

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. The allowance will be based on a doctor's note or physiotherapist note presented to the advisory, or session referee if no advisory referee is in place.

Tempo Trainers

If the referee is aware of a tempo trainer, either turned on or off, the referee shall ask the swimmer to remove it. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

Modesty Wear

All swimmers are permitted to race with modesty wear at all competitions sanctioned by Swim Alberta. It is not required to declare the use of modesty wear to the Referee. See the briefing notes for briefing all officials.

Modesty wear is considered additional body coverage using a fabric that is a permeable open mesh textile and would not reasonably be seen to be creating a technical advantage, meaning it does not aid buoyancy, strength, speed or endurance.

Year round and Summer Swimming Competitions

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