

USA SWIMMING
RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT TO RULES TO CONFORM
TO FINA RULES

Effective June 5, 2004

BACKGROUND REGARDING PACE MAKING DEVICES

FINA has recently determined that certain wearable radio receivers that have recently been brought to market are not permitted. These devices, designed to be worn by swimmers in the water, can transmit information from a coach or someone else on deck. FINA rule SW 10.15 with language prohibiting pace making is the basis for this FINA determination. The Rules & Regulations Committee has conformed our rules to those of FINA.

102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS

.10 No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device or substance to help his/her speed, pace or buoyancy during a race. Goggles may be worn, and rubdown oil applied if not considered excessive by the Referee.

INTERPRETATION

The official interpretation of 102.10.10 as amended to conform to FINA rule SW 10.15 is that no mechanical or electronic device than can convey pace or speed may be worn in competition.

AUTHORITY

Article 510.1 states in part that “the Rules & Regulations Committee may alter, amend or repeal any portion of Part One at any time to conform to the rules of the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA).”

The USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee approved the change to USA Swimming 102.10.10 and the interpretation, both shown above, on June 5, 2004, effective immediately.

Attested to:



Don Hart, Chairman, Rules & Regulations Committee