



Executive Summary of rule changes

SW 1 Management of Competitions

SW 1.2 Organisers of swimming competitions shall appoint sufficient officials to ensure the fairness, integrity and safety of the competition. (No longer defined positions and numbers.)

CSW 1.2.1.1 Meet Manager has been added. CSW 2.16.1.1
Chief Recorder (formerly Recorder Scorer)
Administration Desk (formerly Clerk of Course) CSW 2.16.1.2

SW 2 Officials

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. (NEW)

CSW 2.1.8.2 Infractions shall be reported immediately through channels established by the meet manager and approved by the Referee. **The reason for, and the time of,** The infraction shall be recorded on the disqualification form which shall be signed by the Official. **When the disqualification is accepted, it shall be signed by the Referee on the disqualification form.** (A new DQ form will be posted to support this change)

SW 2.4 Call Room Supervisor (formerly Clerk of Course and CSW 2.16.1.2 has updated Clerk of Course to Administration Desk)

SW 2.6 Inspector of Turns

CSW 2.6.1.1 The IT may be assigned additional responsibilities that may include timekeeper duties. (Head Lane Timekeeper position has been discontinued.)

SW 2.12 Chief Recorder (formerly Desk Control)

SW 2.13 Recorder (other than for Olympic Games and World Championships)

SW 2.14 Addition of Video Review Supervisor role

SW 2.15 Addition of Video Review Judge role

SW 3 Seeding of Heats, Semi-Finals, and Finals

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



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. (NEW)

SW 6 Backstroke

SW 6.1 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.

SW 7 Breaststroke

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 **and on the same horizontal plane** without alternating movement.

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 **and on the same horizontal plane** without alternating movement.

SW 9 Individual Medley

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 10 The Race

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 10.9 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 utilized 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 **In all sanctioned age group swimming events, taping is permitted. Approval may be required for taping at championship events, and the process for this approval shall be stated in the meet information package.**
- CSW 10.9.2 **At a Swimming Canada national competition, a committee shall be created to review and approve taping requests.**
- 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. (NEW)

SW 12 World Records

- 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 any 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. The application form shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of World Aquatics within 14 days after the performance.

Age Group Swimming Rules

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

~~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) If an event is not offered in that swimmer's age group, the swimmer may enter that same event in the senior category, should it be offered in the meet program.~~

~~CSWAG 1.1.6 In a meet where both age group and senior events are offered, an age group swimmer may swim in either section, but not a combination; except that when the swimmer is entered in the age group competition, the swimmer may also swim in senior events that are not offered in the swimmer's age group.~~

CGR 1.2.1 Eligibility - Canada

- ~~CGR 1.2.1.5 Competitions designated as senior shall be open to all eligible swimmers of any age who meet the qualification standard.~~
- ~~CGR 1.2.1.6 Competitions designated as open shall be open to all swimmers registered with a FINA member and who meet the qualification standard.~~



GR Swimwear (will be moved to own document, waiting for update from World Aquatics)

CGR 5.2.2 In competitions that are not National Level, Trials, or Selection meets, the Referee shall exempt swimwear from compliance with the GR 5 Swimwear rule for a participating swimmer, where an exemption is requested, ~~for medical or religious reasons~~, and the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to be creating a technical advantage. Such an exemption would only be granted for the swimsuit coverage requirements. Such an exemption may be granted for a) a swimsuit that covers more of the body, such as modesty swimwear, or b) the use of a separate garment worn underneath a regular swimsuit.

CGR 5.2.4 Has been removed.

GR 9.3 Jury of Appeal

CGR 9.3.1.2 The Jury of Appeal shall be chaired by ~~the meet manager or designate at non-national meets and by~~ the National Meet Director at National Competitions. The chairperson shall have no vote. The voting members shall be odd in number preferably either three (3) or five (5) and should be the most experienced Swimming Canada/PS officials or officers available, in addition to the **requirement** to include a coach, **as determined by the CSCA after the entry deadline**. None of those participating on the Jury of Appeal can have been involved in the disputed decision or disqualification. ~~In the event that there is no coach available, the jury will still convene, and the outcome shall be final.~~

CGR 9.3.1.3 The members of the Jury of Appeal will be determined by the Meet manager in collaboration with the Competition Coordinator/Meet Referee or designate, if applicable, at non-national meets. The voting members shall be odd in number preferably either three (3) or five (5) and should be the most experienced Swimming Canada/PS officials or officers available, in addition to the option to include a coach. None of those participating on the Jury of Appeal can have been involved in the disputed decision or disqualification. In the event that there is no coach available, the jury will still convene, and the outcome shall be final. (NEW)