

## Swimwear Rule Restriction in Finland for Athletes Boys 13 and younger and Girls 12 and younger

The Board of the Finnish Swimming Association (FSA) has as of September 1, 2017 decided to restrict the use of certain swimwear for athletes aged Boys 13 years and younger and Girls 12 years and younger. The decision is a restriction to the normal FINA Rules regarding swimwear for athletes in these age groups. The decision applies to all competitions in Finland under the FSA.

### The Swimwear Rule Restriction

*For athletes aged Boys 13 years and younger and Girls 12 years and younger, it is not allowed to use swimwear that in length cover more than half of the athlete's thigh.*

The restriction is valid in Finland for all athletes in these age groups regardless the nationality of the athlete or the age group of the event. Athlete's age is determined as of December 31 on the year of the competition.

The purpose of the rule restriction is to

- Lower the cost of the sport
- Equality
- Limit the use of technically advanced swimwear for children

### Other Age Groups and Adults

For all other age groups and adults the FSA follows the FINA Rules and in addition allows such swimwear that evidently comply with the FINA Rules even though they might not have the FINA marking. In case of a doubt, it is advisable to ask the Referee beforehand. The Referee has the right to check the swimwear used. Please note that LEN and FINA Records can only be accepted using FINA approved swimwear.

