

Notice

Exemption of 2-hour Limit for 'S' Swimmer, April 30, 2018

Applicable Rule under BCSSA Rule Book:

4.2.1.5 An 'S' swimmer is an individual who trained and competed for an unrestricted number of hours between May 1st and September 30th of any year. Between the October 1st to April 30th period immediately preceding registration, an 'S' swimmer may have:

4.2.1.5.1. Participated in speed swimming training and/or swim meets, provided the activity(ies) did not exceed a total of two (2) hours within a calendar week. A calendar week is Sunday through Saturday. A swim meet counts as one hour of activity per day of meet.

Issue:

As April 30, 2018 falls on the Monday of a calendar week and one day prior to the start of the summer season, there may be some clubs who have booked their pool time in accordance with the summer season practice schedule for that calendar week. For example, a club may have booked 1.5 hours of pool time for the week of April 30, 2018. If the club uses the full 1.5 hours for practice, it could potentially create a situation where some swimmers may exceed the 2 hours training limitation for the winter season. Consequently, a number of clubs have raised this issue with BCSSA and requested that an exemption be made from the 2 hour rule under this circumstance.

Ruling:

In consideration of remaining true to the 2 hour training limitation for the winter season and the potential of creating an unfair advantage for the clubs who may have booked additional pool time for April 30, 2018, within the calendar week of April 29, 2018, the Rules and Regulations Committee concluded that the advantage of swimmers being permitted to practice beyond the 2 hour limit is low given that the summer season starts the following day.

If a club has a regular winter season training day on April 30, 2018, BCSSA is willing to allow swimmers to train up to 1.5 hours on that day, on a one-time basis.