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TO: Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators, Men's and Women's Head Swimming and Diving Coaches, and Conference Commissioners of NCAA Conferences and Institutions Sponsoring Division I Men's and/or Women's Swimming and Diving.

FROM: Brian Gordon, secretary-rules editor  
NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee

Tracy Huth, chair  
NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.

SUBJECT: Information about NCAA Division I men's and women's swimming and diving qualifying standards and uniform/swimsuit rules.

**Qualifying Standards.** The qualifying standards for the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships have been finalized and are attached. The standards will be posted in the 2010 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships Handbook, as well as on the [NCAA Web site](http://NCAA.org) at [NCAA.org](http://NCAA.org), Sports, Swimming and Diving, Championships Information.

**Swimsuit/Uniform Rule Updates.** The following information details the newly adopted NCAA uniform/swimsuit rules for swimmers in the sport of swimming and diving, effective for the 2009-10 season. Procedures that are required prior to and during each competition are listed below.

Effective for the 2009-10 NCAA swimming and diving season, uniforms/swimsuits must meet regulations outlined in Rule 3-1 of the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book in order to be permissible for all three divisions during the regular and championships seasons. This rule should serve as your guide for securing uniforms for the season. The updated language for Rule 3-1 is attached for your review.

In addition to Rule 3-1 and meet protocol for uniforms/swimsuits, the NCAA will be requesting that all manufacturers that produce suits meeting NCAA standards as described in Rule 3-1 submit a list of those suits to the NCAA so a list can be created to provide additional guidance for the membership. This list will only serve as a resource, **NOT as an approved list of swimsuits.** In an effort to reach all manufacturers, we are requesting that you provide the NCAA the name, contact number, e-mail and mailing address for the manufacturer(s) or supplier(s) your institution and/or conference uses to secure uniforms/swimsuits. This information should be forwarded to Katie Holmes at [kholmes@ncaa.org](mailto:kholmes@ncaa.org).

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Prior to the Start of the Season:

- Each head coach and swimming administrator should meet and familiarize themselves with the uniform/swimsuit rule and the procedures adopted to monitor the rule.
- The head coach and/or meet administrator should meet with the referee prior to him/her working his/her first competition on the campus to review the uniform/swimsuit rule.

Prior to *Each Competition*:

- The meet referee meets with the head coach and one student-athlete representative of each participating institution to review the uniform/swimsuit rule, and the enforcement of the rule during the competition.

During the Competition:

- The referee shall serve as the sole arbiter of the uniform/swimsuit rule. He/she shall have the authority during the competition to make rulings on the legitimacy of any uniforms/swimsuits being worn. **In the event of a uniform/swimsuit being used that is not deemed legal under Rule 3-1, the competitor(s) wearing said uniform/swimsuit shall be disqualified from his/her event(s) and any further events on that calendar day. If the infraction occurs during a relay event, the relay team will be disqualified and any individual(s) deemed to be wearing improper uniforms/swimsuits shall be disqualified from that relay event and any further events that calendar day. Those wearing acceptable uniforms/swimsuits shall be permitted to participate in further events that calendar day.**

Following the Competition:

- The referee and each participating head coach shall sign the Uniform/Swimsuit Compliance and Verification Form (attached), certifying that to the best of their knowledge that there was full compliance of the uniform/swimsuit rule. If any infractions of the rule occurred, they shall be so noted on the form. The host institution shall keep the form on file until the beginning of the next collegiate season and make it available upon request of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, and/or the NCAA swimming & diving secretary-rules editor, Brian Gordon. **In the event of an infraction, the referee should forward a copy of the form to Mr. Gordon, who will then forward it on to the respective conference office, notifying them of a rules violation and an act of unethical conduct as defined in the current NCAA swimming & diving rules book.**

Any questions regarding the application of this rule should be directed to Mr. Gordon for interpretation (phone: 518/944-3941; e-mail: [bgordon637@aol.com](mailto:bgordon637@aol.com)).

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Attachments