

FINA Rule Amendments are in effect December 3, 2014

The following document indicates the amended or new rules specific to pool swimming which were instituted at the FINA Extraordinary Congress Nov 29, 2014.

Blue = new wording

(New) = new rule

A 'clean version' follows.

CMSW 2 OFFICIALS

CMSW 2.1 Referee

CMSW 2.1.5 (New) A disqualification for starting before the starting signal must be observed and confirmed by both the starter and the referee.

CMSW 2.1.5 (To be renumbered 2.1.6) The referee shall disqualify any swimmer for any **other** violation of the rules that he personally observes.....

CMSW 2.1.6 (To be renumbered 2.1.7)

CMSW 2.6 Inspector of Turns

CMSW 2.6.3 (New) In individual events of 800 and 1500 metres, each **an** inspector of turns at the start or turning end of the pool shall record the number of laps completed by the swimmer in his lane and keep the swimmer informed of the remaining number of laps to be completed by displaying "lap cards". **Semi-e**lectronic equipment may be used, including under water display.

CMSW 2.6.3 renumbered to SW 2.6.4 and thereafter

CMSW 6 BACKSTROKE

CMSW 6.1 Prior to the starting signal, the swimmers shall line up in the water facing the starting end, with both hands holding the starting grips. Standing in or on the gutter or bending the toes over the lip of the gutter is prohibited. When using a backstroke ledge at the start, the toes of both feet must be in contact with the end wall or face of the touchpad. Bending the toes over the top of the touchpad is prohibited.

CMSW 6.2 (New) When a backstroke ledge is being used, each inspector at the starting end shall install and remove the ledge after the start.

CMSW 6.2 renumbered to CMSW 6.3 and thereafter

CMSW 7 BREASTSTROKE

CMSW 7.1 After the start and after each turn, the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs during which the swimmer may be submerged. At any time prior to the first Breaststroke kick after the start and after each turn a A single butterfly kick is permitted ~~during the first arm stroke followed by a breaststroke kick.~~

CLEAN VERSION:

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CMSW 2.1.5 A disqualification for starting before the starting signal must be observed and confirmed by both the starter and the referee.

CMSW 2.1.6 The referee shall disqualify any swimmer for any other violation of the rules that he personally observes. The referee may also disqualify any swimmer for any violation reported to him by other authorised officials. All disqualifications are subject to the decision of the referee. The referee shall ensure that the swimmer is notified of the disqualification. If, in the opinion of the referee, a swimmer intentionally fouls another swimmer or is abusive to an official, the referee shall report the matter to MSC. The referee may have any person who is being abusive or disrupting the competition removed from the premises.

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CMSW 10.21 No pace-making shall be permitted, nor may any device be used or plan adopted which has that effect. No watches, pacing and musical devices may be worn during a competition. ~~Lap counters may be allowed by the referee for long distance events. Electronic lap counting equipment may be used, including under water display.~~