

MSA General Rule – 2024

GR 16 SWIMWEAR

GR 16.1 World Aquatics rulings on Swimwear, including;

- The Swimwear rules per World Aquatics Competition Regulations Section I Rules Applicable to all Aquatics Disciplines – 7. Swimwear and Wearables,
- Swimwear approved by World Aquatics in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the World Aquatics ‘Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA)’ issued by the World Aquatics Bureau and valid on the date of approval., and
- The Swimwear rules per World Aquatics Competition Regulations Section II Swimming Rules – 15. Swimwear and Wearables,
- The Swimwear rules per World Aquatics Competition Regulations Section III Open Water Swimming Rules – 7. Swimwear and Technology, shall apply to Masters Swimming Australia competitions.

GR 16.1.1 For Masters competitions Swimsuits which comply in respect of their shapes and which evidently fulfil the other requirements, in particular in respect of material, (permeable open mesh textile material) can be used even if the corresponding model is not formally listed on the ‘List of Approved Swimwear’.

GR 16.1.2 Swimwear includes goggles and caps (up to two (2) caps may be worn).

GR 16.1.3 In pool swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swim suit in one or two pieces. No additional items like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as part of a swimsuit.

GR 16.2 Not with-standing the World Aquatics rulings referred to in GR 16.1, swimsuits may be modified, or alternative swimsuits may be worn to accommodate a swimmer’s individual needs, including in respect of modesty, religious or cultural purposes, gender identity, physical disability or in connection with any other protected attribute under federal or state anti-discrimination legislation provided any modification or proposed alternative swimsuit/s are approved by the Referee prior to the swimmer’s first event at the relevant competition.

GR 16.3 To be eligible for official World Aquatics Masters World Records and World Aquatics Masters Top Ten swimmers must wear a World Aquatics approved swimsuit as required under GR 16.1.

GR 16.4 All swimmers are eligible for a National record or National Top Ten if they wear modified or alternative swimwear for the relevant event at which they achieve that record / time, provided the swimwear satisfies the requirements of GR 16.2.

Refer to the Masters Swimming Australia Inclusive Swimwear Policy 2024 for additional information regarding approved swimwear.

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15 SWIMWEAR AND WEARABLES

- 15.1** Competitors must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit. All swimsuits shall comply with the requirements set forth in these Competition Regulations.
- 15.2** For swimming competitions, swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee. For women, the swimsuit shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.
- 15.3** No swimmer shall be permitted to use or wear any device or swimsuit that may aid his/her speed, buoyancy or endurance during a competition (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, power bands, or adhesive substances, etc.). The use of technology and automated data collection devices is permissible for the sole purpose of collecting data. Automated devices shall not be utilised to transmit data, sounds, or signals to the swimmer and may not be used to aid their speed. Goggles may be worn. As a consequence of injury, it is permissible to tape not more than one or two fingers or toes. Any other kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee or other designated person.
- 15.4** A World Record (including Junior World Record and Masters World Record) will only be recognised by World Aquatics if approved swimwear has been used.
- World Aquatics may request the Athlete to submit her/his swimsuit worn during the World Record for conducting further analysis in its laboratory.