

Statement of the purpose of the legislation:

“One of USA Swimming’s purposes is to promote swimming as a sport and fitness activity for swimmers of all ages and as a lifelong activity. Swimming has long been readily available at a relatively low entry level cost, which promotes and encourages participation at any age. 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.”

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- A. Swimsuits worn for all 12 & under age group defined competition shall not cover the neck; extend past the shoulder, nor past the knee.
- B. Swimsuits worn for competition must be non-transparent and conform to the current concept of appropriate.
- C. 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.

The rule would have an effective date of May 15, 2009