

## SSL Rule Changes 2017

1. In the White Division, swimmers will be allowed to swim 3 events, or 4 events if 2 are relays. This is the same as in Blue Division. Rule 8.b
2. "A competing swimmer who re-enters following their race for purposes of sportsmanship shall not be disqualified." Rule 8.m and 8.o
3. The SSL recognizes the need for and encourages the participation of swimmers in Unofficial heats. Unofficial heats are for swimmers who would not otherwise have an opportunity to swim in that Meet. It is the intent of the SSL that all swimmers have the opportunity to participate in all Meets. However, a participant must be able to complete the required distance for that event without the use of flotation devices or "in-water" helpers. **With the approval of both team's coaches, both team's SSL Representatives, and the pool manager, "in-water" helpers may be in the water with the swimmers, but are not allowed to provide physical assistance. Rule 8.t**
4. For Championships, each team is now allowed an unlimited number of relay entries. Previously each team was limited to 2 entries. Rule 14.b.5
5. Add Crescendo Relay at the start of the Break.
6. Hold officials clinics earlier in May.
7. Change made at the May 9 Reps meeting. Add the following:

### New Rule 6.c

Referees, Starters, and Stroke and Turn Officials may not be age eligible to swim in the SSL, as defined in Rule 3.c (i.e. officials must be 19 years of age or older on or before May 30 of the current year).