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VIA EMAIL

TO: Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Conference Commissioners and Head Coaches.

FROM: Greg Lockard, secretary-rules editor,
NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Preseason Reminders.

With the new playing season upon us, I would like to wish the entire membership the best of luck during the coming season.

The NCAA swimming and diving rules book was published on Sept. 1, 2021 and will remain in effect through the completion of the 2022-2023 season.

The items presented in this communication include recent interpretation(s) and reminders of key pre-season items and deadlines that may be applicable to you or your institution.

I look forward to working closely with the membership to continue to improve and elevate the sport of swimming and diving. Throughout the year, if you have questions or need to request an interpretation, please contact me via email at greg@swimdiverules.com or by phone at (973) 486-5501.

Interpretations

After review of the swimwear language listed in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book (Rule 3, Article 1, and Article 2), the following clarification is intended to provide additional guidance to the membership prior to the 2022-23 academic year.

Current Rules Language

Rule 3, Article 1 Competitors' uniforms and swimsuits should be characterized by conformity to recognized standards of propriety.

*Subsequent items under Article 1 speak to the Material, Design, Construction and Customization of a swimmer's swimsuit.

Swimwear for Divers

ARTICLE 2. Competitors' uniforms and swimsuits should be characterized by conformity to recognized standards of propriety. Swimwear for divers is bound by the same articles as swimsuits for swimmers regarding manufacturer's logos as it applies to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4. Rules relating to permeability and number of suits for swimmers does not apply for competitors in diving events.

Recommended Interpretation

Rule 3, Article 1.

Competitors' uniforms and swimsuits must meet the standards below.

**Subsequent items under Article 1 speak to the Material, Design, Construction and Customization of a swimmer's swimsuit would remain the same.*

Swimwear for Swimmers and Divers:

Article 2:

a. Swimmers and divers must wear the swimsuit that is gender specific for the respective competition. That is, a women's suit must be worn in women's competition and a men's suit must be worn in men's competition, inclusive of all warmups, trials, finals, and any time trial sessions.

b. Swimwear for divers is bound by the same articles as swimsuits for swimmers regarding manufacturer's logos as it applies to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.4. Rules relating to permeability and number of suits for swimmers does not apply for competitors in diving events.

Notes:

1 All student-athletes are relegated to the rules that apply to the specific gender meet that they are participating in.

2. Waivers may be granted for medical issues that require coverage due to a medical condition.

Backstroke Ledges - When backstroke ledges are utilized, they must be positioned and utilized as intended by the manufacturer, which includes a maximum of 10 degrees of slope. Specifically, the ledge(s) may not be turned or adjusted to change the intended use or exceed the maximum of 10 degrees of slope. (Rule 2-2-1-a)

Pre-Season Review Items

Sept. 1: Deadline for host institutions to notify opponents that they are required to eliminate diving at home meets because of a facility that does not conform to minimum depth standards (Rule 6-1-3-c). Under these circumstances, diving must be eliminated from all home competition during the current academic year, and no points will be awarded for diving events.

Sept. 1: If an institution not having three-meter equipment does not wish to compete in three-meter events at away meets, it must notify each host institution at the time of contract

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or not later than Sept. 1 of that academic year (Rule 6-1-2-b). In this case, two one-meter events shall be held as prescribed in Rule 6-1-2-a.

Sept. 1: If a host institution has no three-meter equipment available, it must notify all opponents of the facility limitations at the contracted time of the agreement, or not later than Sept. 1 of the academic year Rule 6-1-2-c). In this case, two, one-meter events shall be held as prescribed in Rule 6-1-2-a.

Please Note: If the host institution fails to notify the visiting team as prescribed (by Sept. 1) that it does not have a one-and/or three-meter facility, then the visiting team shall be awarded the maximum number of points any one team could score in both events had both events been held. The host institution shall receive no points for either the one-meter or three-meter events (6-1-2-d).

Additionally, the choice to not have divers or a diving program is an individual institutional decision, but, does not automatically eliminate the diving events when an institution travels to an away contest or at a conference championship meet. The events are still conducted for any institutions with divers entered.

Seven Days Prior to First Competition: Per rule 3.1.1.d.6, swimmers or divers with physical disabilities or with a need for a religious exception from the swimsuit rule may request a waiver for customization from the NCAA swimming and diving secretary-rules editor at least one week before the individual's first competition.

2023 NCAA Championships:

- Division II Men and Women – Indianapolis, IN (March 8-11, 2023)
- Division III Men and Women – Greensboro, NC, (March 15-18, 2023)
- Division I Women – Knoxville, TN (March 15-18, 2023)
- Division I Men – Minneapolis, MN (March 22-25, 2023)

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cc: NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Committee
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