



Singapore Swimming Swimsuit Guidelines

The following guidelines are effective as of January 1st 2010.

The objective is to create a consistent 'common sense' application of the FINA rules and to ensure that our swimmers are not burdened with excessive additional cost.

General Swimsuit Guidelines

1. The swimsuits of all swimmers shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual sports discipline.
2. All swimsuits shall be non transparent and must conform with the FINA approved standards in all respect.
or
3. Until otherwise directed by SSA, swimmers may wear "traditional" swimsuits provided the suits meet the following criteria:
 - (i) Swimwear for men shall not extend above the navel or below the knee. Swimwear for women shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the knee.
 - (ii) No zippers or other fastening devices are allowed except for a waist tie on traditional swimsuits.
 - (iii) Suits must be of textile material and must not contain any non-textile material such as polyurethane or neoprene.
4. The referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any competitor whose swimsuit does not comply with this rule.
5. 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 registered as parts of a swimsuit.
6. No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device or swimsuit that may aid his/her speed, buoyancy or endurance during a competition (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, etc.). Goggles may be worn. Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by FINA Sport Medicine Committee.



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Implementing the New Swimsuit Rules

These Guidelines have been updated to fall into line with the recent swimsuit rule changes made by FINA. The list of FINA approved suits for 2010 can be found on the FINA website here.

http://www.fina.org/project/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2768&Itemid=107

This list is not all-inclusive and is not the final list. As additional suits are approved, they will be added to the list by FINA so it is recommended to revisit this site regularly if you are in doubt.

Please note that in some cases the suit models reflected on FINA's list have the same name as previously manufactured suits which do not meet the new technical swimsuit requirements. Before purchasing any of the suits on the list, be sure to ask if the suit is the new model which meets the new requirements. New suits will also be tagged as FINA approved swimsuits and only those suits bearing this tag will be considered FINA approved by SSA.

In addition to the FINA approved swimsuits, these Regulations allow the use of "traditional swimsuits" provided the suits meet the criteria mentioned in the Guidelines.

Age Group Events

In addition to the FINA Approved list the swimsuit guidelines for age group events allow competitors to wear swimsuits that have not been approved by FINA provided they meet the guidelines relating to textile material, fastening devices and coverage.

Records

SSA national records can only be ratified if performed in a swimsuit that meets the General Swimsuit Guidelines.