

## **Novaquatics Swim Suit and Team Apparel Policies**

The NOVAQUATICS is a Speedo-sponsored program. This means that Speedo helps sponsor events such as the Speedo Grand Challenge Invitational held each year at Woollett Aquatics Center.

Speedo also provides equipment for our national teams to compete at the Junior and Senior National Championships annually.

The NOVA Team Uniform is a Speedo brand Navy blue / NOVA logoed swim suit and is expected to be worn in all competitions, and Speedo Warm-up suits and NOVA Team apparel should be worn at all competitions.

Swimmers are also expected to wear the NOVA team Swim Cap in warm-ups and competitions.

At each level of competition the NOVAQUATICS has a policy governing which suits are allowable.

Swimmers not following this policy may be scratched from an event or a competition and may not be eligible for team relays. If you have any questions, the coaches can answer this for you.

**Intrasquad, BRW, RW meets** = Speedo Brand - Navy Blue NOVA-Logoed Lycra suit (age group meets)

**WAG, JAG and JO's (Senior I & II Championship Meets exempt)** = Speedo brand - NOVA Logoed Aquablade or Lycra suit (age group championships)

**Senior Meets that are heats / finals** = Speedo Brand - Fastskin appropriate (FS Pro / FS II, etc)

**Junior Nationals, Senior Nationals, US Open, and Olympic Trials** = Speedo Brand LZR or Fastskin

The Novaquatics is in accordance with all FINA and USA Swimming rules regulating competition suits, which states:

1. Swimsuits for men may not extend above the navel or below the knee and for women may not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or below the knee;
2. Material used for swimsuits can be only textile fabric which is defined as materials consisting of natural and/or synthetic, individual and non-consolidated yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting, and/or braiding;
3. No zippers or other fastening devices are allowed except for a waist tie on a brief or jammer. Many of the swimsuits currently being used by swimmers will no longer be allowable under the new rules and care should be taken when purchasing a suit to ensure it does meet the new requirements. For Southern California Age Group athletes, there are two major changes to existing policy:

In addition, Southern California Swimming rules dictate that all male suits worn at SCS Age-Group Meets shall not extend above the navel.

The suit policy will be affected by any changes to international rules governing suit technologies and all NOVA members will be made aware of such changes.