

A message to Swimming Canada members regarding competition suits

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As many of you know, FINA has recently strengthened the process of competitive attire approval. This was accomplished by the recent publication of the “Dubai Charter”. This document basically defines the measures by which FINA will approve competition suits.

Swimming Canada would like you to be apprised of this situation, here is where “the suit issue” currently stands:

1. FINA has endorsed their existing rule (FINA GR 5) and as mentioned above, has generated the "Dubai Charter" to strengthen FINA GR 5.5 (FINA approval).
2. SNC has rescinded its interim suit rule published in early February and endorsed the existing FINA rule GR 5 as the SNC suit rule in light of the publication of the Dubai Charter.
3. FINA gave suit manufacturers until March 31 to submit suits for FINA testing and approval. It has been reported that over 200 suits were submitted.
4. FINA is testing the suits as per the conditions identified in the Dubai Charter. They have said that their deadline for producing a list of approved suits is May 1st. Given the volume of suits FINA has to have tested, this deadline may be difficult to meet.
5. Like everyone, we at SNC are eagerly waiting to see the approved list before recommending / purchasing any new suits.
6. SNC advises swimmers / parents who may wish to order or purchase suits prior to the FINA approved list being published that they do so at their own risk! SNC will enforce the application of FINA GR 5 at all SNC designated meets and all other competitions under SNC sanctioning authority immediately upon publication of the FINA approved list.

FINA Rule GR 5: <https://www.swimming.ca/GR-5-Swimwear>

Dubai Charter: [https://www.swimming.ca/docs/Member Services/Officials/Rulebook/the_dubai_charter.pdf](https://www.swimming.ca/docs/Member_Services/Officials/Rulebook/the_dubai_charter.pdf)