

ARE YOU IN THE CORRECT SUIT?



USA Swimming wants to make you aware of the upcoming restrictions on the use of tech suits for swimmers age 12 and under.

The following rule will take effect **SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**.

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F. No Technical Suit may be worn by any 12 & Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any Sanctioned, Approved or Observed meet.

1) Exceptions to the foregoing restriction are only for Junior Nationals, US Open, National Championships, and Olympic Trials.

2) A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:

- Any suit with any bonded or taped seams regardless of its fabric or silhouette; or
- Any suit with woven fabric extending past the hips.

(Note: WOVEN FABRIC-A suit with woven fabric and sewn seams that does not extend below the hips is permitted.) (Note: KNIT FABRIC-A suit with knit fabric and sewn seams not extending below the knees is permitted.)



This rule was proposed by the national Age Group Development Committee and approved by the USA Swimming House of Delegates in 2018.

A TECHNICAL SUIT IS ONE THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- Any male or female suit with any bonded or taped seams is defined as a technical suit regardless of its fabric or silhouette.
- Any male or female suit with woven fabric and to the knee or mid-thigh is defined as a technical suit regardless of the type seams: bonded, taped or sewn. (Note: A woven suit with sewn seams and in a male brief or female regular cut not to the knees is not defined as a technical suit and is not restricted).

Exceptions to the foregoing restriction are only for a meet in USA Swimming's Championship Series (i.e. Sectionals, Futures, Junior Nationals, US Open, National Championships, and Olympic Trials) or YMCA National Championships.

COMPLIANT SUITS

Any suit that does not have the FINA logo on it is approved for 12-Under use.

There are a handful of suits in the market that have the FINA logo that would be considered legal for age group competition because they do not meet the definition of what is deemed a technical suit. These suits and only these suits will bear an additional check mark logo developed by USA Swimming to indicate that the suit is compliant with the rule. This check mark is to be printed on the white background and is to be placed to the left or right of the FINA logo on the suit. The check mark logo is to be the same size as the FINA logo with the green check mark being Pantone color number 354. Currently, FINA rules would not allow a suit with the FINA logo and the check mark to be worn in the Olympics or World Championships. The green checkmark visual is to the left of this paragraph.

USA Swimming has put together a series of resources to help you understand what features of swim suits will be allowed and which will not, including a web resource guide that includes a FAQ, news stories, as well as a list of banned suits.

For more information, please visit

