

# 2010 ALL-CITY SWIM & DIVE



## Overview of Rule Changes for 2010

### **Suit Rule:**

Matches USA swimming for all age groups

### **Swim up Rule:**

A swimmer may be entered in (i) an individual event on an exhibition basis only or (ii) in relay event on a competition basis for an age group older than the age group corresponding to the swimmer's age group as determined in sections IV and V as long as the effect of such entry in the case of a relay event does not result in another same team swimmer in the older age group being displaced from swimming in that event.

### **Dual Meet Scoring:**

Approved as a permanent change

### **Three Meet Rule:**

A swimmer must swim in at least one individual event in at least three meets and a diver must dive in three meets to be eligible to compete in the All-City Meets. If swimmers or divers schedule their availability for only 3 meets and one is rained out and they cannot participate when the meet is rescheduled, they will be ineligible to participate in the All-City Meet. Any swimmer who fails to comply with this rule may be allowed to compete in exhibition-only relays at the All-City Meet, at the discretion of the Meet Director.

### **False Starts:**

Follow USA rules. In addition, a swimmer who false starts before the race has started shall be allowed to swim the event as exhibition. The results should indicate a false start disqualification, however no announcement of the false start shall be made prior to the start of the heat.

### **SCRATCHING FROM FINALS:**

Any swimmer qualifying for a finals race (consolation or final) in an individual event who does not plan to compete in finals is asked to scratch by reporting such intention to the Meet Referee within 30 minutes of the end of the preliminary sessions as a courtesy to the other athletes. There shall be no subsequent penalty for a swimmer failing to compete in finals, regardless of preliminary placement. During finals, a swimmer who does not report to Clerk of Course before the start of the consolation final heat of the previous event of the same gender (i.e. two prior events) shall be considered a no-show and

barred from that event. In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from that event, the Referee shall fill the consolation final or final with the next qualified swimmer(s). When consolation finals have not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee may reseed the consolation final and final, if necessary, by inserting the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in finals. If a consolation final has been contested, the companion final shall be swum without inserting or reseeding for empty lanes.

### **All-City Dive Meet Entries:**

The entry deadline for divers is set by the host club but will be no later than 8 AM on the Friday prior to the All-City Dive Meet to allow time for printing a program with the divers' names.

### **Protests:**

Any protests will be brought to the meet referee. If an issue cannot be resolved the issue will be brought next to the Rules Committee. The final decision maker is the All City Board.

### **Interpretation of the underwater recovery rule in butterfly:**

USA Swimming has clarified the implementation of the underwater recovery rule in butterfly. In the past, it was considered a legal butterfly stroke as long as some "skin" was visible. However, this interpretation has been changed and some part of the arm (between wrist and shoulder) needs to come out of the water during the recovery phase.