

GENERAL POOL COMPETITION SWIMWEAR RULES

FINA rulings on Swimwear apply to Masters Swimming WA competitions. Note that swimwear includes caps and goggles.

- Only one pair of swimwear may be worn. You may not wear bras or other garments beneath your swimsuit as this counts as two pairs.
- No watches, arm bands, leg bands, pacing devices, dangling jewellery or other accessory may be worn/used while competing
- Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the referee.
- Basic jewellery (small earrings or piercings etc.) need not be removed for pool events unless swimming two swimmers to a lane.

FINA General Rule 5:

- 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.
- 5.2 All swimsuits shall be non-transparent. It is permissible to wear two (2) caps.
- 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.

FINA By-Laws:

- 8.2 In pool and open water 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
- 8.3 For pool swimming competitions swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.

FINA Criteria for Swimwear Approval:

- Decency: the wearing of the swimsuit shall not offend morality and good taste (in particular, but not exclusively, because of the cut of the suit and body parts exposure whether covered or not).
- Men's swimsuits shall not extend above the navel or below the knee. Women's swimsuits shall not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders, or below the knee.
- Men's swimsuits are in one piece. Subject to observance of the decency rule and limitations of the body surface covered, women's swimsuits may be in one or two pieces. Other items covering the body that are not part of the swimsuit are prohibited.
- Colours can vary freely. Colour does not affect compliance provided the pattern/design is not in poor taste.
- The material of your swimsuit must be safe, flexible textile fabric. The material shall be regular and flat. The overall thickness limitation is 0.8mm including any lining materials (maximum of two layers total) required for support or hygiene.
- No zippers or other fastening system is allowed. Seams shall be limited to functional systems and shall not create outside shapes.

ACCEPTABLE SWIMWEAR EXAMPLES - FEMALE

You may only wear one pair of bathers. Swimwear for women may be one or two pieces. Colour and pattern do not matter.



Performance suits are permitted provided they do not extend past the knee or shoulders, do not cover the neck, and have no zippers, fastenings or appliques.



Racer-back one pieces are permitted provided they have no zippers, fastenings or appliques. Swimsuits must not be see-through.



Other strap variations of one piece swimwear are permitted provided they do not have any bra-like clasps, fastenings, zippers, loose ties or appliques and have appropriate coverage. Swimsuits must not be see-through.



Two-piece swimsuits including bikinis and tankinis may be worn provided they have an appropriate amount of coverage, no zippers, fastenings or appliques. Swimsuits must not be see-through.

NON-COMPLIANT SWIMWEAR EXAMPLES - FEMALE



Bra-like clasps/fastenings are not permitted, Bras may not be worn underneath your swimsuit either as they will violate the one pair of bathers rule.



Swimwear must not extend past the shoulder, or have zippers. This swimwear is also made of neoprene which would violate the 0.8mm thickness rule. No neoprene or buoyant fabrics are permitted. This includes wetsuits and swimrun suits.



Appliques (e.g frills, fringe, gems) are not permitted. Loose fastening ties like these are not permitted.



Plunge, brazillian, cheeky, skimpy or sheer styles are not appropriate for competition swimming and will violate decency rules. The cut of the swimwear must be in good taste and provide adequate coverage and support. Swimwear must not be see-through. Loose fastening ties, clasps and appliques are not permitted.



Swimwear that extends past the shoulder is not permitted. Bra-like clasps/fastenings are not permitted.

Rash shirts/t-shirts are not permitted.

ACCEPTABLE SWIMWEAR EXAMPLES - MALE

You may only wear one pair of bathers. Swimwear for men can only be only one piece. Colour and pattern do not matter.



Jammers/longer swimshorts are permitted provided they do not go below the knee or above the navel. Swimwear cannot have clips/fastenings or appliques that create an outside shape.



Swimshorts are permitted provided they do not go below the knee or above the navel. No ties or appliques.



Trunks are permitted provided they have adequate coverage and do not go above the navel. No ties or appliques.



Briefs are permitted provided they have adequate coverage and do not go above the navel. No ties or appliques.

NON-COMPLIANT SWIMWEAR EXAMPLES - MALE

Some cuts/styles of swimwear are not appropriate for competition swimming and will violate decency rules. The cut of the swimwear must be in good taste and provide adequate coverage and support. Swimwear must not be see-through. Loose fastening ties, clasps and appliques are not permitted.



Board Shorts are not permitted. Wearing any underwear/swimwear underneath these will violate the one pair of bathers rule. Without swimwear/underwear beneath these, they would violate the decency rules.



Buoyancy swimwear is not permitted. This includes wetsuits of any kind. This swimwear is made of neoprene which would also violate the 0.8mm thickness rule.



Wetsuits, swimrun suits and triathlon suits are not permitted to be worn. They are buoyant, too thick and have zippers and appliques that create outside shapes.

T-shirts, rashies and performance suits are not permitted. Two piece swimwear is not permitted for men.