Frequently Asked Questions on Uniforms and Contest Delays
Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving – 2018-19

(This document includes specific NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules references where applicable.)

1. **What words, logos and symbols are allowed on the swim suit?**
   One post-construction impermeable mark or logo is allowed by rule on the swim suit beyond the one manufacturer’s logo and FINA certification trademark that are permitted (Rule 3-1-3):
   
   **Logos**
   - School
   - Mascot

2. **What size restrictions are there for these?**
   These items on the suit may not cover an area larger than 9 square inches (Rule 3-1-3).

3. **May the uniform or swim suit contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?**
   No, the suit is limited to the items listed above. No other words are permitted on the suit.

4. **May the required apparel/equipment contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?**
   The rules do not specifically address whether there can be words or messaging.

5. **Are words, slogans, messaging, etc. allowed on items (e.g., taped wrists) other than required apparel/equipment?**
   The rules do not specifically address words, slogans, messaging, etc. on items not required by rule.

6. **How does the unsportsmanlike acts rule apply?**
   The referee or meet committee can consider unsporting or unsafe conduct for disciplinary action. The use of illegal equipment or swim suits is considered improper conduct (Rule 2-6).

7. **What is the penalty for wearing a swim suit that does not meet the criteria?**
   If a student-athlete competes in an illegal swimsuit, that student-athlete shall be disqualified from that event. If the event is a relay, the disqualification would apply to the relay team (3-1-f).

8. **What is the rule regarding refusal to compete?**
   During a championship meet format, failure to compete in a preliminary heat for any reason other medical cause will result in a disqualification for the competitor(s) from that event. Failure to compete in a final heat, except for medical cause shall result in a disqualification for the competitor from that event and prohibit further competition in the meet. In a
nonchampionship meet, a competitor shall be disqualified from that event only and charged with participation in that event (Rule 5-1-1-a).

9. **Are there any playing rules that specify protocols for student-athletes and/or coaches during the national anthem?**
   No. Participants should be allowed to express their opinions (e.g., kneeling during the national anthem) as long as the action does not delay or disrupt competition.

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