

United States Aquatic Sports (USA)
Rule Proposals Submission
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C 4 DISCRIMINATION
“FINA shall not allow any discrimination against national federations or individual (competitors, officials, judges, delegates, etc.) on the grounds of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political affiliations.”

V FINA Code of Ethics
Ethical Principles in Aquatics
A. Equality
1. No discrimination on the basis of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political opinion shall be tolerated.

GR 7.5 “If an error by an official follows a fault by a competitor, the fault by the competitor may be expunged. If an official’s call on deck leads to a review of an athlete’s potential infraction, and it is deemed that the athlete made no error, the athlete will be cleared of the inquiry. Additionally, if an error by a competitor follows a fault by an official, the fault of the competitor shall be expunged.”

Notes of Explanation for GR 7.5: Each sentence of this paragraph addresses a separate situation related to disqualification (or potential disqualification) calls made by technical officials.

Sentence 1 – An athlete makes a perceived infraction, the technical official makes the call, but there is an error by the technical official in the process of making the call and writing the disqualification, thus the call made be overturned.

Sentence 2 – (Underwater Video) – Technical official makes an initial disqualification call on deck and the athlete is disqualified, however video shows that no infraction took place. The athlete shall be cleared of the DQ.

Sentence 3 – A technical official makes an error and causes an infraction by an athlete(s), the fault shall be pinned to the technical official and not the athlete(s) and the athlete shall be cleared (Example: The starter errs at the start of the race and this causes an athlete to dive into the pool before the starting signal. In this situation the DQ of the athlete shall not stand.)