

COMPETITION STATEMENTS OF APPLICATION

The following document has been developed for referees to provide a consistent application of rules at competitions sanctioned by Swim Alberta. It is understood that while there may be differences between provinces or at the National and International levels, the following are to be applied by all Alberta referees at competitions at the provincial level and below.

The Statements of Application have been developed by the Alberta Officials Committee following the Officials Round Table Discussion at the 2022 Swim Alberta Conference. The Alberta Officials Committee carefully considered all feedback received before publishing this document. Thank you to all officials who participated and contributed.

Jury of Appeal

Swim Alberta recommends that the Meet Manager, in consultation with the advisory referee (or session referee, if no advisory referee) ask the disputing coach if they would like an impartial coach to sit on the jury of appeal. If yes, Meet Manager, in consultation with the Advisory Referee (or session referee, if no advisory referee) will seek out and select an impartial coach. This is recommended for all competitions.

Taping

Taping and splinting will be allowed at all Swim Alberta sanctioned competitions. If a decision is required, it will be made by the Advisory Referee and will carry throughout the competition. If an Advisory Referee is not in place, the decision made by the first session referee will carry throughout the competition.

Swimming Canada has determined that taping provides little, if any, performance enhancement for age-group swimmers but it does support the safety and well-being of athletes.

Wearable Technology

If the referee is aware of a device that transmits data, sounds, or signals, either turned on or off, the referee shall ask the swimmer to remove it. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Swimwear at Competitions

All swimmers are permitted to race with the swimwear of their choosing at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Alberta. It is not required to declare the choice of swimwear to the Referee if the fabric of the swimwear is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to create a technical advantage in terms of speed, buoyancy, or endurance. See the briefing notes for briefing all officials.

Year round and Summer Swimming Competitions

All referees are to apply the rules and processes consistently in both streams.