

SWIMMING RULE INFRACTIONS - QUICK REFERENCE CARD

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MISCELLANEOUS (Applicable to all strokes)		
Started before the starting signal		
Stood on the bottom of the pool (except Freestyle)		
Took a stride or step from the bottom of the pool		
Pulled along the lane rope		
Did not remain in the same lane in which he/she started		
Obstructed another swimmer		
BACKSTROKE SWIMMING - FINA RULE SW 6		
Head did not break the surface of the water at or before 15m mark after the start orm turn		
Left position on the back except when executing a turn		
Turn not initiated immediately after leaving position on the back at them turn		
Turn not executed at completion of the arm pull after leaving position on the back at them turn		
Executed more than one continuous single or double arm pull to initiate the turn at them turn		
Did not touch the wall with any part of the body during them turn		
Not on back upon leaving the wall after them turn		
Completely submerged (except for first 15m after the start or the turn)		
Not on the back at the finish		
Completely submerged at the finish		
BUTTERFLY SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 8		
Head did not break the surface of the water at or before 15m mark after the start orm turn		
More than one arm pull whilst fully submerged (after start orm turn)		
Not on the breast (except when executing a turn)		
Not on the breast upon leaving the wall after them turn		
Arms not brought forward simultaneously over the water during the race		
Arms not brought backward simultaneously under the water during the race		
Did not touch with both hands separated/simultaneously (at them turn or the finish)		
Used a breaststroke kicking movement		
Alternating movement of legs or feet		
Completely submerged (except for first 15m after start or turn)		



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Not on the back at the finish		
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BUTTERFLY SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 8		
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Not on the breast (except when executing a turn)		
Not on the breast upon leaving the wall after them turn		
Arms not brought forward simultaneously over the water during the race		
Arms not brought backward simultaneously under the water during the race		
Did not touch with both hands separated/simultaneously (at them turn or the		
finish)		
Used a breaststroke kicking movement		
Alternating movement of legs or feet		
Completely submerged (except for first 15m after start or turn)		

BREASTSTROKE SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 7	BREASTSTROKE SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 7
Head did not break the surface of the water before hands turned inward at the	Head did not break the surface of the water before hands turned inward at the
widest part of second stroke after start orm turn	widest part of second stroke after start orm turn
Stroke cycle not 1 arm stroke to 1 leg kick in that order	Stroke cycle not 1 arm stroke to 1 leg kick in that order
Head did not break surface of the water during each stroke cycle (except first	Head did not break surface of the water during each stroke cycle (except first
cycle after the start and each turn)	cycle after the start and each turn)
Hands not pushed forward together from the breast during the race	Hands not pushed forward together from the breast during the race
Elbows not under the water during the race (except for last stroke before the	Elbows not under the water during the race (except for last stroke before the
turn, during the turn or the final stroke at the finish)	turn, during the turn or the final stroke at the finish)
Hands brought back beyond the hip line during the race (except during the 1st stroke after the start or turn)	Hands brought back beyond the hip line during the race (except during the 1st stroke after the start or turn)
Arm movements not on the same horizontal plane	Arm movements not on the same horizontal plane
Arm movements not simultaneous	Arm movements not simultaneous
Leg movements not simultaneous	Leg movements not simultaneous
Leg movements not on the same horizontal plane	Leg movements not on the same horizontal plane
Feet not turned out during the propulsive part of the kick	Feet not turned out during the propulsive part of the kick
Executed an alternating kick during the race	Executed an alternating kick during the race
Executed a downward butterfly kick during the race	Executed a downward butterfly kick during the race
Executed more than one butterfly kick after the start orm turn	Executed more than one butterfly kick after the start orm turn
Did not touch with both hands separated/simultaneously (at them turn or the finish)	Did not touch with both hands separated/simultaneously (at them turn or the finish)
Body not on the breast (other than in the execution of the turn)	Body not on the breast (other than in the execution of the turn)
Body not on the breast upon leaving the wall after them turn	Body not on the breast upon leaving the wall after them turn
FREESTYLE SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 5	FREESTYLE SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 5
Head did not break the surface of the water at or before 15m mark after the start orm turn	Head did not break the surface of the water at or before 15m mark after the start orm turn
Did not touch the wall with any part of the body at them turn or finish	Did not touch the wall with any part of the body at them turn or finish
Completely submerged during the race (except for first 15m after the start or turn)	Completely submerged during the race (except for first 15m after the start or turn)
MEDLEY SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 9	MEDLEY SWIMMING – FINA RULE SW 9
Incorrect stroke order IM (Fly, Back, Br, Fr) Relay (Back, Br, Fly Fr)	Incorrect stroke order IM (Fly, Back, Br, Fr) Relay (Back, Br, Fly Fr)
At the start of the Freestyle section swimmer was not on the breast before the	At the start of the Freestyle section swimmer was not on the breast before the
first kick/stroke	first kick/stroke
Start/Finish of each section not in accordance with the rules for the particular	Start/Finish of each section not in accordance with the rules for the particular
stroke – refer to relevant stroke for wording	stroke - refer to relevant stroke for wording
RELAY (SPECIFIC)	RELAY (SPECIFIC)
Swimmer number feet lost contact with the starting platform prior to the preceding team mate touching the wall	Swimmer number feet lost contact with the starting platform prior to the preceding team mate touching the wall
Executed a form stroke during the Freestyle section of the Medley Relay	Executed a form stroke during the Freestyle section of the Medley Relay
Did not swim in the correct stroke/swimmer order	Did not swim in the correct stroke/swimmer order