

## **Rosemead Rapids Suit and Team Apparel Policies**

Rosemead Rapids is proud to be a part of the TYR Club Support Program. Swimmers are expected to wear the RORA team swim cap in competitions. Swimmers are expected to wear the RORA team suits in competitions. Swimmers are expected to wear the RORA apparel at competitions.

Swimmers not following this policy may be scratched from an event or a competition and may not be eligible for team relays. If you have any questions, the coaches can answer this for you.

RORA is in accordance with all FINA and USA Swimming rules regulating competition suits, which states:

1. Swimsuits for men may not extend above the navel or below the knee and for women may not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or below the knee.
2. Material used for swimsuits can be only textile fabric, which is defined as materials consisting of natural and/or synthetic, individual and non- consolidated yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting, and/or braiding.
3. No zippers or other fastening devices are allowed except for a waist tie on a brief or jammer. Many of the swimsuits currently being used by swimmers will no longer be allowable under the new rules and care should be taken when purchasing a suit to ensure it does meet the new requirements. For Southern California Age Group athletes, there are two major changes to existing policy:

In addition, Southern California Swimming rules dictate that all male suits worn at SCS Age-Group Meets shall not extend above the navel.

**Swim Suit Restrictions: EFFECTIVE January 1, 2017.**

Southern California Swimming's House of Delegates voted unanimously to prohibit the wearing of Tech suits in Age Group competition at committee level (BRW), invitationals, dual/tri and intrasquads.

Tech suits will be permitted at Winter Age Group Invitationals (WAG), June Age Group Invitationals (JAG) and Junior Olympics (JO) meets for 11 yrs old and Older.

Senior Meets have no suit restrictions.

The HoD also voted a ban on Tech suits for swimmers 5-10 years old for all Southern California Swimming sanctioned meets.

Violators will be disqualified (DQ) from their event.

A [list of restricted suit](#) can be found on our [TEAM POLICIES](#) page under the [TEAM INFO](#) tab. You can also find a list of restricted suits at the SCS website ([socalswim.org](http://socalswim.org)) under the news tab.

The suit policy will be affected by any changes to international rules governing suit technologies and all RORA members will be made aware of such changes.

Contact [coachscott@rosemeadrapids.org](mailto:coachscott@rosemeadrapids.org) if you have questions.