



To: NPCs Widely and Regularly Practising Swimming

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Re: 2011-2014 IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations

Dear IPC Swimming Community,

We are pleased to announce that the [2011-2014 IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/Rules_Regulations/) have now been published on the IPC Swimming website (www.ipc-swimming.org/Rules_Regulations/).

The 2010 Swimming Rules and Regulations included the work of, and input received through:

- The IPC Swimming Forum 2006 held in Durban. Most of the motions passed by the members in Durban were incorporated into these rules.
- An IPC Swimming office invitation to the NPCs for rule revision (2008). Some members took this opportunity to provide submissions.
- Documents presented for and discussions held at the 2009 IPC Swimming Summit.
- IPC Swimming Technical Rules Working Group (2009)
- Informal meetings held with the community at various competitions since the Summit, including at European Championships and at Short Course World Championships
- Revision done by the former and current STC

The 2011-2014 IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations also include many agreed recommendations from the 2010 Eindhoven Sport Forum.

The STC thanks the many individuals and groups who contributed to this process.

Please note the major changes to the 2010 IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations.

1. The Classification Protest procedure is located in the Classification Rules and Regulations (to be published soon). Until the Classification Rules and Regulations can be found on-line, this section from the 2010 rulebook will still apply.
2. Advertising regulations updated to align with FINA
3. Support Staff are no longer required to submit deck access forms
4. A Breaststroke kicking movement is no longer permitted in butterfly
5. Strapping of any kind to limit unwanted movement is not permitted
6. Open Water section revised and aligned with FINA

Please note that if there are any changes (e.g. changes in FINA rules, or classification related matters), the 2011-2014 IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations can be amended before 2014. Proper notice of any changes will be given.

We wish to thank you again for your commitment to IPC Swimming, and for working with us.

Yours respectfully,



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On behalf of the STC