



## **NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES WAIVER**

**December 3, 2020**

### **Relay Social Distancing**

#### **Rule 5-7: Open Lanes**

Rule 5-7; "Note: When seeding the swimmers, intentionally leaving empty lanes between them is not permitted."

#### **Waiver:**

A single lane may intentionally be left open between relays, and they may be contested in multiple heats in dual meets, invitational meets, non-NCAA Championship meets, and NCAA Championship meets, for the purpose of social distancing, for the 2020-2021 NCAA Swimming Season.

Time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards for relay events achieved utilizing this seeding procedure may be considered for NCAA Championship qualifying and NCAA records.

This waiver applies to relays only and not individual events. If this seeding procedure is adopted, the same seeding procedure must be utilized for all relay events in that respective meet, invitational, or championship.

#### **Supporting Rules:**

Currently, multiple heats may be contested in dual meets as per Rule 8-1-3. In addition, Rule 5-2-1a states; "By mutual consent of all participating coaches, more than one heat may be swum. Thus, the number of entries per team may be increased to reflect the number of heats.

#### **Rationale:**

Based on the number of athletes in relay events, social distancing is very difficult, and the current rules support the use of multiple heats of scoring relays. This waiver allows a single lane to be intentionally left open between teams, to allow for greater social distancing.