

2022-23 COMPETITION SEASON UPDATE

The FINA draft rules have been posted and the CAS community has been working hard in preparing for the new system with education during the 2021-22 season and answering draft rules questions during the summer. In preparation for the 2022-23 competition season there are updates that need to be shared now before the CAS rulebook is updated and approved so that all members are aware of the plan for 2023 National events on the adoption of FINA rules and CAS rules that will be maintained going forward.

1. Adoption of new FINA Rules

FINA rules remain in draft format until the FINA congress in October 2022. However, in reviewing the Draft FINA Rules CAS has determined the following is planned to be adopted for National Events so that athletes, coaches, and officials can begin implementing the new Artistic Swimming rules and system progressively. Please note this is draft until the CAS Rulebook is approved.

- CAS will adopt the FINA Events and Age Groups
- CAS will adopt the new Time Limits (including +/- 5s on routine times)
- Adopt FINA Figures (Appendix I) and Elements (Appendix II)
- Adopt Set Numbers of Elements for Routines (Appendix III)
- Adopt Acrobatic (formerly Highlight) routine (Appendix IV) and Combo (Appendix V) rules – please be aware that the Acrobatic routine is for Junior and Senior only, and Combo is for Youth and 12U only (Jr/Sr no longer have Combo).
- Adopt Youth figure process (2 figures competed per athlete)
- Adopt Coach Cards (mandatory to submit for NQ and CASC) – Please note there will be leeway on corrections/penalties in the first season – we want to normalize the use/submission to start and support coaches throughout the season on building their Coach Cards successfully.
- Adopt Hybrid Table (Appendix VI) and Acro Catalogue (Appendix VII) so coaches can fill out their Coach Cards accordingly.
- Adopt and Test/Shadow new scoring system at National Qualifier and CASC – details to follow as information regarding technology roll-out is communicated and judge/technical controller training is planned and executed.

2. CAS Rules

There are some CAS specific rules that have been in place, and this is to confirm their continuation going forward for the purposes of planning. These will be included in the revised CAS Rulebook:

- Youth athletes who are not part of any other youth event can still take part in the youth figures event
- Junior/Senior athletes do not have to do Tech routine to compete in Free
- Can enter Acrobatic (formerly Highlight) routine (JR/SR) or Combo (Youth) without having to have another routine
- One first year Senior (20-year-old female/21-year-old male) can swim on a Junior team, likewise one first year Junior (16-year-old female/17-year-old male) can swim on a Youth team. Please note the same set of restrictions as last year remain.
- No prelims in Solo Tech and Duet Tech at Nationals. Finals are seeded according to Qualifier results with 30-40-30 distribution rule. Byes are all considered to have finished last before distribution is drawn.
- International swimmers can enter Qualifier as exhibition, remembering that exhibition athletes are not eligible for awards.
- Further rule confirmations to be decided, and technical updates will be issued as needed prior to rulebook being revised, approved, and posted.

INFORMATION

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