



Memorandum

To: State Association Swimming & Diving Administrators
From: Becky Oakes
Subject: New Swimming Rule 3-3-2
Date: August 17, 2009

There have been several questions directed to the NFHS staff regarding the newly adopted change in Rule 3-3-2. For your convenience, I would like to share the following information which you may find of assistance during your state's swimming season(s).

1. **Exam:** The Answer Key and Rule Reference Sheet are now INCORRECT for questions #25 and #26.
 - #25 is now FALSE 3-3-2
 - #26 is now TRUE 3-3-2
2. **Situation rulings as printed in the NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules Book:**
The following are incorrect.
 - Situation 3.3.1J, pages 22-23 – The ruling should now be **Illegal**, COMMENT disregarded and rule reference is **3-3-2**
 - Situation 3.3.1K, page 23 – Delete situation
 - Revised and new situations shall be posted on the NFHS website, www.nfhs.org.
3. **Will there be a list of approved suits?**
No, there is no plan this year to have a list of approved suits. The limits in style/shape, the elimination of zippers and/or fastening systems, the requirement of a textile suit of a woven or knit material and the requirement of the suit being permeable to water and air should take care of having the swimmers in legal suits.
4. **NFHS Honor Roll and National Records:** Any time submitted for the NFHS Swimming Honor Roll and/or for a NFHS National Record shall only be valid providing all suit requirements in new Rule 3-3-2 are met, along with all other required rules.
5. **Manufacturers accepting returned suits:** Each individual student or school must work with the retailer or manufacturer when pursuing the return of an unused suit that is now out of compliance with Rule 3-3-2. The NFHS is not involved with the return of any merchandise.