

PART “B”

GENERAL RULES

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GR 5	SWIMWEAR	
GR 5.3	Bureau	<p style="color: red;">In swimming competitions, the competitor must wear swimsuit in one or two pieces which shall not extend beyond the ankles, the wrists and the neck. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">New Rule - BL 8.2</p>
GR 5.3	USA Fed. Bureau does not recommend	<p>In swimming competitions, the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces which shall not extend beyond the ankles, the wrists and the neck. cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor past the knee. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit.</p>
GR 5.6	Bureau	<p style="color: red;">The manufacturers must ensure that the approved new swimsuit will be available for all competitors</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">New Rule – BL 8.1</p>
GR 5.6	USA Fed. Bureau does not recommend	<p>The manufacturers must ensure that the approved new swimsuit will be available for all competitors for 12 months prior to the Olympic Games.</p>
<u>GR 5.7</u> <u>NEW</u>	FRA Fed. Bureau does not recommend	<p><u>All swimwear to be used at the Olympic Games and FINA World Championships must be approved by FINA at least 12 months before the start of the respective competition.</u></p>
GR 7	SUBSTITUTION, DISQUALIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL	
GR 7.1	TSC Bureau recommends	<p>Any entered competitor may be substituted by another entered competitor at the Technical Meeting Team Leaders Meeting. It is mandatory for the Team Managers a representative of the Federations to take part in the Technical Meeting Team Leaders Meeting. Failing to do so will result in a fine of 100 Swiss Francs.</p>
GR 7.2	TSC & TSSC Bureau recommends	<p>In all competitions except water polo, a competitor or team not wishing to take part in a semi-final or final in which qualification was earned shall withdraw within thirty (30) minutes following the preliminaries or the semi-finals of the event in which the qualification took place. The member federation of any competitor who withdraws from the heats/preliminary rounds after the Technical Meeting Team Leaders Meeting or from a semi-final or final more than thirty (30) minutes after the preliminaries or semi-finals of the event in which qualification was earned, shall pay without excuse to the honorary treasurer the sum of one-hundred (100) swiss francs; in case of a relay, duet, or team or combination, the sum shall be two-hundred (200) swiss francs.</p>
GR 9	OLYMPIC GAMES, WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m) AND GENERAL RULES FOR FINA COMPETITIONS	

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GR 9.2.2	TSC <i>Bureau recommends</i>	<p>Protest must be submitted</p> <p>(a) to the referee,</p> <p>(b) in writing on FINA Forms,</p> <p>(c) by the responsible team leader only,</p> <p>(d) together with a deposit of 100 Swiss Francs or its equivalent, and</p> <p>(e) within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective - event or match.</p> <p>If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.</p>																								
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GR 9.6	PROGRAMMING											
GR 9.6.1.3 NEW	Feds: ISL, DEN, NOR, SWE Bureau & TSC do not recommend	<p>The age limit for all FINA Swimming events should be at least 15 years of age.</p> <p><i>Renumber thereafter</i></p>										
GR 9.7	Awards – World Championships											
GR 9.7.1	TSC <i>Bureau recommends</i>	<p>Medals: Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals shall be awarded to the first three places in individual events and team final competitions.</p> <p>Diplomas: Using 8 lanes in Swimming: Diplomas are awarded to all eight finalists in individual events and to the first six finalists in team competitions. Using 10 lanes in Swimming: Diplomas are awarded to all 10 finalists in individual events and to the first eight finalists in team competitions.</p>										
GR 9.8.1	TSC <i>Bureau recommends</i>	<p>Swimming <i>Individual using 8 lanes:</i> Places 1 – 16: 18,16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 points</p> <p><i>Relays using 8 lanes:</i> Places 1 – 8: 36, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22, 20 points.</p> <p><i>Individual using 10 lanes:</i> Places 1 – 20: 22,20,19,18,17,16,15,14,13,12,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1</p> <p><i>Relays using 10 lanes:</i> Places 1 – 10: 40,36,34,32,30,28,26,24,22,20</p> <p>A trophy shall be awarded to the top scoring team. Trophies shall be given to the top scoring male and female based upon the following:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">First Place</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Place</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Place</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fourth Place</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1 point</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Individual World Record</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2 points for each record broken</td> </tr> </table> <p>If there is a tie, the FINA Points Table shall be used and a decision made by the Swimming Commission.</p>	First Place	5 points	Second Place	3 points	Third Place	2 points	Fourth Place	1 point	Individual World Record	2 points for each record broken
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