Swimming Canada Swimsuit Rules



**Effective September 1, 2009**, all swimwear worn in swimming competitions sanctioned under the authority of Swimming Canada must conform to the January 1, 2010 FINA swimwear approval guidelines as listed below.

**MATERIAL** – The material of swimwear will definitively be constituted only by textile fabric(s). The FINA definition of “textile” currently is: “Material consisting of, natural and/or synthetic, individual and nonconsolidated yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting, and/or braiding.”

**SHAPE** – **MEN**: swimwear shall not extend above the navel or below the knee.

**WOMEN:** swimwear shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below knee. No zippers or other fastening system is allowed.

**USE** – Swimmers shall wear only one swimsuit, taping is not permitted.

**CONSISTENCY** – Swimwear effectively manufactured and used shall correspond to and be fully consistent with FINA approved samples. Any modification before use (including impregnation) is prohibited. Moreover, there shall be no variation/modification for individual swimmers.