 **2022 AIA & USAS RULE DIFFERENCES**

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**TOPIC AIA RULING: USAS RULING:**

**# Events** Meet Limit of 4 total, with max 2 individual events(3.2.1)Day Limit of 3 events in prelim/finals; 6 in timed finals.(102.2&.3)

**Race Closing** Race is closed upon long whistle (1.3.4) Race is closed at Referee’s discretion.

**Racing lane** Race must be swum entirely in same lane.(3.4.A) Race must be started and finished in the same lane.(102.22.4)

**Drawn-off False Starts** Subsequent false starters drawn-off by Subsequent false starting swimmers are also D.Q.’d.

Another lane’s false start are excused.

**Backstroke Start** Backstroke ledges are NOT allowed May use backstroke ledges, as long as toes are in contact with touch pad.

**Backstroke Turn** Non-continuous turn & gliding allowed (8.2.1.f) Once on breast must be continuous turn: arm then turning motion(101.4.3)

Once head is inside flags.

**Breaststroke Touches**Hands must be simultaneous Simultaneous and separated

**Butterfly**  Arms must move forward simultaneously Arms must move forward and pull back simultaneously

Hands enter at same point.

**Butterfly Touches** Touch must be simultaneous hands Simultaneous and separated

**IM& Medley relay** In freestyle leg, must be on/towards breast before Same: New this year.

stroke, kick or propulsive motion)

**Relay Order** Only first swimmer reqs.Identif’n by start of race(3.2.5) All swimmers must stay in order once given to timer (102.3.7)

#2, 3, 4 can switch positions (no penalty)

**Relay Initial leg** The lead-off swimmer’s time is voided by a The lead-off swimmer’s time is not voided unless he is DQ’d. Unsporting Conduct or Entry violation.(8.3.8)

**Illegal Entry into Water**All that team’s swimmers in heat are D.Q.’d Only violator banned from next individual event.

Violator banned from further competition(3.5.3.1)

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**No Shows: Penalty** Champs: Death rule- barred from meet (3.2.3) Prelims:pre-seeded- no penalty; Deck Seeded- out of next Individual event; Finals: Death rule.

**Declared false Start**  Allowed (3.2.3) to exit an individual event. Declared False Starts in Champ. Finals not allowed. (207.11.6.D(1)

**Scratch**  Withdrawal from remainder of swimmer’s events A swimmer’s withdrawel from only a *specific* event

**Recall Device** Must have at all meets Recall device req’d at Disabled & Championship meets

**Adhesive/Kinesio Tape** Not allowed, except with written State Ass’n. Not allowed, except with letter from medical. approval. professional.

**Swimming Suits** One piece suit only One or two piece suits

**Penalty** Race: DQ after race begun & conditional exclusion Warning issued with conditional exclusion(102.8.1f) (3.3.3 c.1-3)

Non-FINA suits may be worn (3.3.3) Only FINA approved suits may be worn(102.8.1.c)

**Deck-Changing** Penalty is an unsporting conduct DQ.Ejection. Penalty Conditional meet by meet.

**Advertising on swimwear**(measured on empty suit & cap) (measured on empty suit & cap & goggles)

9 s.i. impermeable school logo on suit .(3.3.2 ) Club Insignia-no specification (102.8.3.a.2))

2”x3” US flag, 4 s.i. memorial patch (3.3.2) Two 3.1 s.i. logos each on cap & suit(102.8.3.A)

<=2 ¼ s.i. Single mfr. log on suit & cap Two .9 s.i. logos on goggles strap or lens

**Penalty:** Race: D.Q. after & conditional exclusion Warning, & conditional exclusion (102.8.1.f/102.8.3.D)

**Official**s Two recommended. at dual meets, 4@Invites 4 req’d. at dual meets

**Chief Judges** Not mentioned Listed as optional specification (102.13.1)

**Marshals** One “Designated Supervisor” during warm-ups 2 or 4 Meet Marshals during meet.

**Relay T/O Judges** May use only one at dual meets Two req’d. at all meets.

Side Judges Hand signal DQ @ end of race No hand signals.