



COMPETITION SUIT POLICY

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The Swim Torrance swimwear policy aims to accomplish four objectives:

1. Maintain our philosophy of preparing our athletes to compete at the next level of competition
2. Allow our swimmers to be competitive at their most important meet of the season
3. Protect our Swim Torrance families from unnecessary costs when purchasing competition swimwear
4. Arrive at meets looking like a team.

At regular, in-season competitions, all swimmers are required to wear the black Swim Torrance team suit and correct team cap (red). Coaches determine which meet is considered the end-of-season championship meet for each swimmer. Team caps should be worn at championship level meets.

The factors that determine the type of suits our swimmers will wear during competition include the swimmer's age, physical development, swimming efficiency, level of competition, fit, and cost. Any deviance from this would be the direct result of a specific coaches' decision for a specific swimmer.

Please remember that Swim Torrance is sponsored by Arena. Our swimmers may not wear any suit or cap that bears the logo or insignia of another swimwear company (i.e. Speedo, TYR, Nike, etc.) for competitions as per our team contract with Arena.

Approved championship swimwear varies by age group and ability as follows:

10 & under: The Swim Torrance coaching staff believes that at this age, physical development and skill level, swimmers do not significantly benefit enough from advanced swimwear technology to justify the additional cost. All 10 & under swimmers are expected to wear their Swim Torrance team suits at championship level meets.

11 – 12 years: In addition to the Swim Torrance team suit, 11-12-year-olds may also wear the Powerskin ST suit (girls) or Powerskin ST Jammer (boys) in red or black.

13 – 14 years*: In addition to the suits listed above, 13-14 year-olds may also wear the Powerskin Carbon Air, provided they have discussed it with their coach prior to purchase.

***13 –14 year olds with Senior Sectional cuts** may wear any of the suits above and are also eligible to wear the Powerskin Carbon Flex (available in female kneeskin and male jammer), provided they have discussed it with their coach prior to purchase.

***13-14 year olds with Junior National, Senior National, or Olympic Trial cuts** may wear any of the suits above and are also eligible to wear Powerskin Carbon Ultra (only if they are attending Junior or Senior Nationals or Olympic Trials), but need to communicate with their coach before purchasing.

Senior I and National Track may wear any of the options listed above, but need to discuss the options with their coach if they are considering purchasing a Powerskin Carbon Ultra.