

Swim Suits



You may have heard that new regulations regarding swim suits are coming into force on January 1st 2010. The new regulations are around the materials that the suits are made of and the area of the body covered by a suit. Male swimsuits can only cover from the waist to the knee and female suits should not extend beyond the shoulders or below the knee.

Apparently the newer materials used in the last year give extra buoyancy and make you swim fast; just look at the number of world records at the World Championships in Rome this year and this seems to bear out this theory. So from Jan 2010, only swimming suits made from 'textile materials' will be allowed.

Below is the link to the FINA (World governing body of swimming, not a petrol station!!) web site, listing all the approved suits for 2010.

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List of approved suits for 2010

http://www.fina.org/project/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2688&Itemid=107

Current FINA rules state:-

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 The referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any competitor whose swimsuit or body symbols do not comply with this Rule.

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.

