



COMPETITION RULE CHANGE FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

Please note that the the following temporary rule change will apply for the 2021-2022 season:

Junior and Senior athletes do not need to enter a Technical routine (solo, duet and team) to be eligible to enter the corresponding Free routine at 2022 National Competitions (Qualifier & Nationals)

RATIONALE

With the uncertainty regarding training time in pools across the country in 2021/2022, this gives clubs more flexibility to adjust their programming in a way that will maximize athlete engagement, depending on their particular circumstance.

Please note that, because of the importance of technical skills, CAS still highly recommends for clubs to select the technical routine when only able to enter one routine, even though this will not be enforced by rule for the 2022 competition season.

Technical elements remain a national priority and could be taken into account in the 2022 national team selection process, so those aiming to participate in the process should keep this in mind.

ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES

Athletes who qualify their solo/duet free but not their solo/duet technical at their Provincial Qualifier will not be eligible to enter their solo/duet technical at 2022 national competitions.

In addition, the start order for the junior/senior solo free, duet free and team free events at Qualifier (and at Nationals if there are no preliminaries) will be drawn at random.

INFORMATION

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