



Frequently Asked Questions on Uniforms and Contest Delays Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – 2020-2021

(This document includes specific NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules references where applicable.)

1. *What words, logos and symbols are allowed on the swimsuit?*

- One post-construction impermeable institutional marking or logo may be applied to the swimsuit. (Rule 3-1-3)

Examples: School name, mascot name, Institutional logo

- As authorized by the institution/conference, one commemorative/memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes) may be placed on the swimsuit OR cap. If placed on the suit, as stipulated in Rule 3.1.d.3 in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book, the additional logo/patch placed on the suit must be permeable.

2. *What size restrictions are there for these?*

The institutional mark or logo must not exceed 9 square inches. (Rule 3-1-3).

The commemorative/memorial patch must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure and does not exceed 2¼-square inches.

3. *May the uniform or swimsuit contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?*

See above for words/logos that are permitted on the swimsuit.

4. *May the required apparel/equipment contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?*

As stated above, as authorized by the institution/conference, one commemorative/memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes) may be placed on the swimsuit OR cap.

5. *Are words, slogans, messaging, etc. allowed on other uniform items?*

Exceptions to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4, for commemorative ribbons or patches on uniform items, other than the swimsuits, may be obtained through the normal NCAA compliance process.

6. *How does the unsportsmanlike acts rule apply to improper swimsuits and/or messaging?*

The referee or meet committee can consider unsporting or unsafe conduct for disciplinary action. The use of illegal equipment or swim suits is considered improper conduct (Rule 2-6).

7. *What is the penalty for wearing a swim suit that does not meet the criteria?*

If a student-athlete competes in an illegal swimsuit, that student-athlete shall be disqualified from that event. If the event is a relay, the disqualification would apply to the relay team (3-1-f).

8. *What is the rule regarding refusal to compete?*

During a championship meet format, failure to compete in a preliminary heat for any reason other than medical cause will result in a disqualification for the competitor(s) from that event. Failure to compete in a final heat, except for medical cause shall result in a disqualification for the competitor from that event and prohibit further competition in the meet. In a non-championship meet, a competitor shall be disqualified from that event only and charged with participation in that event (Rule 5-1-1-a).

9. *Are there any playing rules that specify protocols for student-athletes and/or coaches during the national anthem?*

No. Participants should be allowed to express their opinions (e.g., kneeling during the national anthem) as long as the action does not delay or disrupt competition.

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