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It is now September and we have had several meets in August. They were well attended and most were run within the rules for the facilities. One meet had trouble with kids not wearing their mask but the others followed the rules.

The USA Swimming convention is this month and will be held Sept 24-26 as a Virtual Conference. This virtual event will include, the House of Delegates Meeting, legislative action and Board of Director's election. If you want to attend go to USA Swimming webpage and register. You won't be able to vote but you may find it interesting.

Hopefully, it won't be long till will are back to swimming and everything is right with the world. But in the meantime stay safe and where your cover. See ya soon.

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REMINDER: 2020 RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Thank you to those that have recertified!

Be sure your Arizona Officiating certification requirements have been met.

2021 Recertification requirements::: work 4 sessions AND

1) Complete the USA Swimming Re certification Test

2) Pass a LSC deck check

Or

1) Maintain a National Certification at the requested position

2) Work an AZ State Championship Meet or OQM (Official Qualifying Meet) eg: Junior Olympics, Age Group or Senior Championships

New training logs and deck check forms have been uploaded to the AZ swimming website. You can locate them by visiting:

www.azswimming.org

- click on **Member Services** tab

- click on **Document Library** drop down tab

- scroll half way down the page and click the **officials** tab

- viola the new forms are listed under the **officials training** title

Please use these forms to advance your certification by printing it out and bringing it to your clinic or training meet to accurately guide and document your progress. These forms also double as the deck check forms.

Clinic Schedule - anyone needing a clinic may ask John Rajadas

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Please contact: John at john.rajadas@gmail.com if you have any questions, need a clinic or a deck check.

Thank you,
John

Procedure to Apply for an Exemption to Article 102.8.1B Regarding Swimsuit Design for Religious or Medical Reasons

Article 102.8.1B(2) of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations provides that exemptions may be made to the swimsuit requirements of 102.8.1B by the Chair of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee, or designee, for religious or medical reasons. This provides the procedure to apply for such exemption.

1. Requests for an exemption due to religious or medical reasons shall be submitted by the swimmer or swimmer's parent to the Chair of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee either via e-mail or regular mail.

2. Exemptions for religious reasons must state the applicable religion and the basis for needing an exemption due to religious beliefs.

3. Exemptions for medical reasons must state the specific medical condition which requires an exemption, along with a statement from a medical professional stating that an exemption is needed.

4. Exemptions will only be granted for the swimsuit coverage requirements. An exemption may be granted for:

(1) a swimsuit that covers more of the body than permitted under 102.8.1B; or

(2) the use of a separate garment worn underneath a regular swimsuit. A swimsuit or garment for which an exemption has been granted must meet all other swimsuit technical requirements established by FINA, including, but not limited to, the prohibition against the use of zippers or other fastening devices, the requirement that the swimsuit be made of full textile materials and the requirement that the suit not give the swimmer a competitive advantage.

5. All exemptions are effective only for the calendar year in which they are granted and must be renewed annually using the procedures provided herein.

6. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to present a copy of the exemption letter to the meet referee prior to the start of the meet in which the swimmer intends to participate.

POOL MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATION OF PERMANENT RACING COURSE

For a swimming record to be recognized, the racing course must be certified.

- If the course has a movable bulkhead, the measurements must be taken immediately after the competition (before any lane lines or touchpads are adjusted) and certified by a Registered Surveyor or Registered Engineer. A copy of the USA Swimming official certification form must be filled out completely and have the engineer's license number, stamp, and signature on the form. Drawings, sketches, and separate sheets or attachments need not be included. We need the lane measurement on our form. The completed documents need to be sent to USA Swimming's National Events Manager, along with any application for records. Sending them in an e-mail with a .pdf attachment is preferred.

Bulkhead pools will be included in the list below but will have a "B" in the column next to the pool listing. These pools must always have the "lane" the record was achieved in re-measured for a record verification.

- If the course has fixed walls (no bulkheads), the measurements can be taken immediately after the competition, or can have been taken prior to the competition, and certified by a Registered Surveyor or Registered Engineer as above. This is the purpose of the list below.

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Which of the following is NOT true –?

- For dual meets without relays, the minimum number of officials is four.
- The Place Judge is responsible for determining the official results.
- The Meet Director is responsible for the printing of meet programs.
- A dive re-entry is not permitted when swimming 5000y/5000m or longer.

FROM NATIONAL:

Tech Suit Rule for 12-and-Unders Begins September 1

Any suit that does not have the FINA logo on it is approved for 12-and-Under use. There are a handful of suits on the market that have the FINA logo that would be considered legal for age-group competition because they do not meet the definition of what is deemed a technical suit. These suits and only these suits will bear an additional check mark logo developed by USA Swimming to indicate that the suit is compliant with the rule. This check mark will be placed to the left or right of the FINA logo on the suit; an example can be viewed in the article linked below.

Below are complete lists of the suits that will be restricted for athletes 12 and under, and then a list of those tech suits that will be allowed for athletes 12 and under:

- [Restricted 12-and-under tech suits](#)
- [Approved 12-and-under tech suits](#)

More resources, including a breakdown of restricted suits by brand, check-mark example, FAQ document and a short video featuring Leah Smith, can be found [here](#).

Timing Clarifications

Question: A team is only using semi-automatic timing. Rule 102.24.3A(2) states (paraphrasing) 2-3 timers per lane when semi-auto timing is utilized as the primary. Are there any exceptions to this requirement?

Answer: No. The semi-automatic timing in this case must also use 2 or 3 buttons. Since it is the “primary” system, you must also have a manual watch on each lane in the event there is a malfunction. Rule 102.24.3C.

Remember that Rule 102.24.1D provides:

“Except when the primary system consists of watches, backup timing shall be provided for all competitors. **No swimmer shall be required to re-swim a race due to equipment failure which results in unrecorded or inaccurate time or place.** It is the Meet Director’s responsibility to provide the proper timing systems so that swimmers can expect to achieve official times that will satisfy the requirements of 102.24.1C.”

Question: Can timers time from the side of the pool or the stands?

Answer: Nope. Timers are required to be behind the blocks at the finish. Rule 102.17.3 states:

“B **Stand directly over the assigned lane at the finish** to observe a touch above, at, or below the surface of the water and stop the watch and/or push the semi-automatic system button when any part of the swimmer’s body touches the wall.”


FINA Pool Officials

Every two years, a new FINA list is nominated. The pool officials have been approved.

Please congratulate the new FINA Starters - Jason Johnson (NT), Anissa Kanzari (OH) and the new Referees Peter LaGow (MD) and Trish Martin (NC).

You Make the Call

- a. True. Rule 102.10.4 (to include the AO)
- b. False. Rule 102.14.2(D)
- c. True. Rule 102.9
- d. True. Rule 101.8.1(B)

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National Championship Meet Officiating Applications	https://www.usaswimming.org/utility/landing-pages/officials/national-meet-officiating-applications	Meet Management Forms	https://www.azswimming.org/document-library/#ffs-tabbed-11
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Officials Training Videos	https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/officials-training-videos	AZ Swimming Radio Protocols	https://www.azswimming.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/AZ-Swimming-Radio-Protocols-Final-06042017-2.pdf

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