

NOTICE TO MSC MEMBERS

New Rule re Swimwear, Effective April 5, 2009

CMGR 5 Swimwear; The use of more than one swimsuit at a time during any MSC sanctioned competition is prohibited.

In light of new swimsuit testing and approval established by FINA for suits introduced after September 30, 2007, final results of which are not yet known, and a similar interim rule adopted in other jurisdictions, the MSC Board has approved the above rule, effective immediately.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Does this rule apply to training or warm-ups at competitions?

Answer; No. During competition only.

Am I allowed to use bras, athletic supporters or other modesty wear during a competition?

Answer; Yes. The rule is directed at new high performance suits introduced since October 1, 2007 including the LZR, TYR and BlueSeventy, however you cannot wear two swimsuits of any kind during a competition.

Does that mean I must wear the same suit during the whole competition?

Answer; No. You can only wear one suit while participating in an event. You can change to another suit for your next event.

I want to buy a new high performance suit. When will we know what suits are legal?

Answer; We don't know. FINA is looking at this and we understand are attempting to deal with it as quickly as possible. There is a FINA Congress in Rome in July, we assume we will hear by then at the latest.

Can I continue to wear my high performance suit in Canadian Masters competitions?

Answer; Yes. These suits are legal until we hear from FINA to the contrary. Again with the proviso that you can only wear one suit at a time.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions.

[Chris Smith, Chair, Rules Committee](#)