



**RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF
AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING EVENTS**

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CR 1 Conducting Australian Swimming Events

Australian swimming events shall be conducted under the rules of World Aquatics (WA) and World Para Swimming, except in so far as they are varied by these rules.

All events conducted by Swimming Australia shall be conducted under these rules unless otherwise notified prior to the event. Where possible, these rules and any changes to the rules will be made public no later than three months prior to the next Championships event to ensure all participants have time to digest the relevant information.

CR 2 Confirmation of Date and Location of Australian Swimming Events

Australian swimming events shall be conducted in the states and territories of Australia subject to the control of Swimming Australia and the suitability of facilities in the states. The venue of the Australian Long Course, Age and Short Course Swimming Championships shall be proposed and approved by Swimming Australia.

CR 2.1 The dates of all Australian swimming events will be announced by Swimming Australia.

CR 2.2 No member organisation will be permitted to conduct a state championship fixture during the period of any Australian swimming event or international event conducted by Swimming Australia without written consent from Swimming Australia.

CR 3 Australian Long Course Swimming Championships

Swimming Australia shall each year conduct the Australian Long Course Swimming Championships over a period of up to eight successive days, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Australia.

The order of events and the duration of the championships shall be proposed by Swimming Australia, who shall give as much notice as possible of such determination to the member organisations.

The following events shall be contested by both men and women:

Events:

Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m
Backstroke	50m, 100m and 200m
Breaststroke	50m, 100m and 200m
Butterfly	50m, 100m and 200m
Individual Medley	200m and 400m
Club Medley Relay	4x100m
Club Freestyle Relay	4x100m and 4x200m
Club Mixed Medley Relay	4x100m
Club Mixed Freestyle Relay	4x100m

The following Multi-Class (MC) events shall be contested by both men and women with an impairment:

Distance	Stroke	Classification
50m	Freestyle	S1-S19
100m	Freestyle	S1-S19
200m	Freestyle	S1-S19
400m	Freestyle	S6-S19
50m	Backstroke	S1-S19
100m	Backstroke	S1-S19
50m	Breaststroke	SB1-SB19
100m	Breaststroke	SB3-SB19
50m	Butterfly	S4-S19
100m	Butterfly	S7-S19
150m	Individual Medley	SM2-SM4
200m	Individual Medley	SM5-SM19

These events may be conducted over more than one Australian swimming event. Other events including MC events may be included as determined by Swimming Australia from time to time, and the classifications may be adjusted to meet participation, development and performance needs as required. Heats and Finals will be conducted for all MC events unless otherwise determined by Swimming Australia.

CR 4 Australian Short Course Swimming Championships

Swimming Australia shall each year conduct the Australian Short Course Swimming Championships over a period of up to six successive days, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Australia.

The events to be contested shall be the same as those swum at the Australian Long Course Swimming Championships with the exception that the mixed relays will be 4x50m freestyle and medley, and the addition of the 100m individual medley for both men and women.

The order of events and the duration of the championships shall be proposed by Swimming Australia, who shall give as much notice as possible of such determination to the member organisations.

CR 5 Australian Age Swimming Championships

Swimming Australia shall each year conduct the Australian Age Swimming Championships over a period of up to eight successive days, unless otherwise approved by Swimming Australia. The following events will be contested as part of the championships:

	Stroke	Metres	13yrs	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17yrs
Girls	Freestyle	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
		400m	x	x	x	x	x
		800m	x	x	x	x	x
		1500m	x	x	x	x	x
Girls	Backstroke	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
Girls	Breaststroke	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
Girls	Butterfly	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
Girls	Medley	200m	x	x	x	x	x
		400m	x	x	x	x	x
	Stroke	Metres	14yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17yrs	18yrs
Boys	Freestyle	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
		400m	x	x	x	x	x
		800m	x	x	x	x	x
		1500m	x	x	x	x	x
Boys	Backstroke	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
Boys	Breaststroke	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
Boys	Butterfly	50m	x	x	x	x	x
		100m	x	x	x	x	x
		200m	x	x	x	x	x
Boys	Medley	200m	x	x	x	x	x
		400m	x	x	x	x	x

	Stroke	Metres	13-14yrs	15-16yrs	17 & under	13-17yrs
Girls	Club Freestyle and Medley Relays	4x50m	x	x	x	
		4x100m				x
	State Freestyle Relay	4x50m	x	x	x	
	Stroke	Metres	14-15yrs	16-17yrs	18 & under	14-18yrs
Boys	Club Freestyle and Medley Relays	4x50m	x	x	x	
		4x100m				x
	State Freestyle Relay	4x50m	x	x	x	

	Stroke	Metres	13g/14b	14g/15b	15g/16b	16g/17b	17g/18b
Mixed	State Medley Relay	4x50m	x	x	x	x	x

Swimmers may only contest one club 4x50m freestyle relay, one club 4x50m medley relay, one club 4x100m freestyle relay, one club 4x100m medley relay, one state 4x50m freestyle relay and one state 4x50m medley relay across the Championships.

Each state may enter one team in each state relay event.

Mixed State Medley Relays must consist of two female and two male swimmers from the relevant age band. The first age band is the age of the female swimmers, and the second age band is the age of the male swimmers, unless otherwise determined by Swimming Australia.

Eg 1. The 13/14yrs relay must consist of 2 x 13 year old female swimmers and 2 x 14 year old male swimmers.

Eg 2. The 16/17yrs relay must consist of 2 x 16 year old female swimmers and 2 x 17 year old male swimmers.

The following MC events shall be contested by boys and girls swimmers with an impairment:

Distance	Stroke	Ages	Classification
50m	Freestyle	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
100m	Freestyle	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
200m	Freestyle	12-14yrs & 15-18yrs	S1-S19
400m	Freestyle	12-14yrs & 15-18yrs	S6-S19
50m	Backstroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
100m	Backstroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S1-S19
50m	Breaststroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	SB1-SB19
100m	Breaststroke	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	SB3-SB19
50m	Butterfly	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S4-S19
100m	Butterfly	12-13yrs, 14-15yrs & 16-18yrs	S7-S19
150m	Individual Medley	12-18yrs	SM2-SM4
200m	Individual Medley	12-14yrs & 15-18yrs	SM5-SM19

The order of events and the duration of the championships shall be proposed by Swimming Australia, who shall give as much notice as possible of such determination to member organisations. The classifications may be adjusted by Swimming Australia to meet participation, development and performance needs as required.

CR 6 Classification

Australian swimming events for nationally and internationally classified swimmers with an impairment shall be conducted in multi-class (MC) format. Swimmers must hold an eligible classification as outlined in CR 10(d). Heats of MC events shall be seeded fastest to slowest. Placings for each event shall be determined using the multi-class point score system.

In accordance with MC 2.17 a classified swimmer may require assistance from support staff.

CR 7 Qualifying Times

Swimming Australia shall adopt a qualifying time for each distance and stroke and/or classification for all Australian swimming events. Advice of the approved qualifying times shall be published on the Swimming Australia website.

CR 7.1 The qualifying times for Australian long course swimming events, with the exception of the Australian Age Swimming Championships, must have been achieved at an approved meet in a 50m pool using electronic timing (including semi-automatic timing (SAT) at any time after 1 January in the year prior to the year in which the events are held, unless otherwise stated in the event information.

CR 7.2 The qualifying times for Australian short course swimming events must have been achieved at an approved meet in a 25m pool, using electronic timing (including SAT) at any time after 1 January in the year prior to the year in which the events are held. For swimmers who do not have a time in a 25m pool, a time in a 50m pool will be accepted without any conversion factor.

CR 7.3 The qualifying times for the Australian Age Swimming Championships must have been achieved at an approved meet in a 50m pool using electronic timing (including SAT) at any time on or after 1 May in the year prior to the year in which the championships are held, unless otherwise stated in the event information.

CR 7.4 If a swimmer does not swim faster than the qualifying time during the heats of an event, they are not eligible to compete in the final of that event, nor be listed as a reserve.

CR 8 Facility Requirements

CR 8.1 Australian long course swimming events shall preferably be conducted in an indoor heated 50m pool with 10 lanes and that is not less than 25m wide with adequate:

- (a) Automatic Officiating Equipment
- (b) Video backup timing equipment
- (c) Seating for swimmers and public
- (d) Warm up and swim down facilities
- (e) Facilities for television broadcast and media

CR 8.2 Australian short course swimming events shall preferably be conducted in an indoor heated 25m pool with not less than 10 lanes with adequate:

- (a) Automatic Officiating Equipment
- (b) Video backup timing equipment
- (c) Seating for swimmers and public
- (d) Warm up and swim down facilities
- (e) Facilities for television broadcast and media

Australian short course swimming events that are non-selection events, shall preferably be conducted in an indoor heated 25m pool with not less than eight lanes.

CR 9 Smoking at Australian Swimming Events

No smoking shall be permitted in any area designated for swimmers, either prior to or during competitions.

CR 10 Eligibility

Australian swimming events are open to:

- (a) Swimmers eligible to represent Australia that are Australian citizens and meet all other eligibility criteria to represent Australia and who are registered with a member organisation and meet the entry qualifying time as per CR 7
- (b) Members of other federations affiliated to WA who meet the entry qualifying time as per CR 7 and hold a valid clearance from their federation. Swimmers entering under these conditions will be considered a visitor
- (c) Non-Australian citizens who are registered with a member organisation and meet the entry qualifying time as per CR 7. Swimmers entering under these conditions will be considered a visitor
- (d) Swimmers with an impairment who hold a current national or international classification according to the classification database held by Swimming Australia, in line with eligibility requirements outlined in the Swimming Australia classification policy and procedures for classes 1-10 (physical), 11-13 (vision impaired), 14 (intellectual impairment), 15 (hearing impairment), 16 (transplant recipient), 17 (transition), 18 (intellectual impairment with a significant other impairment) and 19 (autism) are eligible to compete
- (e) The minimum age for swimmers at open Australian swimming events is 13 years for females, 14 years for males and 12 years for MC swimmers as at the first day of competition
- (f) The minimum age for any swimmer at Australian Age Swimming Championships is 13 years for girls, 14 years for boys and 12 years for MC swimmers as at the first day of the competition

CR 10.1 A swimmer who is a member of another federation affiliated to WA is not eligible to represent or score points for a club or state, including those that hold Australian Citizenship.

CR 10.2 In the event of a question arising as to the eligibility of any swimmer under CR 10, the swimmer affected will need to refer the question to Swimming Australia.

CR 10.3 Each swimmer entered may be subjected to doping control tests as determined by the appropriate doping authority.

CR 11 Entries

- (a) All entries are to be submitted through the Swimming Australia website via the online entry system. Online entries will close up to 21 days prior to the start of competition. Late entries may be considered and if accepted, a late entry fee will be charged
- (b) An entry fee shall be determined by Swimming Australia and charged for each individual and each team entry in all Australian swimming events
- (c) Unlimited entries for all individual events shall be accepted provided the qualifying times are achieved as per CR 7
- (d) International swimmers interested in entering Australian swimming events must contact Swimming Australia for entry details
- (e) Each swimmer may be asked to produce a birth certificate or statutory declaration to confirm their age

CR 12 Team Leaders Meeting

A team leaders meeting may be held prior to the first day of competition for events as determined by Swimming Australia. Team leader notes will be provided in lieu of a meeting where appropriate.

CR 13 Conduct at Australian Swimming Events

Swimmers must abide by the Swimming Australia Code of Conduct.

CR 14 Marshalling

Where self-marshalling is not in place, any swimmer entered in the first two events of each session must report to the marshalling area at least ten minutes prior to the start time for each session. Thereafter, swimmers are required to report to the marshalling area at least two events prior to the event in which they are entered. Failure to do so may result in the swimmer being deemed to be withdrawn.

CR 14.1 Where self-marshalling is in place, for all heats and timed finals swimmers must report to the marshalling area prior to their race and will be instructed by the Check Starter to move behind the blocks once the race ahead of them has entered the water. Swimmer accreditation passes must be brought to marshalling and collected from the Accreditation Desk after each race.

Swimmers will only be permitted to enter the marshalling area as follows:

- 50m events 8 heats prior to their heat
- 100m and 200m events 4 heats prior to their heat
- 400m events 2 heats prior to their heat
- 800m and 1500m events 1 heat prior to their heat

CR 14.2 All finals including Relay Timed Final events will be marshalled in the marshalling area. Any swimmer entered in the first or second event of the final's session, who fails to report to the marshalling area at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the session, may be deemed to be a withdrawal. For all subsequent finals and/or relay events, any swimmer or team who fails to report by the start of the event at least two events prior to their event, may be deemed to be a withdrawal.

CR 15 Withdrawals

At all Australian swimming events, finalists, semi-finalists and reserves (there shall be only two reserves listed) wishing to withdraw from a semi-final or final shall do so in writing. This must be signed by the swimmer or their representative within 30 minutes of the results being posted following the heat or semi-final in which the qualification took place.

CR 15.1 A swimmer who does not withdraw as referred to in CR 15, and who does not compete in the event, shall be deemed a late withdrawal and fined the sum of \$100 AUD which must be paid before the swimmer is eligible to swim their next event, except where a medical certificate is provided. Once a withdrawal form has been submitted, the swimmer cannot be reinstated.

CR 15.2 Entries for future Australian swimming events will not be accepted by Swimming Australia for swimmers who have not paid fines outlined in CR 15.1.

CR 16 Swim-offs

CR 16.1 At Australian swimming events where 10 lanes are used, in the event of a tie for 10th place for a final or 12th place for reserves, an announcement will be made for the swimmers and their coaches to report to the Technical Manager where they will be advised that a swim off may be required.

CR 16.2 At Australian swimming events where eight lanes are used, in the event of a tie for 8th place for a final or 10th place for reserves, an announcement will be made for the swimmers and their coaches to report to the Technical Manager where they will be advised that a swim off may be required.

CR 16.3 The Technical Manager is responsible for arranging the swim-off and will instruct the session Referee and Control Room Supervisor when the swim-off will take place. The swim-off will be scheduled in a timely manner. Wherever possible, this will be immediately following the conclusion of the 30 minutes from the closing time for withdrawals from the respective event to enable final results to be published.

CR 17 Semi-finals and B Finals

CR 17.1 Semi-finals and B finals may be conducted for all Australian long course swimming events up to and including 200m events provided at least 24 swimmers contest the heats.

CR 17.2 Semi-finals and B finals may be conducted for all Australian short course swimming events up to and including 200m events provided at least 24 swimmers contest the heats.

CR 18 Timed Finals

If heats are required in the 800m and 1500m events, places shall be awarded on a time basis. Swimmers will be seeded in heats according to the fastest declared times. The sequence shall be on the basis of the fastest heat as a Timed Final in the finals session and the remaining heats as Timed Finals in order of fastest to slowest in the heats session. Swimmers are required to declare their intent to swim by no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start time of these events in the heats session.

CR 18.1 If the Australian swimming event are selection trials for the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Pan Pacific Championships, World Championships (25m) or World University Games then the 800m and 1500m events applicable to the event for which the championships are trials, may be conducted on a heats and finals basis.

CR 18.2 Relays shall be conducted as timed finals during either the heats or finals session as listed in the Program of Events. Relays will be seeded in the order of slowest to fastest.

CR 19 Finals

CR 19.1 The first, second and third placegetters in each championship event, shall receive a medal. The first medal shall be of gold colour, the second medal shall be of silver colour and the third medal shall be of bronze colour. No medal shall be awarded if the placegetter fails to achieve the qualifying time set for the event, unless approved by Swimming Australia.

CR 19.2 The first swimmer eligible to represent Australia to finish in each championship event shall be awarded the title of 'Australian Champion'. In the event of any swimmer who is not eligible to represent Australia placing first, second or third, they shall be awarded a medal similar to that given by Swimming Australia.

CR 19.3 Only swimmers eligible to represent Australia may compete in a semi-final or final of an Australian swimming event which are the selection trials for the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, Pan Pacific Championships, World Championships (25m) or World University Games, unless otherwise determined by Swimming Australia. If the event is not a selection event, then two lanes will be available to non-eligible swimmers (visitors) who qualify for the semi-finals or final. This also applies to the fastest seeded heat of a timed final.

CR 19.4 A minimum of eight swimmers eligible to represent Australia will compete in the final of all events at the Australian Age Swimming Championships.

CR 20 Relays

CR 20.1 In timed final relay events, the names of the swimmers and the order in which they are to swim shall be submitted via the online entry system prior to the closing date.

CR 20.2 Any alterations to originally submitted relay teams and the addition of reserves, must be submitted to the Swimming Australia representative prior to the commencement of the heats session on the day the relay event will be contested. For clubs who enter multiple teams in an event, swimmers listed in these relay teams are automatically considered as reserves for all teams nominated by that club for that club relay event.

CR 20.3 If there are no alterations to the names of the swimmers or the order in which they are to swim, a paper form is not to be submitted on the day of the event.

CR 20.4 In club relay events a maximum of four teams from one club may contest the event. However, no more than two teams from one club will be eligible to win medals and/or score points towards the club point score.

CR 20.5 Non-Australian citizens who are not members of another federation affiliated to WA, may compete in relays and score points. Only one non-Australian citizen may compete in each relay team.

CR 20.6 Swimming Australia's Coach Leadership Team may submit composite relay teams. Composite relay teams are not eligible to win medals and/or score points towards the club point score.

CR 21 Timing Discrepancy Management

In addition to the timing rules specified by World Aquatics (see Part Two, Article 11, Timing), the following timing discrepancies require further action by officials:

CR 21.1 If using Timekeepers with only two (2) watches available on a lane, and there is a discrepancy of greater than 0.3 seconds between the finish times recorded on those watches, then the Referee shall determine which of those times shall be the official time.

CR 21.2 If using Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) and Timekeepers as a backup, and there is a discrepancy of +/- 0.3 seconds between the automatic and backup finish times, then the Control room Supervisor or Referee must investigate the discrepancy.

CR 22 Protests and Jury of Appeal

CR 22.1 Protests are possible:

- (a) If the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed
- (b) If other conditions endanger the competition and or swimmers; or
- (c) Against the decisions of the Referee, however, no protests shall be allowed against decisions of fact

CR 22.2 Protests must be submitted:

- (a) To the Referee
- (b) In writing on the Swimming Australia protest form setting out the reasons for the protest
- (c) By the responsible team leader
- (d) Together with a cash deposit of \$100 AUD
- (e) Within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event

If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

CR 22.3 All protests shall be considered by the Referee, taking into account the reasons for the protest (as set out in the Swimming Australia protest form) and any other information the Referee considers relevant. If the Referee rejects the protest, they must state the reasons for this decision. The team leader may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

CR 22.4 The Jury of Appeal for all Australian swimming events shall consist of three Referees present who are on the current WA Lists and not involved in the protest. In the event of three WA List Referees not being available, the Technical Manager shall appoint Technical Officials to fill any vacancy.

CR 22.5 The Jury of Appeal shall consider the appeal, taking into account the reasons for the protest (as set out in the Swimming Australia protest form) and any other information the Jury of Appeal considers relevant. The Jury of Appeal may seek footage from: the host broadcaster, Swimming Australia overhead cameras, or approved sport science personnel where available, to be reviewed when considering the appeal. No other footage will be considered by the Jury of Appeal.

CR 22.6 If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to Swimming Australia. If the protest is upheld the deposit will be returned.

CR 23 Club Point Score

CR 23.1 The Swimming Australia Premier Club Trophy is awarded to the club that achieves the highest point score at Swimming Australia championship events.

Championship event

Australian Long Course Swimming Championships
Australian Age Swimming Championships
Australian Short Course Swimming Championships

Trophy

S.B. Grange
W.J. Harrison
J.F. Howson

CR 23.2 The point score allocation for the Australian Long Course and Short Course Swimming Championships:

Individual Events - A FINALS				Club Relay Events			
1st	35 points	6th	20 points	1st	35 points	6th	20 points
2nd	30 points	7th	19 points	2nd	30 points	7th	19 points
3rd	26 points	8th	18 points	3rd	26 points	8th	18 points
4th	23 points	9th	17 points	4th	23 points	9th	17 points
5th	21 points	10th	16 points	5th	21 points	10th	16 points

Individual Events - AGE & B FINALS			
1st	15 points	6th	5 points
2nd	12 points	7th	4 points
3rd	10 points	8th	3 points
4th	8 points	9th	2 points
5th	6 points	10th	1 points

Where eight lanes are used, points will be awarded 1st to 8th place in each A, Age and B Final and each Club Relay event using the point score allocations above. Where 10 lanes are used, points will be awarded 1st to 10th place in each A, Age and B Final and each Club Relay event using the point score allocations above.

Where there are open events and age group events contested in a Championship event, points will be awarded for the open and age group events as provided in the tables above.

CR 23.3 The point score allocation for the Australian Age Swimming Championships:

Individual & Club Relay Events							
1st	35 points	6th	20 points	11th	15 points	16th	5 points
2nd	30 points	7th	19 points	12th	12 points	17th	4 points
3rd	26 points	8th	18 points	13th	10 points	18th	3 points
4th	23 points	9th	17 points	14th	8 points	19th	2 points
5th	21 points	10th	16 points	15th	6 points	20th	1 points

CR 23.4 If a visitor is placed in an event the Australian swimmers who are placed lower than the visitor shall have their points adjusted.

CR 23.5 Points shall only be awarded to swimmers or teams achieving the qualifying time.

CR 23.6 Where two or more individual swimmers or relay teams are accorded the same placing, the appropriate points shall be allocated for that placing and the next one or more respective numerical placings shall be deleted accordingly.

CR 23.7 Where a swimmer who competed in a final is disqualified, the position the swimmer would have held shall be awarded to the swimmer who finished next. All the lower placing swimmers in the final shall be advanced one place and club points will be adjusted accordingly. If the disqualification occurs after the presentation of awards, the awards shall be returned and given to the appropriate swimmers applying the aforesaid provisions.

CR 24 General Swimwear Policy

- CR 24.1** All swimwear must be WA approved and are subject to the [Swimming Australia Commercial Guidelines](#).
- CR 24.2** Subject to CR 24.6 and 24.7, in pool swimming competitions the swimmer must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit. For pool swimming competitions swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below the knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.
- CR 24.3** The swimwear (swimsuit, cap, and goggles) of all swimmers shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual sports disciplines and are not to carry any symbol which may be considered offensive.
- CR 24.4** All swimsuits shall be non-transparent. It is permissible to wear two caps.
- CR 24.5** Modification of swimsuits to accommodate a swimmer's impairment is permitted as per **WPS10.15.2**. provided that for Australian Swimming Events any such approval may be granted by the Technical Manager. Proposed modified swimsuits shall be presented to the Technical Manager prior to the swimmer's first event at the competition for approval.
- CR 24.6** Unless otherwise directed by Swimming Australia, swimmers may wear swimsuits that do not bear a valid WA approval label provided they satisfy the material requirements outlined in the current WA requirements for swimwear approval and meet the following criteria:
- (a) Men's swimsuits are limited to one suit that covers at most the body surface from hips to knee(s). Swimsuits may not extend above the navel or below the knees;
 - (b) Women's swimsuits are limited to one suit in up to two pieces that is of 'open back' and 'open shoulder' designs that may extend down to the knee; swimsuits must not extend below the knees;
 - (c) Swimsuits must be of textile material (i.e., permeable textile open mesh materials such as cotton, nylon, Lycra and the like) with no application of surface treatment closing the open mesh structure.
- CR 24.7** Notwithstanding any other clause in this by-law, swimsuits may be modified or alternative swimsuits may be worn to accommodate a swimmer's individual needs and preferences, including in respect of modesty, religious or cultural purposes, gender identity, physical disability or in connection with any other protected attribute under federal or state anti-discrimination legislation provided any modification or proposed alternative swimsuit:
- (a) complies with the Swimming Australia Inclusive Swimwear Policy; and
 - (b) is approved by the Technical Manager prior to the swimmer's first event at the relevant competition.
- CR 24.8** The referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any swimmer whose swimsuit or body symbols do not comply with this rule.