

**SWAppendix 2 – Scottish Swimming Restriction of the Use of Technical Swimsuits by Swimmers aged 13 and Under Policy**

**Restriction of the Use of Technical Swimsuits by Swimmers aged 13 and Under Policy (January 2022)**

Effective 1 January 2022, swimmers aged 13 Years and under are not permitted to wear technical swimsuits at any competition licensed or registered by Scottish Swimming that takes place in Scotland. This includes any National, District, Regional and Club meet.

This policy does not conflict with FINA General rules or By Laws on swimwear. General Rules provide that *swimwear of all competitors shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual sports disciplines and not carry any symbol which may be considered offensive. All swimsuits shall be non-transparent.* In addition, FINA By Laws, require that *For pool swimming competitions swimsuits for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor below knee. The swimsuits shall be made from textile materials.*

**How will the age of the swimmer be determined?**

The age of the swimmer shall be the age that the swimmer is swimming at, be that age on day or age at any other date eg 31 December.

**What is a technical swimsuit for the purposes of this policy?**

Technical swimsuits are specialised swimsuits, that push the boundaries of performance advantage in competition. They are tight fitting, often with bonded seams, creating an unyielding construction that provides muscle compression and other benefits to the performance of senior swimmers from the types and design of fabric used. When this policy is introduced, a technical swimsuit will be defined as one that carries the FINA Approval Mark. This definition will be reviewed periodically as the nature of technical swimsuits evolves.

Traditional one-piece swimsuits and knee length swimsuits for girls, and trunks and jammers for boys, that comply with FINA By Laws on profile will still be permitted, provided they do not carry the FINA Approval Mark.

**Application of this Policy**

If a swimmer aged 13 or under appears at marshalling or the start area wearing a technical swimsuit, they will not be allowed to swim and the race will proceed without them. They may also be disqualified directly after a race if a technical swimsuit is detected too late to stop them from swimming.

