



# ONTARIO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN



Hello Coaches,

As we prepare for our final competition, just a few rule reminders to help ensure a positive end to the season. Please review the information below.

Meet information bulletin to follow once all details are finalized.

### **3.1.6 Team Composition and Exemption to Age Category Requirements**

a) "Team" means a group of at least four competitors but no more than eight for Senior FINA, Junior FINA, and National Age Group 13 – 15 competitions at the national and international level. For competitors at provincial and/or Masters' meets a team is a group of at least four competitors but not more than ten.

For Ontario competitions, a team is composed of a minimum of four and a maximum of ten (10) competitors. In addition to these ten competitors, up to two alternates may be listed (for a total of twelve competitors listed; however only ten maximum may swim in pattern).

All twelve athletes may enter the figures or technical routine event. These numbers may be different for Ontario Winter Games.

#### **ON i) Alternates must be prepared to compete**

Any athlete listed as an alternate must be medically cleared and prepared to compete. If an athlete is not medically cleared and prepared to compete, the athlete must be declared a scratch. Any change to the alternates listed on the entry form must be communicated as per 4.6.8 c) i).

#### **ON j) Requirement for Alternate to swim**

If byes or unforeseen circumstances bring the number of athletes on a team to fewer than four and there is an alternate listed for the team on the entry form, the alternate is required to swim (or the team will be disqualified). If there is no alternate listed, and the team has fewer than four athletes, the remaining members no longer meet the definition of a team and are no longer eligible to compete. In this case the Bye Process should be followed. The remaining team members may request to pre-swim the event.

If byes or unforeseen circumstances bring the number of athletes on a duet to fewer than two and there is an alternate listed for the duet on the entry form, the alternate is required to swim (or the duet is disqualified). If there is no alternate listed, then the duet must scratch and should follow the Bye Process.

i) Before the Beginning of Event Portion

In duet and team events, competitors who are listed on the entry forms (members and alternates) may be interchanged before or after prelims.

The Chief Referee and the Chief Scorer shall be informed if there are any changes in the listed members of the routine not later than two hours before the event. The figures score for the routine shall be recomputed (See Section

4.7.1 b) iv). Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the assessment of a \$100 fine, per infraction, to be paid by the club to the Chief Referee prior to the start of the event portion. If the fine is not paid, a one-point penalty shall be deducted from the routine score. Notwithstanding the above, an alternate can be changed up to the time the routine starts if unforeseen circumstances arise without penalty.

a) There shall be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 10 members. For the Provincial Stream competition combo is only open to athletes who are aged 13 and over. *In addition to these 10 competitors, teams may have up to two alternates (for a total maximum of 12 competitors on the roster of a free combination routine) – See 3.1.8 e).* For Ontario competitions there are no age requirements for free combination or highlight routine and athletes of any age group may enter (see ON 3.1.6 b)i)).

#### Highlight Routine Requirements & Penalties

1. There shall be a minimum of four (4) and a maximum of ten (10) members. *In addition to these 10 competitors, teams may have up to two alternates (for a total maximum of 12 competitors on the roster of a highlight routine) – see 3.1.8e).*

#### EXAMPLE.

##### 1. Rosters and Alternates

A maximum of 2 alternates with a total of 10 competitors and 2 alternates equals a total of 12 on a roster.

Example: if you have a team of 4 athletes swimming then your roster should list the 4 in pattern athletes and 2 ready to swim alternates. If you have 4 in pattern and a roster listing 7 or 8 you must declare the 1 or 2 athletes who are alternate ready and remove the other athletes.

##### 2. Awards are given to the in pattern and alternate ready athletes only.

#### **ON 4.5.5.1 Designated Coach areas during Figures Events**

For Ontario Competitive and Regional League Figure Events, all coaches shall remain within the designated coach area. Competitors may only receive coaching from within the designated coach area or outside of the competition space (e.g., shallow-end designated for warm-up is permissible). The designated coach area will be clearly signed by meet management and will not be placed near/behind the figure panels. Coaches will be given one warning during the Figures Event, after which they will be fined \$50.00 per infraction for coaching a competitor outside of the designated coach area.

#### **ON e) National Exhibition Entries (NEX)**

Routines that competed at CASC are permitted to return to Ontario as National Exhibition (NEX) entries for Ontario Championship Events. NEX competitors follow all the same rules as Exhibition routines in b) above, EXCEPT:

D NEX are NOT eligible for any awards

D In the event that an National Exhibition entry does not qualify for finals, the top entry from that exhibitor will NOT be added to the finals

This applies to any routine which attended/competed at CASC (including out-of-province routines). Routines that competed at the National Qualifier but not at CASC are not considered NEX competitors (i.e., the rules that apply to Ontario Competitive stream routines apply to these routines).

## **COMPETITION GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

SAFETY FIRST

EMBRACE THE NEW NORMAL

BE ADAPTABLE

SUPPORT THE SPORT

SHIFT OUR FOCUS

PROVIDE CERTAINTY