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TO: Member Schools  
Swimming Coaches and Officials

FROM: Eddie Bonine, Executive Director

RE: *BlueSeventy* Swimsuits

There has been considerable discussion this season in regards to the legality of high-tech suits. One particular suit (uniform) produced by *BlueSeventy* (Product ID: NEROMBODY) is being scrutinized to a higher degree as it seems to have the highest degree of buoyancy amongst those currently being marketed. There is certainly plenty of testimony available that these suits may / can improve speed.

After discussion with the NFHS Swimming Rules Interpreter, Becky Oakes, it is the ruling of this office that these suits will be **LEGAL** for the upcoming post-season meets as long as they meet all other legal requirements. Any suit that does not meet ALL legal requirements, as outlined in the 2008-09 NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Book (Rule 3-3-1) will be disallowed.

I understand that some coaches may disagree with this ruling and feel this makes for an uneven "playing field" but without a rule in place that prevents the use of these high-tech suits, it is beyond our authorized limits to rule them illegal at this time. The NFHS will continue to monitor all technological advances being made in this regard and may have a rule in place by next year, either allowing or prohibiting these high-tech suits to be worn in high school competitions. I promise to keep you all informed of any and all further developments in this very interesting topic of discussion.

Please find included in this correspondence a memo from NIAA Swimming and Diving Rules Interpreter, Rick Kaufmann, which further details the use of these suits at upcoming NIAA regional and State meets

**To the NIAA and All Swimming Coaches:**

I called Becky Oakes today, to ask her the intent of her memo dated August 28, 2008. Becky stated to me, there wasn't a practical procedure to measure for buoyancy of a suit by a Meet Referee in the field and the NFHS does not test suits for speed or buoyancy. The rule was unenforceable and due to that, the High-tech suits could be worn in High School swim meets. Becky also stated that a State Association should enforce the Logo rule page 23 rule 3-3 art.1, which is a logo/trademark can't exceed 2 ¼" by 2 ¼" in size.

It appears there are *BlueSeventy* suits available that have only one logo that is within the stated measurement allowance. A picture of the suit (with the one logo on the chest) has been sent to the NIAA Office. Jay Beesemyer has since confirmed the measurements of the logo are of legal size. (reported to be 2" by 1" in size).

A picture of the trademark / logo:



This is the logo / trademark

My rule interpretation is "if a suit meets all the other rules under rule 3-3 page 23 and the suit has only as one logo and the logo / trademark is the legal size then the suit is legal to use in the State of Nevada at high school swim meets. The Meet Referee has the right to check any suit used at a swim meet and measure the logo. If the suit is illegal then the swimmer would receive a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct."

To measure the *BlueSeventy* logo; measure from the top of the Orange crescent to below the text for the horizontal size dimension by the length of the text for the longitudinal dimension.

I would also recommend that all swimmers have more than one suit to compete in at all swim meets

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Kaufmann