

NCSL Policy – Camera Zones, Physical Contact and Massage

CAMERA ZONES: Meet Management shall designate and inform the public of “Camera Zones” at each swim meet where both still and video photography of a race or competitor may be taken. Acceptable Camera Zones may include, but are not limited to, the side courses of a pool, team gathering areas, concession areas, the turn-end of the competition course when not in use as a start-end, unrestricted Public Areas, etc. Meet Management shall also designate “NON-Camera Zones.” NON-Camera Zones must, at a minimum, include: locker rooms, rest rooms, any dressing areas, or the area immediately behind the starting blocks at either end of the racing course(s) while they are in use for warm ups, race starts and during competition. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event and may be barred from future events.

Use of audio or visual recording, including a cell phone camera, is NEVER allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms, and is limited to only those areas marked as “Camera Zones”.

PHYSICAL CONTACT: Inappropriate touching between an athlete and an adult non-athlete member or Participating Non-Member (as defined in 401.1) is prohibited and includes, but is not limited to: excessive touching, hugging, kissing, sexually oriented behavior, sexually stimulating or otherwise inappropriate games and having an athlete sit on a non-family member adult’s lap.

MASSAGE: Any rubdown or massage performed on an athlete by any adult member or Participating Non-Member, excluding the spouse, parent, guardian, sibling or personal assistant of such athlete, is prohibited unless such adult is a licensed massage therapist or other certified professional. Any rubdown or massage performed at a swim venue by a licensed professional must be conducted in open/public locations and must never be done with only the athlete and licensed massage therapist in the room. Even if a coach is a licensed massage therapist, the coach shall not perform a rubdown or massage of an athlete under any circumstances.