



## Scratch Rules for CSI Meets

Since 1987, the Local Swimming Committee (LSC) has been responsible for establishing its own scratch rules. The following rule has been drafted by Program Operations and is to be included in all meet announcements holding prelim/final events.

### NON-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

**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. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.

**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 announcer within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers that he may not intend 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.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

**Failure to Compete in Prelims:** Failure to show for a Preliminary or Timed final event will not result in a penalty. However, a missed event will count as an event entry and included in both the daily and meet event limitations.

**Failure to Compete in Finals:** A swimmer qualifying for a consolation or championship final who fails to compete and who has not scratched, will be barred from further competition in the meet. A swimmer who fails to appear for a final heat on the last day of the meet shall be fined \$50.00 for each event not swum. A swimmer shall not be permitted to participate in any further meets sanctioned by CSI until all fines are paid.

*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.
2. A swimmer qualifying for a final heat based on the results of preliminaries notifies the Administrative Referee within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers that he may not intend to compete and confirms his final intentions within 30 minutes following his last individual preliminary event.
3. The Referee determines that failure to compete was caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.