

102.8 SWIMWEAR .1 Design

F. No Technical Suit may be worn by any 12 & Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any Sanctioned, Approved or Observed meet.

1) Exceptions to the foregoing restriction are only for meet in USA Swimming's Championship Series (i.e. Sectionals, Futures, Junior Nationals, Pro Swim Series, US Open, National Championships, and Olympic Trials) or YMCA National Championships.

2) A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:

a. Any male or female suit with any bonded or taped seams is defined as a technical suit regardless of its fabric or silhouette; or

b. Any male or female suit with woven fabric extending to the knee or mid-thigh is defined as a technical suit regardless of the type seams: bonded, taped or sewn.

(Note: A woven suit with sewn seams and in a male brief or regular cut not to the knees is not defined as a technical suit and is not restricted.)

Proposed date of enforcement: September 1, 2019. This would be retroactively placed into any meet information that has already been sanctioned for meets occurring after September 1, 2019.

USAS first date of enforcement: September 1, 2020...the rule above is the same rule passed by USAS House of Delegates in 2018 and will take place on the date above, regardless of our LSC decision.

Restricted Suit List by Manufacturer Note: this list is being published as a resource for swimmers/parents and coaches, but a suit does NOT need to be included in this list in order to be considered a Tech Suit.

ALL suits with bonded or meshed seams are considered a "Tech Suit" under the proposed rule, and thus restricted for 12 & Under swimmers as described in the proposed rule.

1. Patrolling this is going to be up to the coaches and officials. Coaches need to educate their teams and be willing to speak up if they see a swimmer with a suit on at a meet. Officials will be disqualifying swimmers if they see a swimmer aged 12 and under compete in a Tech suit.

2. We are defining a "Tech" suit as: "any suit with bonded seams, Kinetic tape, or meshed seams"

3. Referees and officials will know about this rule and will have the ability to DQ a swimmer wearing a suit on the banned list.

4. Referees would not be checking all suits, but if a swimmer swims and an official sees an illegal suit they have the right to disqualify the swimmer however this rule is meant to be educational rather than punitive.

5. Restricted Suit List by Major Manufacturers:

ARENA: Arena CARBON series (air, pro, etc), R-EVO in kneeskin

AQUASPHERE: MP Espresso

DOLPHIN: Lightstrike, Titanium

FINIS: Rival, Rival 2.0, Vapor

MIZUNO: GX Series

SPEEDO: LZR Elite, Elite 2, X, Pure Valor, Pure Intent

TYR: Avictor, Avictor Prelude, AP12 Compression, Tracer, Venzo