

[MSL Rule 21A Swimwear Design]

A. Swimsuits worn for all competition shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor past the knee.

B. Swimsuits worn for all competition:

i. shall not be marketed or promoted by its manufacturer as providing a performance advantage, or has otherwise been described as providing a technological advantage. “Technological Advantage” as used herein means any technologies, elements, or systems, that provide or result in significant compression effects, the reduction of drag, hydrophobic properties, air/water trapping effects, or buoyancy properties; or

ii. shall not be marketed as containing any fabrics, material, or technology trademarked as Fastskin, Biorubber, Swimskin, Nero, Lazer, Techfit Powerweb, Yamamoto Biorubber, Tracer, Powerskin, or other brand names, trademarks, materials or swimsuits as determined from time to time by the MSL Board to be non-compliant with this Rule.

C. Swimsuits worn for competition must be non-transparent and conform to the current concept of the appropriate.

D. It shall be the responsibility and burden of the swimmer to establish that his or her swimsuit is in compliance with this Rule. The Referee shall have the authority to determine compliance with this Rule and shall bar offenders from the competition until they comply with this Rule, and shall disqualify any swimmer from any event that the swimmer completed with a swimsuit not in compliance with this Rule. Determinations of a swimsuit’s compliance with this Rule by the Referee shall be final.

*[EXPLANATION: A great deal of common sense must be exercised by swimmers, coaches and officials alike. Officials, particularly referees, are likely going to be put in difficult and uncomfortable situations in trying to apply this restriction. Everyone’s recognition of these difficulties will result in keeping the best interests of the athletes uppermost in our minds and, at the same time, recognizing the need for the athletes’ adherence to our rules.]*