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## **Open Water Swim Suit Rules**

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### **Open Water Swim Suit Rules**

Swimming Australia have advised that the new swimsuit rules for open competitors only apply to pool swimming from 1 January 2010 and as such OWS swimsuit rules remain the same as last year i.e. blue 70 swim suits are legal. However Age swimmers, both in pool and Open Water, must comply with the regulations expressed in the SWA and SAL policy on swimwear.

7.15 SWA will adopt amended SAL Competition By-Law (CBL) 14.2 Competition. Swimwear By-Laws for Age Swimmers for all swimwear worn by competitive swimmers at Meets conducted in Western Australia by SWA. All Swimwear shall conform to SAL CBL 14.2 (3) and shall be commercially available products.

7.16 SWA will adopt SAL definition of an Age Group event.

7.17 An excerpt of SAL CBL 14.2 (3) is outlined:

14.2 (3) Swimwear worn by competitors swimmers in Age Group Events shall conform to the following design:

- a. Men's swimwear is limited to one (1) swimsuit that covers at most the body surface from hips to knee. Swimwear may not extend above the waist or below the knees;
- b. Women's swimwear is limited to one (1) swimsuit that is of "open back" and "open shoulder" designs that may extend down to the knee. Swimwear must not extend below the knees.

Swimwear must not have a zipper or any type of fastening system.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

**David Toll**  
**Executive Director**