

WPS Disqualification Descriptors 2018-2021



Rule Ref.	Descriptor
STARTS	
10.2.4.2	Irregularity at the start
11.1.2.2	Support staff giving momentum
11.1.2.7	
11.1.2.8	
10.7.1	Support staff coaching or massaging the athlete on deck or in call room (Stopwatches, radios, bags etc.)
11.1.5	Started before starting signal (10.2.2.5 - Both Referee and Starter observed and confirmed)
11.1.7	Verbal start instruction given
11.1.8	
FREESTYLE	
11.2.2	Did not touch wall at the turn or finish
11.2.3	Some part of swimmer not breaking surface of the water throughout the race
11.2.3	Head did not break surface at or before 15m mark following start or turn
11.2.3.1	For S1-S5 swimmers, during each complete stroke cycle some part of the swimmers must break the surface of the water (stroke cycle - 1 rotation of shoulder joint(s) and/or 1 complete up & down movement of hip joint(s))
11.2.4	Walked on bottom during the race
BACKSTROKE	
11.3.1.3	Starting device shall be cleared and deemed safe by WPS prior to commencement of competition
11.3.3	Left position on the back past 90 degrees from horizontal to front (except when executing a turn 11.3.4)
11.3.3	Some part of swimmer not breaking surface of the water throughout the race
11.3.3	Head did not break the surface at or before the 15m mark following start or turn
11.3.3	Totally submerged (except for first 15m following start or turn) during race
11.3.3.1	Some part of an S1-S5 swimmer, not breaking surface of the water during each stroke cycle
11.3.4	More than one single or double simultaneous arm pull used to initiate the turn
11.3.4	Did not touch the wall during the turn in his respective lane
11.3.4	Not on back upon leaving wall
11.3.4.1	Athlete no arms or use of arms, once left position on back the turn shall be initiated
11.3.5	Did not touch whilst on the back at finish or completely submerged at the finish
BREASTSTROKE	
11.4.1	More than one arm stroke following the start or turn
11.4.1	After the start or after each turn a single butterfly kick not performed prior the first breaststroke leg kick
11.4.1	Head did not break the water surface before the hand/s turn inwards at the widest part of the 2nd stroke
11.4.2	Body not on the breast
11.4.2	Stroke cycle not one arm stroke and one leg kick throughout race
11.4.2	Arm movements not simultaneous
11.4.2	Arm movements not on the same horizontal plane
11.4.3	Hands not pushed forward together from the breast on, under, or over the water
11.4.3	Elbows not under the water (except final stroke before turn or finish)
11.4.3	Hands brought back beyond the hip line
11.4.3.1	VI swimmers may push their hands forward from any point in the stroke cycle, immediately after they have been tapped when approaching a turn or finish
11.4.4	Head not breaking water surface during each stroke cycle
11.4.4	Leg movements not simultaneous
11.4.4	Leg movements not on the same horizontal plane
11.4.4.1	Intent of simultaneous leg movement and intent to kick in the same horizontal plane throughout race not shown
11.4.4.1	Leg/s not trailed/dragged throughout race
11.4.5	Feet/foot not turned out during the propulsive part of the kick
11.4.5	Alternating leg movement
11.4.5	Executed a downward butterfly kick (except 11.4.1)
11.4.6	Did not touch at finish or turn with both hands, or touch not simultaneous, or hands not separated
11.4.6	Head submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, but did not break the surface of the water during the last complete or incomplete cycle preceding the touch
11.4.6.3	At turn and finish of race, where an athlete can only use one arm for stroke cycle (as determined by the athlete's Code of exception) must touch with one arm. If impairment results in only one arm being used, the non-functioning arm shall be dragged or stretched forward.
11.4.6.1	Both arms not stretched forward
11.4.6.4	

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BUTTERFLY	
11.5.1	Body not on the breast after start and turn upon leaving the wall
11.5.2	Arms not brought forward simultaneously over the water
11.5.2	Arms not brought backward simultaneously under the water (subject to 11.5.5.)
11.5.2.2	VI swimmers may bring their arms forward under the water immediately after they have been tapped
11.5.2.4	Where an athlete can only use one arm for stroke (as determined by the athlete's Code of exception), the arm shall be brought forward over the water. Where athlete's impairment results in only one arm being used, the non-functioning arm shall be dragged or stretched forward.
11.5.2.4	Body not in line with the normal water surface
11.5.3	Movements of the legs not simultaneous
11.5.3	Alternating movement of legs of feet
11.5.3	Breaststroke kicking movement is not permitted
11.5.3.1	Athlete's Impairment results in only 1 leg is used, the non-functional leg shall drag
11.5.4	Did not touch at finish or turn with both hands, or touch not simultaneous, or hands not separated
11.5.4.1 / 4.4	Both arms not stretched forward
11.5.5	More than one arm pull under water following start or turn
11.5.5	Head did not break surface at or before 15m mark following start or turn
11.5.5	Not on surface during stroke
MEDLEY	
11.6.1	Incorrect individual medley stroke order
11.6.1.1	
11.6.1	IM Stroke did not cover ¼ of distance (200m or 100m IM) (Fly/Back/Breast/Free)
11.6.1.1	IM Stroke did not cover ⅓ of distance (150m or 75m IM) (Back/Breast/Free)
11.6.2	Incorrect MEDLEY RELAY stroke order (Back/Breast/Fly/Free)
11.6.3	In freestyle, after turn, athlete must return to breast before executing any kick of stroke
11.6.4	Finish of section not in accordance with the rules which apply to the stroke concerned
RELAY	
11.7.5	Team swum not in listed order of competing / athletes in medley relay listed for respective strokes
11.7.9	Team member swum more than once
11.7.9	Mixed Relay Team - not two men and two women
11.7.10	Lost contact with starting platform before preceding team member touches
11.7.10.1	Lost contact with starting place before preceding team member touches
11.7.11	Team member entered water during race other than designated to swim that length (Before all finished)
11.7.11.1	Team member water starting enters water before preceding takeoff at the same end has been executed
11.7.14	Athlete finished relay leg must exit pool ASAP (except S/SB1-5)
THE RACE	
1.1.1.1	Advertising violation (WPS Advertising Guidelines 1 Jan 18)
3.7.3.1 / 3.7.3.2	Body advertisements and tobacco/alcohol advertising
10.7.1	Support staff coaching or massaging the athlete on deck or in call room (Stopwatches, radios, bags etc.)
10.7.2	Deck access is permitted only when swimmer has support staff requirement on classification list (10.2.1.2. TD)
10.7.3	S11 swimmer - Tapper not present at each end of the pool
10.7.3.1	Swimmer with tapper did not receive a single or double tap prior to touching the wall
10.7.3.2	Tapping devices approved, recorded and deemed safe by WPS
10.11.2	Failed to attend classification/classification protest
10.15.1	Swam in swimwear not approved by WPS
10.15.2	Modification of swimsuits not approved and recorded by WPS prior to competition
10.15.5	Swam in more than one swimsuit
11.1.2.9	More than 1 layer of towel to prevent abrasion
11.8.2	Swimmer did not cover the whole distance – DNF
11.8.3	Swimmer did not remain and finish the race in the same lane in which he started
11.8.4	When turning took stride or step from pool bottom
11.8.5	Pulled on the lane ropes
11.8.6	Obstructing or interfering with another swimmer
11.8.8	S11 swimmer without prosthetic eyes did not use opaque goggles or covering
11.8.9	Device aiding speed, buoyancy or endurance used (hand in costume, fins, flippers, strapping)
11.8.9.1	No prosthesis except ocular or orthoses during race by swimmer
11.8.10	Swimmer not entered in race, enters the water during a race before all swimmers therein have completed the race
11.8.11	Swimmer did not leave pool as soon as possible
11.8.13	Pace making, device used or plan adopted which has that effect
11.8.9 & 6.6.2	Swimmer competed with unapproved taping/strapping or open wound, pressure sores, stoma or sensitive skin