

COMPETITION RULE CHANGES FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

Please make note of the following temporary rule change that will apply at National Competitions for the 2021-2022 season (Qualifier & Canadian Championships):

13-15 Competitions will only feature 2 figures

RATIONALE

As we look forward to resuming in-person events in 2022, it is likely that the number of people allowed on deck at the same time will be restrained. Having only 2 figures would potentially allow us to split the group in 2 and hold the competition in the same amount of time. If events end up being virtual, having only 2 figures makes the event much more manageable.

Note that the figure draw will be done much closer to the event (the exact timing remains to be confirmed but will be between 48 hours and a maximum of 1 week). **One of the figures will be from the compulsory group, the other from one of the other groups.**

Clubs will be allowed to enter the Free Combination or Highlight Team events without having to enter another routine

RATIONALE

This is a temporary change to Rule 3.1.7.b. It is meant to provide increased flexibility in programming for clubs as they regroup from a difficult 2020-2021 season.

It will be possible for 1 athlete (and one athlete only) to « swim down » to a younger age group in the team event

RATIONALE

This is in order to allow smaller clubs to field a team and not leave an athlete behind who would otherwise be left without a team.

RESTRICTIONS

1. Only 1 athlete per club/age group can swim down in each age group (1 from junior to 13-15, and 1 from senior to junior)
2. Must be a first-year junior or first-year senior (so 16 or 19)
3. If there are 2 athletes, they may not be able to use the rule change as they may be able to swim a duet in their own age group
4. If there are 3 athletes, one can swim down (provided they meet the other criteria), and the other 2 can swim a duet
5. If there are 4 or more athletes, no swimming down is allowed as they can swim a team
6. If there are 11 athletes, the club can enter 2 teams of 6-5 or 7-4, or 2 full teams of 8 in junior and senior. They can also enter a highlight team or a combo with their extra swimmers, but they are not allowed to use this rule change. This measure is meant to help small clubs, not big ones who have odd number of athletes (but still many options)
7. Athletes swimming down to 13-15 would need to enter the figures competition, but would not be eligible to enter 13-15 individual routines (would have to swim solo in the junior age group)
8. Permission will be granted by the Rules Committee upon written request from the club. Decisions are final and non-appealable.

INFORMATION

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