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LEN Statement on Swimsuits

Regarding the significance for the upcoming SRB state swimming manifestations as well as the European events, this statement is completely transferred from the LEN web site



LEN Office, Rome (ITA). After the LEN Bureau Meeting held in Chania (GRE) on May 15th and 16th, and the continuing development and ongoing steps being taken toward a stable situation regarding the use of new swimsuit models that have appeared on poolsides since February of 2008, LEN wishes to inform of the following:

- LEN follows FINA Rules and Regulations (LEN General Event Rule E 1.2) and will therefore prohibit the use of new generation swimsuits that are not on FINA's regularly updated list of approved models at LEN Events.
- The current list of ratified European Records will stand as they are, but from this moment on, all European Record applications must specify what single swimsuit model the swimmer was wearing at the time of the potential European Record performance.
- At the European Junior Swimming Championships to be held in Prague (CZE) from July 8th to 12th of 2009, we emphasize that all swimmers will be controlled at a dedicated call room before competing, and if they wear a new generation suit that is not on FINA's list of approved models, they will not be allowed to swim.
- LEN has consulted its member federations regarding limitations in the use of this new technology by junior and younger age-group swimmers in order to be informed on the current regulatory situation in each country, and to contribute to establishing a collaborative front and framework to protect our swimmers in the formative stages of their careers.

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