



2021-22 and 2022-23 Swimming and Diving Rules Changes

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel. They will be incorporated into the rules book during the next publication for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons.

Rule	Proposal, Rationale
1-6 Pool markings	<p>Standardize the size and distance of pool lines on the bottom of <u>new</u> facilities, to match USA Swimming and FINA Rules. Specifically, the T will be 2 meters (6' 7") from the end wall, not 5 feet.</p> <p>Rationale: For new facilities to have standard markings consistent with the technical rules officials use to officiate competition.</p>
3-4 Artificial Aids	<p>Permit the use of kinesiology tape for divers during competition.</p> <p>Rationale: To ease current restrictions on common practice for divers that is currently permitted in USA Diving and FINA competition.</p>
4-1 Number of Officials	<p>It is the host institution or conference meet committee's responsibility to ensure compliance and that the minimum number of officials have been contracted for each meet. However, a meet may be conducted with less than the minimum number of officials in the event of unforeseen circumstances, if there is mutual consent among the competing institutions.</p> <p>Rationale: To allow relief in the event the number of officials falls below the minimum required number of officials due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>
6-3-4-b Practice	<p>Adjust language: The divers shall be allowed one practice forward approach or one back takeoff approach before the start of the diving competition.</p> <p>Rationale: To create consistent warm-up opportunity for all individual events, both swimming and diving, during the course of the competition.</p>
9 Bona Fide Competition	<p>Adjust the wording around the bona fide competition criterion referencing USA Swimming and USA Diving meets. The proposed language refers to the criteria listed under "Or" in the criteria for Bona Fide Competition.</p> <p>Original language:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any bona fide meet as defined above and that is sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming and USA Diving that follows NCAA rules and regulations.• The FINA Short Course World Championships, provided the student-athlete who is representing his/her national team is currently an eligible student-athlete at his/her institution at the time of this event. <p>Proposed language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competition is between two or more teams of the same gender at the same time and site, from different collegiate institutions;• Any bona fide meet as defined above and that is sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming and USA Diving that follows NCAA rules and regulations.• Select USA Swimming and Diving Meets which are acceptable for achievement of time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards, may be designated each year by the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championship Committee. <p>Examples include USA Swimming National Championships, FINA Short Course World Championships, and USA Swimming Pro Series Meets.</p> <p>Rationale: It is the intent that participation in any of the designated USA Swimming and Diving Meet(s) is for the team, as a formal part of the institutional schedule, representing their institution, and not for individual participants.</p>
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