

BERKS COUNTY SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
POLICY on “Technical Swim Suits”

At the September, 2017 Middle Atlantic Swimming Board Meeting, the Middle Atlantic Swimming Board approved the following policy in regards to our swimmers aged 10 and under wearing “tech suits” in Middle Atlantic Sanctioned Meets.

- a) Swimmers 10 years old and younger may not compete in “tech suits” at Middle Atlantic swimming sanctioned competition
- b) Policy will take effect on January 1, 2018
- c) A list of all restricted suits will be posted on the MA website and given to meet host, meet referees, and meet directors. The restricted suit list will be revised as needed
- d) Meet officials, coaches, swimmers, and parents will be responsible for knowledge of the policy
- e) There is no “tech suit” restriction for swimmers age 11 and over

This policy follows many Local Swim Committees (LSCs) in the United States who are reviewing rules on the use of technical swim suits in age group competitions. The main reason is that these suits can cost as much as \$500 per suit versus traditional fabric suits that cost much less. USA Swimming has hired outside consulting firm Isaac Sports Group to review various policies on tech suit use in age group swimming, with a final report due in November. There is no “tech suit” restriction for swimmers age 11 and over. Here is some “Q and A” from Age Group Vice Chair Brian Elko to assist with the understanding of this policy:

- 1) Paroling this is going to be up to the coaches and officials. Coaches need to educate their teams and be willing to speak up if they see a swimmer with a suit on at a meet. Officials will be DQing swimmers if they see a swimmer compete in a tech suit.
- 2) Referees and officials will know about this rule and will have the ability to DQ a swimmer wearing a suit.
- 3) Referees will not be checking all suits, but if a swimmer swims and an official sees a FINA tag on the suit they have the right to DQ the swimmer.
- 4) The list of suits that will NOT be permitted will be updated as needed.

TECH SUITS RESTRICTED LIST as of 1/1/2018

BLUE SEVENTY (NERO)

JAKED (J12 WATER ZERO, LIMITED EDITION J11 STEEL, J11 WATER, ZERO, JKATANA, JKEEL, JRUSH)

SPEEDO (LZR X, LZR ELITE, LZR ELITE 2)

TYR (TRACER SERIES, AVICTOR, AVICTOR PRELUDE, AP12)

COMPRESSION NIKE SWIM NG

ARENA (POWERSKIN OPEN BACK, ALL ARENA CARBON SERIES AIR, PRO, ETC)

DOLPHIN (TITANIUM)

AQUASPHERE MP EXPRESSO

FINIS (VAPOR)

HUUB FINA TECHNICAL