



SNC Rule GR-5 Swimwear Rule and Procedures for the 2009 World Aquatic Championship Trials

The procedures used to administer SNC rule GR-5 for the 2009 World Aquatic Championships are describe below.

SNC Rule GR-5 pertains to Swimwear and is cited as follows:

GR 5 - Swimwear

GR 5.1 - *The swimwear (swimsuit, cap and goggles) of all competitors shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual sports disciplines and not to carry any symbol which may be considered offensive.*

GR 5.2 - *All swimsuits shall be non-transparent.*

GR 5.3 - *In swimming competitions the competitor must wear a swimsuit in one or two pieces which shall not extend beyond the ankles, the wrists and the neck. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.*

GR 5.4 - *The referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any competitor whose swimsuit or body symbols do not comply with this rule.*

GR 5.5 - *Before any swimsuit or new design, construction or material is used in competition, the manufacturer of such swimsuit must submit the swimsuit to FINA and obtain approval of FINA.*

GR 5.6 - *The manufacturers must ensure that the approved new swimsuit will be available for all competitors*

For the purposes of clarity, SNC has made the following interpretations for GR-5:

- With the release of FINA's approved list as per GR 5.6, all swimwear used in competition in Canada must appear on the FINA approved list.
- Swimwear models approved prior to 2009 and made of full textile material (lycra, nylon, etc) will be accepted (ie/ SNC will allow NIKE suits available prior to June 09, 2009; the Speedo FS II; and all brief type suits where such suits comply with the Dubai Charter). Swimwear must adhere to the shape requirement of GR 5.3 and have double layers of textile stuck together.
- Under GR 5.3 wherein it is stated "*the competitor must wear a swimsuit in one or two pieces...*" SNC interprets this to mean a swimmer is limited to wearing a single suit only and where the suit is "two pieces" that the pieces do not overlap each other and are distinct units (ie/ bikini style).



Further:

- All Canadian Record swims will be reviewed to ensure compliance with GR 5.
- All foreign swimmers competing in Canada will be required to comply with GR 5
- Any swimmer not complying with GR 5 shall be disqualified.

The procedural application of GR-5 for the 2009 World Aquatic Championship Trials shall be:

GR-5 Procedure – Swimwear Use

1. Coaches will be asked to support Rule GR-5 in a spirit of fair-play and professionalism.
2. Preliminaries and “B” finals will be self-policed.
3. For the “A” final, all swimmers will be required to:
 - a. Report to the Clerk of Course 20 minutes prior to their events published start time. Swimmers with back-to-back events may check-in for both events when checking in for their first event. In back-to-back situations the swimmer will be expected at the Clerk of Course 10 minutes prior to their second event.
 - b. When “checking-in” to the Clerk of Course, swimmers will be required to state their suit brand and model name. The Clerk of Course or designate will record the swimmers name, swimwear brand and model. The swimmer will then sign-off on this information.
 - c. The Clerk of Course will cross reference suit information to the FINA Approved list and inform the session Referee of any exceptions.
 - d. Swimmers not reporting to the Clerk of Course in the allotted time will have their name announced once.
 - e. Swimmers not reporting in a reasonable time after they have been called may be disqualified and the alternate called.
4. Where there is obvious use of two suits in contravention of GR-5, the turn judge will report to the referee. The swimmers swimwear may be inspected by the referee after the race and the swimmer will be disqualified if the referee deems them to have worn two suits.

GR-5 Procedure – Swimwear Challenge

1. Only registered and accredited SNC coaches are permitted to file a “Swimwear Challenge”.
2. In the event a coach feels illegal swimwear has been used in the preliminaries or “B” finals, they have the opportunity to bring this information to the SNC Meet Commission in the form of a “challenge”.
3. All challenges against GR-5 must be made in writing, citing the name of the swimmer, event number, heat number and lane number.
4. The Meet Commission will receive the challenge and immediately notify the coach of the swimmer being investigated.
5. The Meet Commission will request the swimwear in question be produced for examination and verification purposes.
6. The Meet Commission will enlist the services of industry experts when available to accurately identify a suit model or type.
7. Should the swimwear not be FINA approved the swimmer will be disqualified.
8. Should the Meet Commission not be able to determine the legality of the suit prior to the swimmers next event, the swimwear will be considered legal.



SNC SUIT VERIFICATION PROCEDURE:

By virtue of my signature, I hereby confirm that the suit I have reported to the Clerk of Course shall be the suit I wear in the indicated event and that I am wearing a single suit:

Event number: _____	Event Name: _____
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Lane	Swimmers Name	Suit Brand	Suit Model	Signature
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