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To: USA Swimming Registered Coaches
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USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee

From: Bruce W. Stratton, Chair, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee

Subject: Approved Swimwear

On May 19, 2009, FINA issued a list of 202 swimsuits approved for competition. In response to the issuance of the list, the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee, pursuant to the provisions of Article 511.1, amended Article 102.9 to provide that only swimwear approved by FINA, as reflected on its published list of approved swimwear, may be worn in any USA Swimming sanctioned or approved competition. The Rules & Regulations Committee also provided that swimmers will continue to be able to wear traditional swimsuits.

On June 22, 2009, FINA issued an updated list which includes an additional 198 suits approved for competition (copy attached). In addition, FINA issued a statement on June 5, 2009, which stated that swimsuit models approved prior to 2009 and made of full textile material such as lycra or nylon are also acceptable as long as they have no sleeves and that double layers are stuck together. The revised list of 400 suits, plus models approved prior to 2009 as described above are all considered as swimsuits meeting the criteria of approved swimwear. Swimmers will also be able to wear traditional swimsuits as provided in the June 1, 2009 memo (copy attached) which meet the following criteria:

1. For female swimmers, the swimsuit shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulders or past the pelvis, and
2. For male swimmers, the swim suit shall not extend above the navel or below the knees.

Please note that additional swimsuit restrictions continue to apply to 12 & under age group defined competition in accordance with Article 102.9.1 in the 2009 USA Swimming Rulebook.

The provisions regarding the availability of swimsuits at the ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships and World Championship Trials reflected in the attached June 1st notice will also continue to apply.

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We understand the difficulties associated with the enforcement of this rule and officials are going to need to use a considerable amount of judgment and common sense in the enforcement of it. Officials should make an initial assumption that any suit being worn is a legal suit unless a protest is filed by a coach regarding a particular suit worn by a swimmer. In the event a protest is filed, referees should, if necessary, consider consulting with an experienced coach member as part of arriving at any decision. As always, decisions of the referee are subject to further protest under the provisions of Article 102.11.

Any questions regarding the enclosed may be addressed to the Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Any questions specifically regarding swimwear at the ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships and World Championship Trials should be addressed to our National Team Head Coach/General Manager.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce W. Stratton', written in a cursive style.

Bruce W. Stratton, Chair
USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee

News

PR46 - FINA Executive Meeting / Swimsuits

Press Releases Federations News	FINA Executive held a meeting in Lausanne Switzerland on June 19, 2009 to consider the swimsuits approvals under the transitory regulations in accordance with the Dubai Charter.
Calendar	The Executive reviewed the recommendations of the Swimsuit Commission issued on June 18, 2009 in connection with the swimsuits subject to re-examination further to the first Commission Meeting on May 19, 2009.
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Bios & Stats	The Manufacturers have re-presented their swimsuits with modifications. In certain cases, the Manufacturers have submitted arguments regarding the fact the construction or material of their swimsuits would not create air trapping effects.
Development	The Executive approved the swimsuits as per attached list.
Antidoping	Regarding the application of the criteria, the Executive found that the evidence of "in use" air trapping effect is complex and that it would require considerable time to create and implement comprehensive control mechanisms and test methods which would permit to establish the effect with absolute certainty in connection with particular swimsuits. In a transitory period where the industry had little time to anticipate the requirements, it is also important to take into account that the outcome of the approval process can have substantial impact on existing production and stocks. Therefore, in cases where there was a reasonable doubt as to the effect, such doubt had to be taken into account in the decision concerning the respective swimsuits.
Media Room	
Media Player	
Publications	To secure a level-playing field, the swimsuits approved will be available to all swimmers at the World Championships in Rome. The approved swimsuits will be labelled and will be checked in Rome prior to competition. The rules regarding shape, use of only one swimsuit and no taping will be strictly applied and controlled in the first call room. FINA will continue the process of controlling the evolution of swimsuits and will issue new rules including new criteria for 2010.

Adidas	TechfitPowerweb	S8140608BJ B85765	full
	Hydrofoil	F9140004	full
	Hydrofoil	F9140003	full
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin X-Glide	Modified	full
	Powerskin X-Glide	Modified	full
	Powerskin X-Glide	Modified	full
	Powerskin X-Glide	Modified	full
	Powerskin X-Glide	Modified	full
	Powerskin X-Glide	Modified	pants- long
Asics Corporation	TIL 2009 III	OSAM562	full
	TIL 2009 III	OSAL591	full
	TIL 2009 III	OSAL562	full
	TIL 2009 III	OSAM552	pants - long
	TIL 2009 III	OSAL601	classic
	TIL 2009 IV	OSAM562	full
	TIL 2009 IV	OSAL591	full
	TIL 2009 IV	OSAL562	full
	TIL 2009 IV	OSAM552	pants - long
TIL 2009 IV	OSAL601	classic	
Blueseventy Ltd	Nero	Seamless Bodyskin	full
	Nero	Seamless Kneeskin	full - knee
	Nero	10K Bodyskin	full
	Nero	Comp Bodyskin	full
	Nero	Open Back Bodyskin	full
	Nero	Comp Kneeskin	full - knee
	Nero	Open Back Kneeskin	full - knee
	Nero	Legskin	pants - long
	Nero	Jammer	pants - short
Descente LTD	Pointzero3+	Long Leg / Calf	full
	Pointzero3+	Kneeskin	full - knee
	II mar09	ARN - RMR81W	full
	II mar09	ARN - RMR51W	full
	II mar09	ARN - RMR82W	full

	11 mar09	ARN – RMR52W	full
	11 mar09	ARN – RMR17M	pants - long
	11 mar09	ARN – RMR27M	pants - long
Diana Sport	Submarine Cyclone	262M	full
	Submarine Cyclone	262M LD	full
	Submarine Cyclone	270W	full
	Submarine Cyclone	270W LD	full
	Submarine Cyclone	272W	full
	Submarine Cyclone	272W LD	full
	Submarine Cyclone	273W	full
	Submarine Cyclone	263M	full - knee
	Submarine Cyclone	260M	pants - long
	Shinning Arrow	252W	full
Essenuoto	Comet (dragon print)	SFW/0026	full
	Comet (dragon print)	SFW/0073	pants - short
	Comet (dragon print)	SFW 20037	full
	Comet (cyclone print)	SFW/0026	full
Footmark Corporation	Recobeam	240600-2	full
	Recobeam	240600-3	full
	Recobeam	240607-2	full
	Recobeam	240607-3	full
	Recobeam	240606-2	full
	Recobeam	240606-3	full
	Recobeam	240601-2	pants - long
	Recobeam	240601-3	pants - long
Jaked SRL	J01FL		full
	J01FS		full
	J01PL		pants - long
	J01		full - knee
Kiwami	Torpedo		full - knee
Leonian K.K.		PSFM9S3204-1	full
		PSFM9S3204-2	full
		PSFM9S3204-3	full
		PSFM9S3206-1	full
		PSFM9S3206-2	full
		PSFM9S3206-3	full
		PSFM9S3205-1	full - knee
		PSFM9S3205-2	full - knee
		PSFM9S3101-1	full
		PSFM9S3101-2	full
		PSFM9S3101-3	full
		PSFM9S3102-1	pants - long
		PSFM9S3102-2	pants - long
		PSFM9S3102-3	pants - long
Mizuno Corporation	"BBT" (Swimsuit B)	85RB -155	full
	"BBT" (Swimsuit B)	85RB -156	full
	"BBT" (Swimsuit B)	85OB - 155	full
	"BBT" (Swimsuit B)	85OB - 156	full
	"BBT" (Swimsuit B)	85RC-155	pants - long
	"BBT" (Swimsuit B)	85RC-156	pants - long
Mosconi	Hammer	230730	full
	Hammer Med	230940	full - knee
	Hammer Fit	230943	full
	Hammer Fit	230944	full - knee
	Hammer Leg	230941	pants - long
	Hammer Jammer	230942	pants - short
	Bullet	230901	full
	Bullet	230946	full - knee
	Bullet Leg	230902	pants - long
	Bullet Jammer	230903	pants - short

	Bullet Fit	230947	full
	Bullet Fit	230948	full - knee
	Meerval Med	227473	full - knee
	Meerval Long	227474	full
	Geep Long	227476	full
	Trigger	227193	pants - short
	Archer	227128	pants - long
	Scale	226653	classic
	Hilton	226831	classic
	Geep Med	227475	full - knee
Okeo SRL	Extreme Body Unisex		full
	Extreme Pant		pants - long
Orca	RS1 Swimskn		full
	RS1 Swimskn		full
Orvar/Aquazone USA	Renegade female classic cut racer back		classic
	Renegade female classic cut zipper back		classic
	Renegade female full body		full
	Renegade female full body		full
	Renegade female knee		full - knee
	Renegade female knee		full - knee
	Renegade male ankle		pants - long
	Renegade male full body		full
	Renegade male jammer		pants - short
	Renegade male knee suit		full - knee
Speedo	AQUABLADE		full - knee
	AQUABLADE Bodyskin No Arms		full
	AQUABLADE Bodyskin No Arms		full
	Fastskin II	8 10227 3797	full
	Fastskin II	8 102484759	pants - long
	Fastskin II	8 007183798	classic
	Fastskin II	8 007194759	full
	Fastskin II	8 102264759	pants - short
	Fastskin II	8 20A974759	full - knee
	LZR Racer		full
	LZR Racer		full - knee
	LZR Racer Body No Arms		full
	Fastskin Pro		full
	Fastskin Pro		full - knee
	Fastskin Pro		full - knee
	Fastskin Pro		pants - long
	Fastskin		full
	Fastskin		full
	Fastskin		full - knee
	Fastskin		full - knee
	Fastskin		classic
	Fastskin		full
Sports Hig		M-02A	full
		F-06	full
		F-03A	full - knee
		F-05	full - knee
		M-01	pants - long
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light		full - knee
	Tracer Light		full
	Tracer Light		full - knee
	Tracer Light		classic
	Tracer Light		pants - long
	Tracer Light		pants - short
	Tracer Light		classic
	Trace Rise		pants - long
	Trace Rise		pants - short

	Trace Rise		classic
	Trace Rise		full
	Trace Rise		full - knee
	Tracer A7		full - knee
	Tracer A7		pants - long
	Tracer A7		pants - short
	Tracer A7 C		full
	Tracer A7		full
	Tracer A7		full - knee
	Tracer A7	Flex - knee	full
	Tracer A7	OW	full
	Fusion		full - knee
	Fusion		classic
	Fusion		pants - long
	Fusion		pants - short
	Fusion	Racer	classic
	Sayonara	F100	full
	Sayonara	F100	full - knee
	B2	F300	full
	B4	F102	full
	B5	F201	full
	B6	F202	full
	B7	F301	full
	B10	F400	full
	B11	A14	pants - short
	B12	F103	pants - short
	B13	F500	pants - short
Yamamotohokosyo Corporation		YH-M-LONG A	full
		YH-M-LONG B	full
		YH-M-LONG X	full
		YH-L-LONG A	full
		YH-L-LONG B	full
		YH-L-LONG X	full

SWIMSUITS APPROVED ON THE MAY 2009 SESSION

Adidas	TechfitPowerweb	S8140602BJ B85779	full
	TechfitPowerweb	S8140603BJ B85777SL	full
	TechfitPowerweb	S8140609BJ B85762	full - knee
	TechfitPowerweb	S8140607BJ B85768	pants - long
	TechfitPowerweb	S8140606BJ B85771	pants - short
Agon Sport L.L.C.	2009		full - knee
	2009		pants - long
	2009		pants - short
Akron SRL	Halifax	Allison	full
	Halifax	Buster	full
	Halifax	Ark	pants - long
Arena Italia S.p.A.	Powerskin	2512450	full
	Powerskin	2512850	full
	Powerskin	2512550	full
	Powerskin	2710650	pants - long
	Powerskin	2906850	classic
	Powerskin	2710550	pants-short
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2522850	full
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2522750	full
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2522650	full
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2786650	full - knee
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2522550	full - knee
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2522450	full - knee
	Powerskin R-Evolution	2786250	pants- long

	Powerskin R-Evolution	2786550	pants-short
	Powerskin R-evolution +	2525650	full
	Powerskin R-evolution +	2525450	full
	Powerskin R-evolution +	2525350	full
	Powerskin R-evolution +	2525750	full - knee
	Powerskin R-evolution +	2525550	full - knee
	Powerskin R-evolution +	2790050	pants - long
	Powerskin X-treme	2513850	full
	Powerskin X-treme	2514350	full
	Powerskin X-treme	2513950	full
	Powerskin X-treme	2513750	full - knee
	Powerskin X-treme	2514450	full - knee
	Powerskin X-treme	2514250	full - knee
	Powerskin X-treme	2731750	pants - long
	Powerskin X-treme	2925450	classic
	Powerskin X-treme	2737650	pants-short
Asics Corporation	TIL	ALS503	full
	TIL	ALS505	full
	TIL	AMA503	pants - long
	TIL	AMA502	pants - short
	TIL	ALS502	pants - short
	TIL	ALS500	classic
	TIL	ALS504	classic
	TIL	AMA501	classic
	TIL	ALS501	classic
	TIL - Cloth	AMX964-4	full
	TIL - Cloth	ALX964-5	full
	TIL - Cloth	ALX964-6	full
	TIL - Cloth	AMX964-3	pants - long
	TIL - Functional Layered System	AMA515	full
	TIL - Functional Layered System	ALS515	full
	TIL - Functional Layered System	AMA516	pants - long
	TIL - Functional Layered System	AMA511	inner tights
	TIL - Functional Layered System	ALS511	inner tights
	TIL - Functional Layered System	AMA510	inner top
	TIL - Functional Layered System	ALS510	inner top
	TIL +	AMX1087	full
	TIL +	AMX1087-2	full
	TIL +	AMX1087	full
	TIL +	AMX1098	full
	TIL +	AMX1086	full
	TIL +	AMX1085	full
	TIL +	ALX1085-2	full
	TIL +	ALX1085	full
	TIL +	ALX1086	full
	TIL +	ALX1098	full
	TIL +	AMX1088	pants - long
	TIL +	AMX1088-2	pants - long
	TIL +	AMX1088	pants - long
	TIL +	AMX1083	classic
	TIL +	ALX1083	classic
Descente LTD	Aquaforce Panel		full
	Aquaforce Panel		full
	Aquaforce Panel		full
	Aquaforce Panel		full - knee
	Aquaforce Panel		pants - long
	Aquaforce Panel		pants - short
	Aquaforce Lite		full
	Aquaforce Lite		full
	Aquaforce Lite		full

	Aquaforce Lite		full - knee
	Aquaforce Lite		pants - long
	Aquaforce Lite		pants - short
	shin_rev		full
	shin_rev		pants - long
	shin_rev		full
	shin_rev		full
	shin_rev		classic
	shin_rev		full - knee
	shin_rev		classic
	shin_rev		pants - short
	aile bleue		full
	aile bleue		full
	aile bleue		full
	aile bleue		full - knee
	aile bleue		pants - long
	aile bleue		pants - short
	aile bleue		classic
Diana Sport	Submarine Shinning Arrow	232M SA	full
	Submarine Shinning Arrow	250W SA	full
	Submarine Shinning Arrow	251W SA	full
	Submarine Shinning Arrow	233M SA	full - knee
	Submarine Shinning Arrow	253W SA	full - knee
	Submarine Shinning Arrow	230M SA	pants - long
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	202M	full
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	210W	full
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	221W	full
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	203M	full - knee
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	213W	full - knee
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	200M	pants - long
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	201M	pants - short
	Submarine Thermo Fusion	219W	classic
Finis Inc.	Amphibian		pants - long
	Amphibian	ATS8-LTM28	pants - long
	Amphibian	ATS8-JM28	pants - short
	Amphibian Long John	ATS8-LJM32	full
	Amphibian Long John	ATS8-LJF30	full
	Amphibian Short John	ATS8-SJM31	full - knee
	Amphibian Short John	ATS8-SJF30	full - knee
	Hydrospeed 2 Brief	1.10.131.101.28	classic
	Hydrospeed 2 Clipback	1.10.024.101.28	classic
	Hydrospeed 2 Jammer	1.10.132.101.28	pants - short
	Hydrospeed 2 Race John	1.10.025.101.28	full - knee
Jaked SRL	J03		full
	J03		pants - long
Kiwami	Kameleon		full - knee
Mizuno Corporation	Accel Suits		full
	Accel Suits		pants - long
	SST	85RB-100	full
	SST	85RB-101	full
	SST	85OB-100	full
	SST	85OB-110	
	SST	85OB-111	full
	SST	85RB-10009	full
	SST	85RD-100	pants - short
	SST	85RC-100	pants - long
	Water Gene	85RB-850	full
	Water Gene	85OB-850	full
	Water Gene	85OB-851	full
	Water Gene	85OC-850	full - knee

	Water Gene	850D-850	pants - long
	Water Gene	85RC-850	
	Water Gene	85RD-850	
Orca	RS1	men	full - knee
	RS1	women	full - knee
Rocket Science Sports	Rocket Light		classic
	Rocket Light		
	Rocket Sprinter		
	Rocket Sprinter		
	Rocket Trainer		classic
	Rocket Trainer		
	Rocket 2skin		full
Sailfish GmbH	Sailfish furious		full - knee
	Sailfish furious long		full
Speedo	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05887	full
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05889	full
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05892	classic
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05891	pants - short
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05890	pants - long
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05886	full
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05885	full - knee
	FastskinXT (Flying Fish)	8-05888	classic
	LZR Racer (Male BNA)	8-018030001	full
	LZR Racer (Legskin)	8-018040001	pants - long
	LZR Racer (Jammer)	8-018050001	pants - short
	LZR Racer Pro Body Skin No Arms		full
	LZR Racer Pro Body Skin No Arms		full
	LZR Racer Pro Jammer		pants - short
	LZR Racer Pro Leg Skin		pants - long
	LZR Racer Pro Record Breaker		classic
	LZR Racer Pro Record Breaker Body		full
	LZR Racer Pro Record Breaker Knee Skin		full - knee
	Japanese LZR Hybrid	SPE015	full
	Japanese LZR Hybrid	SPE015	full
	Japanese LZR Hybrid	SPE015	full - knee
	Japanese LZR Hybrid	SPE015	pants - long
	Japanese LZR Hybrid	SPE015	pants-short
	Fastskin Pro	8 008093218	pants - short
	Fastskin Pro	8 008133218	full
	Fastskin Pro	8 008153218	classic
	Fastskin Pro	8 008143218	full - knee
	Fastskin Pro	8 008053218	full
	Aquablade	8 205157031	classic
	Aquablade	10 072 7031	classic
	Aquablade	8 101077031	pants - short
	Fastskin	8 100090001	pants - short
	Fastskin	8 100080001	pants - long
	Fastskin	8 202230001	full - knee
Sports Hig	F-09		full
	M-12		pants- long
	M-01A		pants- long
	M-10		pants- long
	M-08		pants- long
Tyr Sports Inc.	Tracer Light	A12	full
	Tracer Rise	A10	full
		A7	full
Yamamotohokosyo Corporation	YH-M-F		pants - long
	YH-M-F2		pants - long

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On May 19, 2009, FINA issued a list of swimsuits approved for competition. The approved list, which was effective immediately and is attached, includes 202 swimsuits. The Rules and Regulations Committee, under the provisions of Article 511.1, has the authority to alter or amend any provision of Part One of our rules to conform to the rules of FINA. Accordingly, effective immediately, Article 102.9 is amended as follows:

102.9.1A: Only swimwear approved by FINA, as reflected on its published list of approved swimwear, may be worn in any USA Swimming sanctioned or approved competition.

(Existing subsections A, B, and C of Article 102.9.1 shall be redesignated as subsections B, C and D, respectively.)

Since the FINA approved list only addressed new model swimsuits submitted by swimsuit manufacturers, swimmers will, until otherwise directed by FINA, also be able to wear traditional swimsuits not on the FINA approved list as long as the swimsuit meets the following criteria:

1. For female swimmers, the swimsuit shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulders or past the pelvis, and
2. For male swimmers, the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel or below the knees.

In addition to the 202 approved swimsuits on the attached FINA list, there were an additional 136 swimsuits that could be resubmitted to FINA for reconsideration and possible approval. The expected decision date for such approval is June 19, 2009. At such time as FINA publishes any list of additional swimsuits approved for competition, those additional swimsuits will also be approved for USA Swimming sanctioned or approved competitions.

FINA has also declared that only those permitted swimsuit models that are available to all World Championship competitors may be used at the FINA 2009 World Championships in Rome. To be consistent with this FINA requirement, only those permitted swimsuit models that are available to all competitors may be used at the 2009 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships and World Championship Trials to be held July 7-11, 2009. To avoid confusion, availability is defined as follows:

1. The swimsuit manufacturer is present at the 2009 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships and World Championship Trials with its approved swimsuits available for all competitors on a purchase, loan, give-away or other basis, or
2. The swimsuit manufacturer has provided to USA Swimming a written representation in the form requested by USA Swimming that its approved swimsuit will be made available before July 7, 2009 to all 2009 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships and World Championship Trials competitors on a purchase, loan, or give-away basis through retail stores, the internet, or other means. USA Swimming will publish a list of swimsuit manufacturers who have made this representation once they are received. Competitors may rely on this list as approval to wear a particular swimsuit model at the 2009 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships and World Championship Trials.

Any questions regarding the adoption of this new rule may be addressed to the Chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee. Any questions specifically regarding swimwear at World Championship Trials or Open Water World Championship Trials should be addressed to our National Team Head Coach/General Manager



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