

## **NOTICE TO MSC MEMBERS**

New Rule re Swimwear, Effective April 5, 2009

### **CMGR 5 Swimwear; The use of more than one swimsuit at a time during any MSC sanctioned competition is prohibited.**

In light of new swimsuit testing and approval established by FINA for suits introduced after September 30, 2007, final results of which are not yet known, and a similar interim rule adopted in other jurisdictions, the MSC Board has approved the above rule, effective immediately.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. Does this rule apply to training or warm-ups at competitions?

Answer; No. During competition only.

2. Am I allowed to use bras, athletic supporters or other modesty wear during a competition?

Answer; Yes. The rule is directed at new high performance suits introduced since October 1, 2007 including the LZR, TYR and BlueSeventy, however you cannot wear two swimsuits of any kind during a competition.

3. Does that mean I must wear the same suit during the whole competition?

Answer; No. You can only wear one suit while participating in an event. You can change to another suit for your next event.

4. I want to buy a new high performance suit. When will we know what suits are legal?

Answer; We don't know. FINA is looking at this and we understand are attempting to deal with it as quickly as possible. There is a FINA Congress in Rome in July, we assume we will hear by then at the latest.

5. Can I continue to wear my high performance suit in Canadian Masters competitions?

Answer; Yes. These suits are legal until we hear from FINA to the contrary. Again with the proviso that you can only wear one suit at a time.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Chris Smith, Chair, Rules Committee