

2022 Rule Change Summary Swimming

Change From	Change To
Old Formatting	See also date change at footer to reflect October 2022
Section 2 Official Events 2.1 Fundamental Events 15M Walk 15M Flotation 15M Kick Board 25M Flotation 15M Assisted Swim 15M Unassisted Swim 25M Assisted Swim	ADD 2.1 Fundamental Events 15M Walk 15M Flotation 15M Kick Board 25M Flotation 15M Assisted Swim 15M Unassisted Swim 25M Assisted Swim 25M Kick Board
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	4 x 25M Medley Unified Sports Relay
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	4 x 100M Medley Unified Sports Relay
Section 3 Rules of Competition	
3.1.3 Standing on the bottom during freestyle	CHANGE (Was previously in 3.4.1.4)
events or during the freestyle portion of the	It is preferable that certified swimming officials
medley events shall not disqualify a competitor,	(including the referee, timers and judges) be used in
but he/she shall not walk.	all events.
3.1.4 Standing on the bottom in the racing	DELETE & MOVE TO
course is allowed for flotation events, assisted	DELETE & MOVE TO
events and the 15m unassisted event for the	• 3.4.2.2
purpose of resting. Walking on or jumping from	• 3.5.3
the bottom must disqualify the competitor. This	• 3.6.4
rule will not apply to the 15m walk.	
Section 3 Rules of Competition	CHANGE
3.1.7 Swimmers may be assisted from the water	3.1.6 Swimmers may be assisted from the water upon
upon request. Starts may be from the starting	request.
block, beside the starting block or from in-water.	
For in-water starts the athlete shall place one	3.1.7 Starts may be from the starting block, beside
'	the starting block or from in-water. For in-water
hand on the end of the pool or hold the starting	starts the athlete shall place one hand on the end of the pool or hold the starting block with one hand.
block with one hand. Two hands shall be used	Two hands shall be used for backstroke starts.
for backstroke starts.	
Section 3 Rules of Competition	
3.2.5 For flotation events, each athlete is	DELETE & MOVE TO
responsible for his/her own flotation device. The	• 3.4.2.3
device must be of the body wraparound type	
such that if the athlete were to not be able to	
hold onto the device, the device would still	
support the athlete with his/her face out of the	
water. (Flotation devices such as inner tubes or	



floats that wrap around the arms are not acceptable for use at any time).	
Section 3 Rules of Competition	
3.4.2.2 No flotation device is allowed for any event other than the specified flotation events	DELETE
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3.5.4 25M-Kick Board	CHANGE 3.5.4 15M, 25M-Kick Board