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FROM: President, SAMS

TO: Affiliate Presidents
Affiliate Secretaries

RE: FINA Swimsuit Ruling – Applicable from 1st January 2010

Following the FINA Congress held in Rome on 24th July 2009 and the endorsement by the FINA Bureau at their meeting on 28th July 2009 the following is applicable to all members.

As from the 1st of January 2010 all FINA Member Federations must comply with the new FINA swim suit regulations and will only be allowed to wear swimsuits for competition purposes that are fully approved by FINA. No new records (Provincial, National, Continental or World) will be recognised unless FINA approved suit are worn.

Please find attached a list of FINA approved suits posted on the FINA website on 4th January 2010 together with a copy of the FINA Congress and FINA Bureau decision on swimsuits.

Members are advised to consult the list of approved swimsuits on the FINA website from time to time as this list will be updated as and when manufacturers apply for new models to be approved.

The decision that SAMS should follow SSA and FINA regulations makes South African Masters Swimming Association's position universally competitive since there would be no other means of claiming world record breaking performances or bench marks if it were otherwise.

This ruling applies equally to club, regional and national events with immediate effect and to ensure this is administered fairly, any swimmer registered with SAMS not abiding by the new FINA rules will be disqualified. Regional Presidents are urged to familiarise themselves with the new FINA specifications for male and female swimsuits and to manage this implementation timeously and without bias in the spirit of Masters Swimming.

With corruption in sport so rife in many disciplines world wide, let us lead the way by accepting the inevitable with grace and courage as an example for those who look up to us.
Good luck with your sporting endeavours.

Yours sincerely

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