

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Jackie,

Thank you for submitting your request for a rule exemption request relating to wetsuit usage at higher water temperatures at the below events:

- 22 May - sprint starting at 7.30am
- 21 August - sprint relay triathlon
- 18 May - aquathlon evening event 7pm
- 8 June - aquathlon evening event 7pm
- 13 July - aquathlon evening event 7pm
- 17 August - aquathlon evening event 7 pm

Based on the below additional mitigation, and alongside Leybourne Lake Water Sports Centre as your water safety provider, the Technical Committee have approved that British Triathlon Competition Rule 4.2b is amended to state that wetsuits are optional up to 25°C for all mass participation and Age-Group races, beyond this temperature they are banned.

Before the athletes enter the water:	When the athletes exit the water:
Swim hats not worn until competitors enter the water	Space at swim exit for competitors to roll wetsuits down before heading to transition
Wetsuits not zipped up until competitors enter the water	Medical provision at swim exit
Provision of shade at the water's edge	Provision of shade at water's edge
Enhanced competitor information	Provision of drink station at swim exit

This exemption is valid for events taking place in 2022 only.

Please keep this letter as evidence that can be provided to the Technical Official and competitors who may have any queries. Should you have any further questions on this please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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on behalf of the British Triathlon Technical Committee

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