by U Sports or the Conference Athletic Associations (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, & Canada West) shall apply.

**CSWPS 1.2** Each conference is responsible for its own championship meet format.