

2022 FINA TECHNICAL CONGRESS – OPEN WATER SWIMMING – RULES PROPOSAL

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	GENERAL RULES & BY LAWS (Linked to OWS)		
BL 8.4	For open water swimming competitions with water temperature from 20 C <u>of 18C and above</u> swimsuits for both men and women shall not cover the neck, nor extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the ankle. Subject to these specific shape specifications, swimsuits for open water swimming competitions shall further comply with all other requirements applicable to swimsuits for pool swimming competition.		TOWSC
	From January 1, 2017 <u>2023</u> , for open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20 C, men and women may use either swimsuits (BL 8.4) or wetsuits. When the water temperature is below 18 C <u>18 C</u> , the use of wetsuits is compulsory. For the purpose of these rules, wetsuits are swimsuits made of material providing thermal insulation. Wetsuits for both men and women shall completely cover torso, back, shoulders and knees. They shall not extend beyond the neck, wrists and ankles. <u>Wetsuits are not permitted in open water swimming competitions in water with temperature 18 C and above</u>		TOWSC
BL. 8.5	BL 8.5 For open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20 C, men and women may use either swimsuits (BL 8.4) or wetsuits. When the water temperature is below 18 C, the use of wetsuits is compulsory.	FINA By Law allows swimmer discretion for wearing a wetsuit when the water temperature is between 20 and 18 degrees. The wearing of wetsuits provides unfair advantage and we propose that there should be a level playing field for all swimmers participating in the competition by removing this discretion by deleting the text as outlined:	NF AUS

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		TOWSC not recommends – included in proposal above	
<u>BL 9.3.7.5</u>	<u>Technology such as drones, GPS tracking, bio-medical sensors or devices that record blood pressure, body temperature, stroke rate, breathing rate etc. via the transponder are permitted when approved by FINA.</u> <u>The technology may transmit such information but not act as a receiver giving advantage to the competitor such as "smart goggles", hearing devices, and the like.</u>	<i>NEW BL. Renumber thereafter (TECHNOLOGY)</i>	TOWSC