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From: Chief Executive Officer
To: Affiliate Presidents
Affiliate Secretaries
Cc: SSA Executive Committee
TC Convenors

RE: FINA SWIMSUIT RULING RE SSA NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

The following SSA ruling regarding the FINA Rules must be used in conjunction with the FINA Swimsuit Ruling, as attached.

Swimmers participating at any of the National or Regional Competitions must wear suits that are compliant with the FINA Ruling regarding the design and style, i.e. no fasteners and the fabric is textile (woven, knitted and or braided and the fabric must not have any illegal coating). Athletes must swim in swimsuits that are on the FINA list of approved suits.

If an athlete breaks a World Record, the FINA requirement is that the swimmer must have swum in a suit with the FINA Stamp of Approval.

These rules will only be applicable to Open Water Swimmers from the 1 June 2010 and at present they may continue to wear suits that were approved previously.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adriaanse".

Shaun Adriaanse
Chief Executive

Please note that according to the decision of the Bureau Meeting held in Bangkok on 14-15 January 2010, the following rules should apply to the swimwear:

- BL 8.1 All FINA approved swimwear to be used at the Olympic Games and FINA World Championships must be approved by FINA at least twelve (12) months prior to the start of the respective competition. In addition, it must be available for all competitors by 1st January of the year of the Olympic Games or FINA World Championships.
- BL 8.2 In swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.
- BL 8.3 From January 1, 2010 swimwear for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below knee. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.
- BL 8.4 From 1 June 2010, Open Water swimwear for both men and women shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the ankle. All Open Water swimsuits shall comply with the FINA Criteria for Materials and Approval Procedures.
- BL 8.5 From 15 January 2010, in Masters Pool Swimming competitions the rules BL 8.1, BL 8.2 and BL 8.3 apply. From 1 June 2010, the rule BL 8.4 applies also for the Masters Open Water competitions.

The rules are available on the official FINA web-site under the following link.

http://www.fina.org/project/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2609&Itemid=119#bl8

FINA Bureau – Decision on Suits

On its first meeting held today in Rome (ITA), the 2009-2013 FINA Bureau fully complied with the decision of the FINA Congress, held on July 24, 2009 related with the procedure concerning swimwear approval. As it was also decided by the Congress, these rules are now By-Laws rules, which allow the Bureau to further control, update and correct any deviation to the process or to proceed with any necessary adjustment related to the development of the swimsuit technology.

Main Points

1. Textile-only (definition to be delivered by experts to suit makers by Sept 30, 2009)
2. Uniform permeability throughout
3. Precise following of what Congress called for
4. No Zippers or fasteners to be used on swimmers suits.
5. No impregnation of any kind; no coatings
6. Buoyancy limit to be set at 0.5 Newtons as interim measure before eventually moving to a 0 Newton 0 tolerance
7. Thickness of material down from 1mm to 0.8mm (with further changes if needed)

The FINA Bureau decisions on swimsuits include:

MATERIAL – The material of the swimsuits will definitively be constituted only by textile fabric(s). The definition of “textile” will be made by a group of scientific experts chosen by FINA and led by Prof. Jan-Anders Manson, from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL) in Lausanne (SUI). This definition will be available to manufacturers by no later than September 30, 2009. The first definition of “textile” to be further confirmed by this group is: “Material consisting of, natural and/or synthetic, individual and non consolidated yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting, and/or braiding.”

SHAPE – For men, the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below knee. Furthermore, no zippers or other fastening system is allowed.

USE – In the regulation approved by the Congress, the swimmer can only wear one swimsuit and no taping is allowed.

TESTS – Only measurable scientific tests will be performed within the frame of the swimwear approval procedure. For thickness, the 1mm limit will be adjusted to 0.8mm,

for buoyancy the present value of 1 Newton will be reduced to 0.5 (FINA will even consider the limit of 0 Newton), and for permeability the material(s) used must have at any point a value of more than 80l/m²/second. Permeability values are measured on material with a standard multidirectional stretch of 25%. These parameters will be further considered by the above mentioned scientific group.

CONSISTENCY – Swimsuits effectively manufactured and used shall correspond to and be fully consistent with submitted samples. Any modification before use (including impregnation) is prohibited. Moreover, there shall be no variation/modification for individual swimmers.

APPLICATION – Considering the time needed for manufacturers to produce their swimsuits, the submission dates and the implementation of the rules are applicable from 2010 only in Swimming competitions.

FINA 2010 List of Approved Swimsuits

Akron	Diamond	117 WELS	classic	women
AQUAZONE	Q-gold	QGOLD-FTOB	classic	women
AQUAZONE	Q-gold	QGOLD-FTOBS	classic	women
AQUAZONE	R2	R2-FTOB	classic	women
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	Version A	classic	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	Version A	classic	women
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	Version A	pants-short	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	Version A	full-knee	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	Version A	full-knee	women
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	Version B	pants-short	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin R-Evolution		pants-short	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin R-Evolution		full-knee	women
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin R-Evolution		classic	women
Arena Italia S.p.A.	X-Flat		classic	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	X-Flat		pants-short	men
Arena Italia S.p.A.	X-Flat		classic	women
Arena Italia S.p.A.	X-Flat		full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear 2010	TI10011	full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear 2010	TI10021	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear 2010	TI10031	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear 2010	TI10131	full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear 2010	TI10141	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear 2010	TI10151	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS344	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS345	full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA344	classic	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA345	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS423	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS424	full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA423	classic	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA424	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS425	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS426	full-knee	women

Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA425	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA426	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS417	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS418	full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA417	classic	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA418	pants-short	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS03S	classic	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	ALS15S	full-knee	women
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA03S	classic	men
Asics	Swim Wear I	AMA15S	pants-short	men
Blueseventy	Nero TX Jammer		pants-short	men
Blueseventy	Nero TX Kneeskin		full-knee	women
Blueseventy	Nero TX Racer		classic	women
Descente	Aile bleue	ARN-6009M	classic	men
Descente	Aquaforce 1	FAR-9508MN	pants-short	men
Descente	Aquaforce 2	FAR-9508MS	pants-short	men
Descente	Aquaforcee 1	FAR-9502WN	full-knee	women
Descente	nux-F 1	ARN-6012WN	classic	women
Descente	nux-F 1	ARN-6015N	classic	men
Descente	nux-F 1	ARN-6014N	pants-short	men
Descente	nux-F 1	ARN-6011WN	full-knee	women
Descente	nux-F 2	OAR-0539N	classic	men
Descente	nux-F 2	OAR -0534WN	classic	women
Descente	nux-W 1	FAR-9529MN	classic	men
Descente	nux-W 1	FAR-9528MN	pants-short	men
Descente	nux-W 1	FAR-9524WH	classic	women
Descente	nux-W 1	FAR-9522WN	full-knee	women
Descente	nux-W 2	OAR-0529MN	classic	men
Descente	nux-W 2	OAR-0524WHN	classic	women
Descente	Shin_rev	ARN-8509M	classic	men
Descente	Shin_rev	ARN-8504W	classic	women
Descente	Shin_rev 1	ARN-8508MN	pants-short	men
Descente	Shin_rev 1	ARN-8502WN	full-knee	women
Descente		OAR-0528M	pants-short	men

Descente		OAR-0522W	full-knee	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-62W	full-knee open back	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-63W	full-knee close back	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-64W	classic	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-65M	pants-short	men
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-66M	classic	men
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-52W	full-knee open back	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-53W	full-knee close back	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-54W	classic	women
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-55M	pants-short	men
Descente	AQUAFORCE	KRBR10-56M	classic	men
Descente	New Collection	PARN10F-13	pants-short	men
Descente	New Collection	PARN10F-68	pants-short	men
Descente	New Collection	PARN10F-65	classic	men
Descente	New Collection	PARN10F-70	classic	men
Descente	New Collection	PARN10F-13T	pants-short	men
Descente	shin_rev	PARN10F-71	full-knee	women
Descente	shin_rev	PARN10F-66	classic	women
Descente	shin_rev	PARN10F-72	pants-short	men
Descente	shin_rev	PARN10F-73	classic	men
Diana	Submarine	213W	full-knee	women
Diana	Submarine	201M	pants-short	men
Diana	Submarine	243W	full-knee	women
Diana	SUBMARINE	302M	classic	men
Diana	SUBMARINE	306W	classic	women
Engine	Wingskin		pants-short	men
Engine	Wingskin		full-knee	women
Euras GmbH	NSA		full-knee	women
Euras GmbH	ZAOSU		full-knee	women
Finis Inc.	Hydrospeed 2	Brief	classic	men
Finis Inc.	Hydrospeed 2	Bladeback	classic	women

Finis Inc.	Hydrospeed 2	Race John	full-knee	women
Finis Inc.	Hydrospeed 2	Jammer	pants-short	men
Jaked	J09	SOFT	full-knee	women
Jaked	J11	WATER ZERO	full-knee	women
Lane 4	Blue Spider		pants-short	men
Lane 4	Night Spider		classic	women
Lane 4	Pink Spider		pants-short	men
Lane 4	Spider in Mission		classic	women
Lane 4	Spider in Mission		full-knee	women
Mad Wave	Bodyshell		full-knee	women
Mizuno Corporation	Accel Suits	3	pants-short	men
Mizuno Corporation	Accel Suits	2	classic	women
Mizuno Corporation	Accel Suits	1	full-knee	women
Mizuno Corporation	Mighty Line	4	classic	men
Mizuno Corporation	Mighty Line	3	pants-short	men
Mizuno Corporation	Mighty Line	2	classic	women
Mizuno Corporation	Mighty Line	1	full-knee	women
Mizuno Corporation	MX		pants-short	men
Mizuno Corporation	MX		full-knee	women
Mizuno Corporation	Sunny Swim	4	pants-short	men
Mizuno Corporation	Sunny Swim	3	classic	women
Mizuno Corporation	Sunny Swim	2	full-knee	women
Mizuno Corporation	Sunny Swim	1	full-knee	women
Mizuno Corporation	Water Gene	3	pants-short	men
Mizuno Corporation	Water Gene	2	classic	women
Mizuno Corporation	Water Gene	1	full-knee	women
Mosconi	Titanium	TRIGGER	pants-short	men
Mosconi	Titanium	TRIGGER BLACK	pants-short	men
Mosconi	Titanium	SCALE BLACK	classic	women
Mosconi	Titanium	GEEP BLACK	full-knee	women
Nike	Hydra	N74190	classic	women
Nike	Hydra	N74204	full-knee	women
Nike	Hydra	N76002	classic	men
Nike	Hydra	TCSS0090	classic	women

Nike	Hydra - Jammer	N76000	pants-short	men
Nike	Hydra II - brief	TCSS0096	classic	men
Nike	Hydra II - jammer	TCSS0097	pants-short	men
Nike	Hydra II - knee suit	TCSS0099	full-knee	women
Nike	Hydra II S	TCSS0086	classic	women
Nike	Hydra S	TCSS0088	classic	women
Nike	Swift II	TCSS0094	classic	women
Nike	Swift II	TCSS0095	full-knee	women
Nike	Swift II - brief	TCSS0092	classic	men
Nike	Swift II -Jammer	TCSS0093	pants-short	men
Nike	Swift II S	TCSS0084	classic	women
Orvar/Aquazone USA	R-1		pants-short	men
Orvar/Aquazone USA	R-1		classic	women
Orvar/Aquazone USA	R-1		full-knee	women
Rocket Science Sports	Rocket Light		classic	women
Rocket Science Sports	Rocket Light	SM-001-LIGHT	pants-short	men
Rocket Science Sports	Rocket Light K	SW-001-LIGHT-K	full-knee	women
Rocket Science Sports	Rocket Orbit	SM-002-ORBIT	pants-short	men
Rocket Science Sports	Rocket Orbit	SW-002-ORBIT	classic	women
Speedo	AQUABLADE	Hydroshort	pants-short	men
Speedo	AQUABLADE	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	Fastskin	Jammer	pants-short	men
Speedo	Fastskin	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	Fastskin FS II	Jammer	pants-short	men
Speedo	Fastskin FS II	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	Fastskin XT	Brief	classic	men
Speedo	Fastskin XT	Jammer	pants-short	men

Speedo	Fastskin XT	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	Fastskin XT	Record Breaker	Full-knee	women
Speedo	FSPro	Jammer	pants-short	Men
Speedo	FSPro	Record Breaker	classic	women
Speedo	FSPro	Record Breaker	full-knee	Women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Jammer (M3)	pants-short	men
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Brief (M5)	classic	men
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Aquashort (M6)	pants-short	men
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W13)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Record Breaker (W9)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Record Breaker (W11)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Record Breaker (W15)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT	Record Breaker (W17)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT Hybrid	Jammer (M2)	pants-short	men
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT Hybrid	Record Breaker (W3)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT Hybrid	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W4)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT II	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W7)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT II	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W8)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Jammer (M4)	pants-short	men
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W20)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W14)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker (W10)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker (W12)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker (W16)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker (W18)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women

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Speedo	Japanese Fastskin XT W II	Record Breaker Kneeskin (W6)	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese FSPro	Jammer (M1)	pants-short	men
Speedo	Japanese FSPro	Record Breaker (W1)	classic	women
Speedo	Japanese LZR Pro	Jammer	pants-short	men
Speedo	Japanese LZR Pro	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	Japanese LZR Pro	Record Breaker	classic	women
Speedo	LZR Comp	Jammer	pants-short	men
Speedo	LZR Comp	Record Breaker	classic	women
Speedo	LZR Comp	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	LZR Pro	Jammer	pants-short	men
Speedo	LZR Pro	Record Breaker	classic	women
Speedo	LZR Pro	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	LZR Racer Elite	Jammer	pants-short	men
Speedo	LZR Racer Elite	Record Breaker	classic	women
Speedo	LZR Racer Elite	Record Breaker Kneeskin	full-knee	women
Speedo	LZR Racer Elite	Record Breaker	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-011	pants-short	men
Sports Hig		KOZ-018	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-016	full-knee	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-021A	pants-short	men
Sports Hig		KOZ-021N	pants-short	men
Sports Hig		KOZ-028A	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-028N	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-026A	full-knee	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-026N	full-knee	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-051A	pants-short	men
Sports Hig		KOZ-051N	pants-short	men
Sports Hig		KOZ-058A	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-058N	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-056A	full-knee	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-056N	full-knee	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-041M	pants-short	men

Sports Hig		KOZ-048M	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-046M	full-knee	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-801	pants-short	men
Sports Hig		KOZ-803	classic	women
Sports Hig		KOZ-804	full-knee	women
Turbo	Ultimate Power		77215 pants-short	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	FUSION		pants-short	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	FUSION		classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	FUSION		classic	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	FUSION		full-knee	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Racer C Series	classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Racer	classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Titan Racer C Series	classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Straight Racer	classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Straight Racer C Series	classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Titan Racer	classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Aeroback C Series	classic	Women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Aeroback SII	classic	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Openback	classic	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Openback C Series	classic	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Aeroback	classic	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	Aeroback SII C Series	full-knee	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light		pants-short	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light		full-knee	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light B-Series		pants-short	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light B-Series		full-knee	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light B-Series		classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light B-Series		classic	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light C-Series		full-knee	women
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light C-Series		pants-short	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light X-Series		classic	men
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light X-Series		classic	women
Way Funky	FT34M		pants-short	men
Yingfa		937	full-knee	women

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925

full-knee

women

Yingfa

9402

pants-short

Men