

## **Connecticut Swimming, Inc. Scratch Rules for Connecticut Swimming Meets**

Since 1987, each Local Swimming Committee (LSC) has been responsible for establishing its own scratch rules. The following rule has been adopted by Connecticut Swimming and applies to every meet that is sanctioned by Connecticut Swimming.

This policy applies only to CSI Senior Open Championship and Age Group Championship effective June 18, 2003.

### ***Failure to Compete in Preliminaries and Timed Finals***

In all events where preliminary heats are conducted or which are swum as timed finals, after the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event in which he has been entered and from which he has not been scratched shall be barred from competing in his next individual event.

### ***Failure to Compete in Finals***

Any swimmer qualifying for any heat of finals who fails to compete and who has not been scratched will be barred from all further competition in the meet.

### ***Exceptions for Failure to Compete in Finals***

No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in finals if:

1. The Referee is notified in the event of injury or illness and accepts the proof thereof.
2. A swimmer qualifying for a final heat based on the results of preliminaries notifies the Clerk of Course within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers that he may intend not to compete and confirms his final intentions within 30 minutes following his last individual preliminary event.
3. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.