

FAQ REGARDING THE FREESTYLE LEG OF THE MEDLEY SWIMMING EVENTS.

1. **Is a swimmer who leaves the wall in a position at or past vertical toward the breast and performing butterfly kicks considered to be performing butterfly and thereby be in violation of the rules? NO** – for a swimmer to be considered to be swimming in the style of butterfly, they would have to perform butterfly kicks as well as a double arm pull and recovery over the water.
2. **Is a swimmer who leaves the wall at or past vertical toward the breast and performs a breaststroke kick and then a breaststroke pull in violation of the rules during freestyle leg of a medley event? YES** – even though the swimmer violated the breaststroke rules which require the stroke cycle to be a pull – then kick, the swimmer would be swimming in the style of breaststroke since they performed both a breaststroke pull and a breaststroke kick which are the fundamental elements of breaststroke.
3. **Is a swimmer who rolls to a position toward their back after leaving the wall during the freestyle leg of the individual medley or medley relay to fix their goggles (or any other reason), in violation of the rule? YES** - If the swimmer is moving through the water in a position toward the back during the freestyle leg of a medley race, they should be disqualified since they swam backstroke for more than ¼ of the medley race.