

INDIANA SWIMMING SWIM SUIT LEGISLATION

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Amended version below passed at 90%.

Effective date of meets sanctioned in Indiana Swimming AFTER October 6, 2008

Suit restrictions will be included in entry letter.

Meets sanctioned prior to October 6, are NOT under this rule.

Indiana Swimming creates opportunities for swimmers to realize their dreams. We believe these dreams should be realized through a developmental progression based on an athlete's commitment, skills and willingness to sacrifice to achieve excellence, rather than on a piece of equipment designed specifically to provide a short cut to success.

What we are really defending is the psychological development of the child athlete. Is the lesson they learn, "I can buy improvement" or is it "I have to earn improvement".

Additionally, the rule to limit certain swimsuits for 12 and under age group swimmers is important to the objective of continuing to make swimming a sport and fitness activity of relatively low entry cost for the youngest of its competitors."

102.9 Swimwear - Page 28 of USA Swimming Rules

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INDIANA SWIMMING LEGISLATION BELOW

- A. Swim suits worn by 12 and under males participating in all Indiana Swimming sanctioned "age group" competitions will not extend above the navel or below the knees.**
- B. Swim suits worn by 12 and under females participating in all Indiana Swimming sanctioned "age group" competitions will not cover the neck, extend past the shoulders; extend beyond the shoulder, nor below the pelvis.**
- C. Swimsuits worn for competition must be non-transparent and conform to the current concept of appropriate.**
- D. The referee shall have the authority to bar offenders from the competition until they comply with the rule.**

Informational Note: Additional language to clarify that 12 & under swimmers participating in senior events are not subject to this provision is not needed because of the following articles:

Rule 205.4: AGE GROUP ELIGIBILITY - A swimmer must compete in the age group events corresponding to the swimmer's age except when competing in consolidating events, mixed classification events and in events combined by the referee.

Rule 204.2: SENIOR ELIGIBILITY – All registered swimmers are eligible to compete in the Senior Class.