



COMPETITION RULE CHANGES FOR 2020-2021 SEASON

Please note that the Canada Artistic Swimming Board of Directors has approved the following temporary rule changes:

1. Highlight Team events will not be held at 2021 national competitions (Qualifier, Nationals, Masters)

Rationale:

It's possible - even likely - that highlights may not be allowed all year. Team events like team and combo can still be performed without highlights, but Highlight Routines cannot. With more limited training time in pools around the country, it would be much better to train highlights as part of another event (if they even end up being allowed at all) rather than taking the chance of building a routine that may never be performed.

There is so much uncertainty about the ability to train highlights in the coming months that for safety and training volume reasons it is recommended to remove it for one year and let clubs concentrate on primary routine events for the year.

2. Junior and Senior athletes do not need to enter a Technical Solo to be eligible to enter a Free Solo at 2021 national competitions (Qualifier, Nationals)

Rationale:

With more limited training time in pools across the country in 2020/2021, this gives clubs and athletes more flexibility in establishing training schedules while lower the potential cost for families by requiring on less routines.

Please note that this also means that athletes who qualify their free solo but not their technical solo will not be eligible to enter their technical solo at 2021 national competitions

Note that the technical events must still be entered in duet and team to be eligible to enter the corresponding free events.

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