



Memorandum

To: State Association Executive Directors and Swimming and Diving Administrators
From: Becky Oakes
Subject: Select ARENA Suits
Date: May 7, 2013

During a routine request for compliance of various models of ARENA swimwear, ARENA became aware of a compliance issue on a sampling, but not all, of specific models. In order to eliminate potential problems, ARENA has taken action to replace suits of the models involved, even though only a portion of the products are impacted.

Suits to withdraw FINA Approval Code
POWERSKIN Carbon-Pro models:
AR220993 – woman full body open back
AR220994 – woman full body closed back
AR141364 – man jammer

The identified construction problem **does not** impact safety or the overall performance of the athlete to create a competitive advantage. Therefore, the NFHS has taken the position, due to the nature of the defect and not all suits being non-compliant, to allow the models listed above to be used in high school competition.

For informational purposes, the ARENA press release on this matter is attached. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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Attachment

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