

POLICY			
RULE TOLERANCES POLICY			
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1. Definitions

Non Approved (Unofficial Meets) are swim meets or events where swim times will not be recorded onto the Swimming Australia database. These times are not officially recognised by Swimming Northern Territory. These meets are usually club meets, interclub meets, social meets, fun meets, come and try meets etc

Approved (Official Meets) are swim meets or events where swim times will be recorded onto the Swimming Australia database for official times. The results from **Approved (Official Meets)** are recognised by Swimming Northern Territory and those times can be used for entries into Championship Events.

2. Outline/Purpose

This policy seeks to address areas of uncertainty regarding the application of rule tolerances to all swim meets conducted by Swimming Northern Territory, and associated clubs.

3. Policy

(Rule Tolerances – Non Approved (Unofficial Meets))

1. Swimming Northern Territory referees will not disqualify swimmers aged 8 years and under at any **Non Approved (Unofficial Meets)**
2. At all **Non Approved (Unofficial Meets)**, referees will make every effort to avoid disqualifying swimmers aged 9, 10 and 11years by applying tolerances to the Swimming Rules.
3. Swimmers who participate in events where Rule Tolerances are applied will be given a Stroke Correction Form when they infringe the rules. This will enable coaches to specifically address problems identified by the Meet Referee with their respective swimmers.

(Rule Tolerances – Approved (Official Meets))

1. The following rule tolerances can be applied to **Approved (Official Meets)** on application to Swimming Northern Territory.
 - a) *All Swimming Northern Territory events shall be conducted utilizing a 1-Start rule with the exception of 10&under swimmers, or where decreed by SNTI, and shall be given a 2-Start opportunity.*

4. Responsibilities

Responsibilities for the implementation and ongoing use of the risk management approach have been assigned to:

- The Chief Executive Officer
- The Board or their delegated representative

5. Linked Procedures

6. Related Documents

7.Modification History

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