

Technical / Performance Race Suit Disqualification Policy

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Purpose:

To ensure that all attendees, be they Competitors, Coaches, Team Managers, Technical Officials or Spectators in any capacity of Meets organised by Swimming Counties Manukau (SCM), know and understand the procedure, by which, the Technical Officials (TO's) on pool deck will implement the Technical / Performance Race Suit Policy for those 12 years of age and under.

Procedure:

This policy applies to all Swimming Counties Manukau (SCM) 12 years and under Competitive Swimmers and its Visitors competing at **ALL** SCM organised Meets from 1 January 2019;

1. If a competitive swimmer is unsure if their suit complies with the Technical / Performance Race Suit Policy they, along with the Team Manager and/or Coach must take it to the Technical Director for clearance **BEFORE** the start of the Meet and/or Session;
2. Team Managers and/or Coaches are required to check that their athletes' suits comply **BEFORE** the start of the meet and/or session;
3. Technical Suit infringement wording can be added to SCM Disqualification Form under 'other';
4. The initial disqualification (DQ) for a suspected breach of the Technical/Performance Race Suit Policy can be made by any TO on duty for the Meet;
5. TO's are **NOT** to discuss the possible SCM policy infringement with the swimmer at **ANY** point of the Meet, Session and/or Race;
6. The TO will then follow the normal procedure with the Referee in signing off the DQ Form;
7. The Referee will then hand the DQ on to the Technical Director or deal with it themselves should they have the time/personnel to do so;
8. The Technical Director or Referee will talk to the Team Manager and/or Coach of the swimmer and Club involved. The swimmer may be required to produce the suit for inspection;
9. At **NO** time will any swimmer have their suit inspected by **ANY** official whilst they are wearing it;
10. A DQ will be issued solely at the Technical Director/Referee's discretion;
11. The normal DQ Protest Procedure applies.

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Chairperson

By Order of the Board of Swimming Counties Manukau

Signed 16 October 2019