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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Men's and Women's Head Swimming and Diving Coaches and Conference Commissioners.

FROM: Brian Gordon, secretary-rules editor NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee.

SUBJECT: Swimsuits.

The NCAA continues to monitor developments related to swimsuits and equipment to best keep our member institutions informed and in compliance with NCAA Rules 3-1-1, 3-1-2 and 3-1-3, as outlined in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Rules Book. As previously communicated, the NCAA does not test, approve or certify swimsuits. As a result, a swimsuit list will no longer be available on the NCAA website. Beginning in September 2009, a list of those suits that met the NCAA rule were submitted by manufacturer's stipulating those suits met the conditions of the rule. With the establishment and constant updating of the FINA list, it has been deemed that this is the most relevant and practical list for member institutions to use as a resource for acceptable suits. As stipulated in previous communications, coaches and officials who feel a particular suit is not in compliance with the rules, still have the ability to notify and inform the NCAA, who will then request information from the manufacturers regarding adherence to the NCAA rules.

Any questions regarding swimsuit rules should be directed to Mr. Gordon for interpretation (phone: 518-944-3941; e-mail: <u>bgordon637@aol.com</u>).

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